



Council Executive Committee

Location: Conference Call - Zoom
Date: Tuesday, May 17, 2022
Time: 11:00 am CDT / 12:00 pm EDT

Present: Tecia Puckett Pryor, Ryan Durham, Lisa Johnson, Lesley Guilaran, Edward Mitchell

Absent:

Staff: Lauren Percy, Ashley Edwards

1) **Call to Order**

After ascertaining there was a quorum, Tecia Puckett Pryor, Chair, called the meeting to order at **11:05 a.m.**

2) **Consent Agenda: Approve today's Executive Committee Agenda and April 2022 Executive Committee Minutes**

There was no discussion.

Ryan Durham moved for approval; Lisa Johnson seconded. Approved.

3) **Council Meeting Discussions**

Staff shared feedback and evaluations from Council members with the Executive Committee. 15 evaluations were turned in at the end of the May 2022 Council meeting. Members reported that the most important piece of knowledge shared during the May meeting included legislative updates: Vocational Rehabilitation updates and the accomplishment of Universal Changing Tables. Members also noted that being in-person and seeing everyone together was the most valuable part of the meeting.

The Executive Committee confirmed their next three meeting dates and locations:

- June 21, 2022 (11 am CDT / 12 pm EDT) via Zoom
- August 9, 2022 (11 am CDT / 12 pm EDT) via Zoom
- September 15, 2022 (3:30 pm CDT / 4:30 pm EDT) at Embassy Suites

4) **Council Staff Updates**

Lauren Percy, Executive Director, provided brief updates on several projects and collaborations:

- Council staff have begun participating in the **Tennessee Investment in Student Achievement** initiative, which became law last month and fundamentally changes the way the state funds public education. Council staff bring the voices of parents and students connected to the council as the Department of Education works to implement this funding model. Lynette Porter, Deputy Director, represents the Council with this group.



- Council staff shared an update on **Council member recruitment**. Staff have interviewed three new potential council members and will recommend these individuals to the Governor's Office for appointment to the Council in July, along with a number of reappointment recommendations. In addition, the Council staff is recommending the appointment of the Rural Health Association to the Non-Government Official seat required by the DD Act. That seat is currently vacant (previously held by Sarah Kassas, a nurse practitioner representing the healthcare community). This appointment aligns with the findings of the Council's Public Input Survey, which indicated health/health care, especially in rural communities, is a primary need for Tennesseans. Staff anticipates submitting these recommendations to the Governor's Office by June 1.
- **The 2022-2023 Partners in Policymaking® Class has been selected.** Cathlyn Smith, Director of Leadership Development, involved members of the Leadership Development Committee in reviewing applications and selecting the upcoming class. The first meeting will occur in-person in September, followed by online classes, and culminating in an in-person graduation in April 2023. Executive Committee members noted that a mindful balance of in-person opportunities should be a priority for this class, as networking and connecting with classmates is an essential benefit of Partners in Policymaking®.
- The **Center for Decision Making Support** is a project that Council funds created two years ago and has successfully fulfilled a gap for Tennesseans seeking information and legal aid related to supported decision making and conservatorship. TennCare has submitted a request to the Center for Medicaid and Medicare Services to financially sustain the center over the next several years, including funding for legal support. The Center is the first of its kind in the country and the Council is grateful that it will be sustained through this potential partnership with TennCare.

5) **Motion to Adjourn**

At 11:50 a.m. CST / 12:50 p.m. EST Lesley Guilaran moved to adjourn the meeting. Ryan Durham and Edward Mitchell seconded. Approved.

Next call: June 21, 2022, 11 am CDT / 12 pm EDT via Zoom

Prepared by: Ashley Edwards, Executive Assistant

Approved by: Lauren Pearcy, Executive Director