Georgia Council on Developmental Disabilities

July Quarterly Meeting

M I N U T E S

Present: Jeff Allen, Mark Crenshaw, Wesley Ford, Dorothy Harris, Rena Harris, Teresa Heard, Debbie Hibben, Nandi Issac, Julie McGowen, Lisa Newbern, Evan Nodvin, Ruby Moore, Nick Perry, Debbie Regin, Thom Snyder, Zo Stoneman

What should Council Meetings Look Like?

* Talking to each other
* Consent agenda
  + Add conversations and flexibility to meetings
* Meet in person although hybrids are nice
* Agency presentations
* Member participation
* Visuals/power points getting in advance
* Project presentations
* Transparency
* Real communities
* Networking

What would you change about our meetings:

* Condense to one day
  + Meet more frequently
  + Every other meeting online
  + Committee work the day before
* Mentors with self advocates
* Going around the state

Agenda items

* Anchor agenda with stories
* Create an intentional pace and space for the meeting
* Give members a chance to give updates
  + Advocates share stories
* Cross movement partnerships with non disability related organizations
  + Reports on the benefits
  + Introduce organizations
  + Intentional bridge
  + Advocate on a common cause
* Project and Federal Updates
  + Supported Decision Making
  + Tools for Life – etiquette in using augmentative communication

**Consent agenda: Jeff Allen made a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda. Evan Nodvin seconded the motion. GCDD members unanimously approved the motion to adopt the Consent Agenda.**

**Strategic Plan: Nandi Issac made a motion to adopt the 2022-26 Strategic Plan as presented. Teresa Heard seconded the motion. GCDD members unanimously approved the motion to adopt the Strategic Plan.**

**Budget: Evan Nodvin made a motion to adopt the 2021-2022 Budget with changes made by Eric Jacobson. Nandi Issac seconded the motion. GCDD members unanimously approved the motion to adopt the Budget.**