Georgia Council on Developmental Disabilities

**Quarterly Council Meeting**

**April 18-19, 2019**

**Atlanta, Georgia**

Present: Tom Connelly, Mark Crenshaw, Teresa Egelston, Parker Glick, Dorothy Harris, Teresa Heard, Debbie Hibben, Nandi Issac, Heidi Moore, Evan Nodvin, Madeline Petrone, Mitzi Proffitt, Renee Pruitt, Zo Stoneman, Lynn Walker

1. **Information** 
   * Eric Jacobson has met with the appointment person in the Governor’s office to talk about GCDD membership. They have asked us to send them information about potential members. We want to make sure there is a comfortable split between current members and new members.
     + Lynn Walker, Teresa Heard, Madeline Petrone, Debbie Hibben and Tom Connelly volunteered to review applications and recommend individuals to the Governor’s office that might be appointed to the Council.
   * Several members and staff attended the Disability Policy Seminar in Washington DC. The delegation met with staff from Tom Graves, Buddy Carter, Lucy McBeth, Johnny Isakson and David Perdue.
   * Mitzi Proffitt announced that Hanna Rosenfeld will be leaving us in August to attend the University of Georgia Law School.
   * Nandi Issac shared about her experience with Toastmasters
   * Members decided not to share on Facebook live because it is not accessible to all people.
2. **Federal Update**

Molly Burgdorf, in place of Allison Barkoff gave an update on what is happening on the federal level. Attached to this presentation is the PowerPoint presentation.

1. **Legislative Update**

Dawn Alford and Hanna Rosenfeld gave presentation on what took place during the 2019 legislative session

1. **Support for Council Members**

Parker Glick and March Crenshaw lead a conversation about how GCDD can better support individuals with disabilities to participate in meetings and events. Among the topics and recommendations were the following:

* Supporting individuals with large print, travel supports, meeting in both small and large groups, and using microphones.
* Individuals should have time before meetings to practice, encouraged to speak from the heart and tell why their story matters.
* Make better use of technology, give people the opportunity to preview information, move around, use pictures and doodles, and restate what’s been stated.
* The core strengths of the members and organization be put on a poster.
* In advocacy, there needs to be checks and balances for member advocacy. Staff should assist members connect with legislators by telling then when crucial times are to advocate and making sure there is clear understanding of the issue and story.
* There was concern expressed about the reimbursement process for members.
* There needs to be a more detailed orientation for new members and a place for self-advocates to meet and share thoughts.
* GCDD should follow universal design and learning guidelines and principles.
* Issues of accessibility should be considered and members should be sharing information with each other to affect change.
* There should be scheduled breaks.

1. **Appreciative Inquiry**

Kate Brady continued working with members on understanding the Appreciative inquiry process

Friday April 19, 2019

1. Old Business
   1. Consent Agenda Issues

Nandi Issac made a motion to adopt the consent agenda and Tom Connelly seconded the motion. **The Council members unanimously adopted the motion to accept the consent agenda. The items on the consent agenda are:**

* **Minutes from the January meeting,**
* **Program Report**
* **Financial Report**

1. Framing and Media

Maria Pinkleton and Hillary Hibben lead members in a conversation about how to better frame our message with talking to members of the media. See the attached PowerPoint presentation,

1. **Meeting Evaluation**

Members had an opportunity to give feedback about the meeting.

1. **Adjourn**