



Council Executive Committee

Location: Embassy Suites Nashville Airport
10 Century Blvd, Nashville, TN
Date: Thursday, May 4, 2023
Time: 3:30 pm CST / 4:30 pm EST

Present: Tecia Puckett Pryor, Edward Mitchell, Sarah Cripps

Absent: Lisa Johnson, Ryan Durham

Staff: Lauren Percy, Lynette Porter, Ashley Edwards

Visitors: Roddey Coe, Clancey Hopper

1) **Call to Order**

After confirming there was a quorum, Tecia Puckett Pryor, Chair, called the meeting to order at **3:52 p.m. CDT / 4:52 p.m. EDT.**

2) **Consent Agenda: Approve today's Executive Committee Agenda and April 2023 Executive Committee Minutes**

The committee reviewed the agenda and minutes mailed out prior to the meeting. There was no discussion.

Sarah Cripps moved for approval as edited; Edward Mitchell seconded. Approved.

3) **Council Member Vacancies & Nominations**

The committee discussed key components of the May meeting agenda:

- **Council Chair & Vice Chair Recommendations**

The committee discussed upcoming vacancies, including Chair and Vice Chair, in preparation for new terms beginning on July 1, 2023. **Edward Mitchell moved to recommend Ryan Durham as Council Chair and Brent Wiles as Vice-Chair to the Governor's Office. This recommendation will move to the main Council for consideration. Sarah Cripps Seconded. Approved.**

- **Leadership Development Committee Chair**

Tecia Puckett Pryor, Council Chair, appointed Clancey Hopper as the next Leadership Development Committee Chair, beginning July 1, 2023. Clancey will act as the Chair for this committee on May 5.

- **New Member Appointments**

The Executive Committee reviewed the upcoming appointments process. Tecia will review with Council members during the May 5 meeting.



4) **Review May 5 Council Meeting Items**

Lauren Pearcy, Executive Director, reviewed materials ahead of the May 5 Council meeting, including the agenda.

Lynette Porter, Deputy Director, gave a brief overview of the historical budget content that will be presented during the May 5 Council meeting. Lynette provided an overview of federal funding and its impact over the last 20 years:

- The Council's highest budget award was in 2010 at \$1,518,000.
- The Council's lowest budget award was in 2013 at \$1,426,000.
- The Council's budget award in 2020 was only \$1 more than in 2002.
- The Council's current funding is between its highest and lowest award, at \$1,471,000.

Councils are a formula-based federal grantee of the Administration on Community Living (ACL). There is no cost-of-living type increases built into the grant, nor inflation increases factored into the formula. While the Council's federal award has remained static, the cost to do the work of the Council has not. Lynette gave several examples of operational cost increases.

Nationally, Councils maximize every dollar they receive to ensure programs are aligned with state plans & the authentic needs of each state. Conversations like this one are important when thinking about how to maximize federal dollars despite cost increases to program implementation.

5) **Updates from the Executive Director**

Lauren Pearcy, Executive Director, provided several updates:

- **Public Policy Position**
Staff have stepped in to cover projects, programs, and tasks typically assigned to the Public Policy Director, especially Public Information Officer, Emma Garton. Council staff are reexamining how to best align the vacant position with the current team's strengths.
- **Leadership Development Programs**
Lauren reminded the Executive Committee that the Council will take a year to examine the impact and future of the Leadership Development programs, including the Partners in Policymaking program and the Leadership Academy for Excellence in Disability Services. We will focus our energies this year on connecting with alumni of the Partners program, planning a spring gathering, and conducting focus groups made up of individuals who have experiences Partners in various formats.
- **Joint Needs Assessment with Administration on Community Living (ACL) grantee partners**
The Council has continued discussions with Tennessee's DD Network (the Vanderbilt Kennedy Center, the University of Tennessee Health Science Center – Center on Developmental Disabilities, and Disability Rights Tennessee) to create the nation's first needs assessment conducted as a collaboration across a state DD network. DD networks are programs that receive federal funding from the US Administration on Community Living (ACL) under the DD Act. Every program is required to submit needs



assessments to ACL, but to date no state has submitted one unified assessment. This activity is still in the planning stages and staff will update the Executive Committee as it moves into the proposed implementation stage.

6) **Motion to Adjourn**

At 4:19 p.m. CDT / 5:19 p.m. EDT, Sarah Cripps moved to adjourn the meeting. Edward Mitchell seconded. Approved.

Next meeting: Tuesday, June 13, 11:00 a.m. CDT / 12:00 p.m. EDT (Remote: Zoom)

Prepared by: Ashley Edwards, Executive Assistant

Approved by: Lauren Percy, Executive Director