



## Council Executive Committee

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Location: Embassy Suites – Nashville Airport  
Date: Thursday, February 27, 2020  
Time: 3:30 p.m. CDT/4:30 p.m. EDT

**Present:** Tecia Puckett-Pryor, Lesley Guilaran, Lisa Johnson, Tatum Fowler, Ryan Durham (via phone)

**Absent:**

**Staff:** Wanda Willis, Ashley Edwards, Lynette Porter

1) **Call to Order**

After ascertaining there was a quorum, Tecia Puckett-Pryor, Chair, called the meeting to order at **3:35 p.m.**

2) **Consent Agenda: Approve today's Executive Committee Agenda and February 11, 2019 Executive Committee Minutes**

No discussion.

***Ryan Durham moved for approval; Lisa Johnson seconded. Approved.***

3) **Continuation Projects**

Lynette Porter, Deputy Director reviewed the slate of projects staff are recommending to continue funding for FY21. There are no requests that include state dollars and this funding would come from the Federal FY19 appropriation.

1. The **Center for Nonprofit Management** will continue to be used for meeting facilitation and community engagement/focus groups, : \$10,800
2. The **Arc of Tennessee** will continue to provide support for our Partners in Policymaking program: \$64,015
3. The **Vanderbilt Kennedy Center** will continue to administer the Disability Pathfinder information and referral office: \$172,933
4. **United Cerebral Palsy of Middle Tennessee** will continue to be the grantee for our Scholarship Fund: \$46,125
5. The **University of Tennessee Boling Center** will continue to provide our program evaluation activities for our leadership development activities, such as Partners in Policymaking and youth leadership training activities: \$10,345

***Lisa Johnson moved for approval, Tatum Fowler seconded. Approved.***



#### 4) **Federal Appropriations**

Wanda Willis, Executive Director, summarized the status of the federal appropriation. In light of this funding timelines requirement, staff shared proposals.

Seven project proposals that expand existing state plan goals. The projects are led by experienced staff with proven track records and high probability for success. Limited by short funding period: July 2020 – Sept 2021 (15 months) and covers state-wide programming (not specific to one region). Projects have to be ready to go with achievable work plans and outcomes connected to budget. Project work proposals and budgets have been vetted by staff, reviewed and approved by Council executive committee. These projects are:

##### **State Plan Goal: Impacting Policy & Practice**

- Person centered principles and employment training by national experts for Vocational Rehab leadership and front line staff: \$150,000
- Launch Center for Supported Decision Making to provide advocacy & legal expertise to families and professionals; The Arc TN and Disability Rights TN: \$250,000
- National Project START training for 5 behavioral crisis teams staffed by DIDD: \$225,000

##### **State Plan Goal: Informing & Educating Stakeholders**

- TN Disability Pathfinder extensive evaluation and large scale stakeholder satisfaction to upgrade and modernize; Erik Carter, Vanderbilt Kennedy Center: \$200,000
- Expand publication and distribution of newspaper insert to 20 additional rural counties: \$75,000

##### **State Plan Goal: Developing Leaders**

- Expand current self-advocacy arts project to additional rural counties (supports requirement to support self-advocates): \$100,000
- Council Scholarship Fund expanding learning opportunities to individuals with disabilities and families: \$75,000

In total, the Council staff is recommending funding the above projects, not to exceed a total cost of \$1.075 million. The Executive Committee agrees and will recommend bringing this funding opportunity for full Council approval at the February 28, 2020 meeting. ***Tatum Fowler moved for approval, Ryan Durham seconded. Approved unanimously.***

In addition to the projects described above, there are five projects for exploration proposed by staff and reviewed and approved by executive committee. These projects expand existing state plan goals. These projects are limited by short funding period: Sept 2020 – Sept 2021 (12 months). Projects have to be ready to go with achievable work plans and outcomes connected to budget by Sept 2020. Pending Council go-ahead, work plans and budgets will be secured, reviewed and approved by staff and executive committee, and approved by the Council at the May 1, 2020 meeting. These projects include:

##### **State Plan Goal: Informing & Educating Stakeholders**

- Resources for families: National LifeCourse tools and materials, voting support materials, supported decision making tools, community-led initiatives.



## **State Plan Goal: Developing Leaders**

- Youth Leadership development: launch post-secondary program at community college, sponsor youth events in each grand region.
- People First of TN: support statewide conference and/or chapter project.
- TN Disability MegaConference: 20 year anniversary celebration; increase scholarships, national speakers, outreach and capacity of conference.

## **Council Strength & Impact**

- Council Impact Analysis: expert evaluation to meet federally required analysis of Council impact.

The staff recommends pursuing Tier 2 proposals with the remaining FY20 appropriation, for final approval by Council at May 1 meeting. The Executive Committee agrees and will recommend bringing this funding opportunity for full Council approval at the February 28, 2020 meeting. ***Lisa Johnson moved for approval, Lesley Guilaran seconded. Approved unanimously.***

### 5) **Review Agenda for Council Meeting**

Wanda Willis reviewed the agenda for the February 28 Council meeting.

### 6) **Motion to Adjourn**

***At 5:28 p.m. Tatum Fowler moved to adjourn. Lesley Guilaran seconded. Approved.***

**Next meeting:** April 30, 3:30 P.M. CST/4:30 P.M. EST

**Next call:** Tuesday, March 10, 2020 at 3:30 p.m. CDT/4:30 p.m. EDT

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Prepared by: Ashley Edwards, Executive Assistant

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Approved by: Wanda Willis, Executive Director