Georgia Council on Developmental Disabilities

**Quarterly Council Meeting**

**October 11-12, 2018**

**M I N U T E S**

Present: Sean Casey, Dan Crimmins, Vivian Fernandez, Parker Glick, Dorothy Harris, Debbie Hibben, Nandi Issac, Heidi Moore, Brenda Munoz, Evan Nodvin, Mitzi Proffitt, Ilias Savakis, Lynn Walker

1. Welcome

Mitzi Proffitt opened the meeting with announcements and asked if there were other announcements. The January Council meeting will be January 10-11 at the Stone Mountain Evergreen Conference Center. Sean Casey reported that the list of Employment First Council members has been approved by the Governor and a meeting should take place soon (FYI, Eric Jacobson is a member of the Council), Mitzi Proffitt reported that she testified before a legislative committee discussing the workforce shortage about her and Joshua’s needs for direct support staff.

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1. Georgia STABLE Accounts

Mitzi Proffitt introduced Doug Jackson who is from the Office of the Ohio Treasurer of State and works on Ohio’s STABLE Accounts. Mr. Jackson presented on the Georgia STABLE ACCOUNTS. GCDD broadcast his presentation on FACEBOOK LIVE. The PowerPoint of his presentation is attached.

1. Federal Update .

Alison Barkoff presented an update about what is happening on the national level and what is happening in Georgia that has a national perspective. She spoke about proposed changes in the Public Charge Rule and is working to get 100,000 comments posted opposing this change which would impact people with disabilities trying to enter the United States. She reported that there is an expectation that the Workforce Innovation and Opportunities Act regulations may be opened for public comment and there will be comments to support sheltered workshops. She is working on a campaign about why employment is important. Ms. Barkoff’s PowerPoint is attached.

1. Legislative Agenda

Dawn Alford and Hanna Rosenfeld presented the proposed legislative agenda for the 2019 legislative session. Ms. Rosenfeld conducted an exercise with members and staff about knowledge of the legislative process. This PowerPoint presentation is attached.

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1. Travel Policy

Kim Person and Kina Jackson worked with Council members on submitting travel reimbursement and the process for requesting travel.

1. Appreciative Inquiry

Kate Brady presented on the Appreciative Inquiry process that included exercises for members and staff to better understand the process. She will be presenting more at upcoming Council meetings.

1. Meeting Evaluation

Council members talked about how they liked or disliked the Council meeting.

1. Adjourn

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