



Council Executive Committee

Location: Conference Call - Zoom
Date: Thursday, May 6, 2021
Time: 11:00 am CDT / 12:00 pm EDT

Present: Tecia Puckett Pryor, Ryan Durham, Tatum Fowler, Lisa Johnson, Lesley Guilaran

Absent:

Staff: Wanda Willis, Lynette Porter, Ashley Edwards

1) **Call to Order**

After ascertaining there was a quorum, Tecia Puckett Pryor, Chair, called the meeting to order at **11:07 a.m.**

2) **Consent Agenda: Approve today's Executive Committee Agenda and April 2021 Executive Committee Minutes**

There was no discussion.

Tatum Fowler moved for approval; Lesley Guilaran seconded. Approved.

3) **FY22 Grant Contract Approval**

Lynette Porter, Deputy Director, reviewed one additional proposed continuation contract for review by the Executive Committee:

- The **Arc of Tennessee** for the Center for Decision Making Support. Recommended \$89,125 in funding for this contract, a \$131,096 decrease from FY21. This decrease encourages The Arc of Tennessee to identify future sustainable funding sources while ensuring the continuity of the project. This contract will begin October 1, 2021.

Ryan Durham moved to approve the added contract for FY22 funding. Lisa Johnson seconded. Approved.

4) **Council Member Vacancies**

There are three upcoming vacancies to the Council: 2 in the East Tennessee Development District and one at-large member. Council staff have scheduled interviews with three potential nominees and will keep the committee updated on recommendations for nomination.

In 2022, the Council will have at least two member vacancies.

5) **COVID-19 Vaccination Projects - Update**

Wanda Willis, Executive Director, reviewed an opportunity for additional funding for programs under the federal Administration for Community Living (ACL), related to COVID-19 vaccination efforts in each state. The Council has continued discussion with the other ACL programs in



Tennessee, including Disability Rights Tennessee, Vanderbilt Kennedy Center, University of Tennessee Center for Developmental Disabilities, Centers for Independent Living, Commission on Aging, and the Area Agencies on Aging and Disability. These groups will meet bi-weekly to update one another on projects and coordinated needs. The current priorities include:

- In-home vaccinations for Tennesseans who request it, in conjunction with the current infrastructure of the Tennessee Area Agencies on Aging and Disability
- Communication efforts to address vaccine hesitancy

6) **Review May Council Meeting Agenda**

The Executive Committee reviewed the proposed May council meeting agenda. In addition to committee work and the business portion of the meeting, council members will give final approval for the Council's State Plan for submission to the Office on Disability. This will also be Communication Committee Chair, Tatum Fowler's last Council meeting.

7) **Future Council Meeting Location**

The committee discussed the potential for returning to in-person council meetings as early as September 2021. The committee would like to learn from Council members their level of comfort in attending meetings in-person. In addition to meeting space, staff will need to secure hotel accommodations for Council members traveling to Nashville.

The committee would like to ask whether council members have or plan to be vaccinated and whether they would feel safe to meet in-person if the option was available to them in September. The survey should be completely optional and used only to help the committee make future decisions about returning to in-person meetings.

6) **Motion to Adjourn**

At 12:27 p.m. CDT / 1:27 p.m. EDT Tacia adjourned the meeting.

Next call: June 8, 2021 11 a.m. CDT / 12 p.m. EDT

Prepared by: Ashley Edwards, Executive Assistant

Approved by: Wanda Willis, Executive Director