Georgia Council on Developmental Disabilities

**Quarterly Council Meeting**

**April 16, 2020**

**Atlanta, Georgia**

**M I N U T E S**

Present: Mark Crenshaw, Parker Glick, Teresa Heard, Dorothy Harris, Debbie Hibben, Nandi Issac, Dana Lloyd, Evan Nodvin, Heidi Moore, Lisa Pennington, Mitzi Proffitt, Zo Stoneman

1. Announcements

Mitzi Proffitt announced that this was her last meeting. She reported that Governor’s appointment person siad they are working on appointments and hope to have them soon.

The July Council meeting is July 16-17 and will be held at Evergreen Conference Center at Stone Mountain.

Every Tuesday at 3:00 p.m. staff together with staff from partner agencies are hosting a webinar to discuss what is happening around COVID 19.

The quarterly Making a Difference is online at our website and we have made several copies. The staff has been working very hard to make sure the magazine is produced during this time.

1. Consent Agenda

Ms. Proffitt explained that members will vote on the consent agenda on Thursday because the meeting will only be a one day meeting instead of a two day meeting. There was one change to the minutes: Add Evan Nodvin to the present list.

**Teresa Heard made a motion to adopt the consent agenda as amended. Nandi Issac seconded the motion. The Council voted to adopt the consent agenda.**

1. COVID Update

Eric Jacobson gave an update on what the COVID virus has meant for the Council and how its response. He reported that staff have been teleworking but meeting every weekday morning to check in and discuss what needs to be done. The Council worked with partner agencies to submit a letter to the Governor outlining concerns about the virus and people with developmental disabilities. The staff have been developing fact sheets and other information to update members of the community about COVID 19. These documents have been posted on the GCDD website and other social media. Finally, the weekly phone calls have been a great success as over 400 people attended the first and 200 attended the second call on Zoom.

1. Legislative Update

Charlie Miller and Alyssa Lee gave us a update on state legislative session which was cut short by the COVID-19 virus, There is an expectation that the legislature will reconvene because they must still pass a budget.

Alison Barkoff gave an update on what is happening on the national level particularly as it related to people with developmental disabilities and COVID.

1. Election of Executive Committee

Mitzi Proffitt reported that after much time, there is a slate of individuals interested in becoming the Executive Committee. The following people accepted being nominated for the Executive Committee:

Parker Glick Chairperson

Dorothy Harris Vice-Chairperson

Evan Nodvin At large

Heidi Moore At large

Marc Crenshaw At large

**Evan Nodvin made a motion to adopt the slate of Executive Committee members as presented. Dana Lloyd seconded the motion. The Council members voted unanimously to approve the slate of Executive Committee members.**

1. Strategic Planning

Eric Jacobson gave a background on why the GCDD will be undertaking a strategic planning process and the framework for proceeding. The Council will begin the process at its July meeting.

1. Meeting Evaluation

Members had an opportunity to share how they thought the meeting proceeded.