Georgia Council on Developmental Disabilities

**Quarterly Council Meeting**

**January 11-12, 2018**

**Atlanta, Georgia**

**M I N U T E S**

Present: Christine Clark, Tom Connelly, Brian Dowds, Vivianna Fernandez, Parker Glick. Debbie Hibben, Nandi Issac, Susanna Miller, Madeline Petrone, Mitzi Proffitt, Renee Pruitt, Zo Stoneman, Lynn Walker

1. A**nnouncements** 
   * April Council meeting is April 12-13 at the Hyatt Regency.
   * GCDD has three Notices of Funds Available out and is accepting proposals: 1) to provide technical assistance to help sheltered workshops offer supported employment; 2) to address the school to prison pipeline; and, 3) to market the inclusive post-secondary education programs. Proposals are due February 6, 2018, and the committee that reviewed for the previous proposals will review these proposals.
2. Federal Legislative Update

Eric Jacobson provided an update on federal legislation. He reported that Alison Barkoff will provide this report at upcoming GCDD quarterly meetings. Mr. Jacobson’s Power Point report is attached to the minutes. s going to give us an update on what is happening in Washington.

1. Legislative Update

Dawn Alford and Hanna Rosenfeld provided an update on the legislative agenda. will discuss what we know and what we can expect during the legislative session.

1. Connectability

This past summer, the Real Communities project chose two new sites to add to its effort. Jaquey Daniels from Connectability in Dahlonega presented the Meet Your Neighbor initiative. The goal of the Meet Your Neighbor initiative is to create a more inclusive community by changing people’s attitudes and perceptions about historically marginalized populations by getting to know each other. The Power Point presentation is attached.

1. New Medicaid Autism Benefit

In last year’s Governor’s budget there were dollars set aside for a new autism effort but very little was known about how these dollars were to be used. Brian Dowd from the Department of Community Health to the Council reported on the new Medicaid Autism Benefit. His Power Point presentation is attached.

Friday January 12, 2018

1. Old Business
   1. Consent Agenda Issues

**Because there was not a quorum, GCDD members were unable to vote on the consent agenda issues.**

1. Telling Your Story

Tim Moore, Executive Director of L’Arche Atlanta, Shannon Turner, lead story collector and Lyndsey Weatherspoon lead photographer presented on the Telling Your Story project. Afterward, members of the Council met and worked on telling their story.

1. Meeting Evaluation

Council members had discussions about current and future concerns. Members made the following recommendations:

* + - 1. The Executive Committee should examine using a threshold of 40% for a quorum to make sure that members can vote on important issues.
      2. Staff will develop a recommendation for supporting candidate forums for those running for statewide office that will focus candidates on disability related issues.
      3. Staff will develop a set of questions that members and others can ask candidates about disability related issues when attending local political forums
      4. Staff will invite state representatives and senators to attend October Council meetings.

1. Adjourn