

TENNESSEE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CALL
AUGUST 5, 2015
11:00 A.M. CDT/12 NOON EDT
MINUTES

Present: Roger Gibbens, Evan Espey, Tommy Lee Kidd, Stephanie Cook

Absent: Beth Ritchie

Staff: Wanda Willis, Lynette Porter, JoEllen Fowler

Tommy Lee Kidd, Co-Chair, opened the meeting.

1) Review agenda; approve minutes

Tommy Lee reviewed the Executive Committee agenda.

Evan moved to approve the July 1, 2015 minutes as written. Roger seconded. Stephanie abstained (she did not attend the July 1 meeting). Approved.

2) Executive Order

Wanda gave an overview and status report on the proposed new Council Executive Order (EO). Wanda developed a discussion paper and met with the Governor's former Chief of Staff to discuss. The Council's current EO was signed in 1975. The new EO would move the Council into a neutral budget code and name the Council as the agency responsible for implementing DD Act in the state. We should have an official draft this week.

Wanda will meet Friday with the new Chief of Staff, Jim Henry, to discuss the EO. DIDD Commissioner Payne has been contacted and is very supportive. This will be a very positive change for the Council.

Roger mentioned he has worked with F & A officials and they are very supportive of the Council and its work. Wanda has done a good job of laying the groundwork.

Wanda will forward the discussion paper to the Executive Committee.

3) Person centered organization (PCO) training for MCOs

Wanda proposed that the Council seriously consider funding a PCO project with the three MCOs that will implement the new TennCare Waivers. TennCare will require MCOs to have person centered training, but to really have it become integrated into the culture of the organizations, they need training from Michael Smull's Support Development Associates (SDA). Leadership with TennCare and the Dept. of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities are supportive of the idea. MCOs will begin providing services through the ECF CHOICES Waivers in July 2016.

Roger moved that Wanda develop a concept paper, circulate to the Executive Committee, TennCare, DIDD & and Michael Smull, and if everyone agrees, Smull will draft a proposal. Evan seconded. Approved unanimously.

Wanda will send TennCare's proposal, Amendment 27 (the Waiver application to CMS), to the Committee along with her comments.

4) September Council meeting draft agenda; committees?

Wanda reviewed the draft agenda for the September 18th Council meeting. Everyone agreed there is no time for committees to meet with all that we have to cover on the agenda.

When the Executive Committee meets in September we will discuss committees – new chairs and members. **Staff will bring an updated committee list for review.**

5) Retreat location/dates; new member orientation

Wanda reviewed the new Retreat dates and location – October 26th and 27th at the Embassy Suites Airport. In September, the Executive Committee will decide whether to meet the Sunday night before.

A New Member Orientation, for at least four new members, will be held Thursday, September 17th at the Council office. If anyone is available and wants to come early and help present, please let Wanda know.

6) Reschedule or cancel Nov. 4th call

Evan moved to cancel the November 4th call, Roger seconded. Approved unanimously.

7) Next Executive Committee call – September 2nd

The Committee confirmed the next conference call on September 2nd.

At 11:58 a.m. Roger moved for adjournment, and Evan seconded. Approved unanimously.

Next Executive Committee call: Wednesday, September 2, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. CDST/12:00 noon EDST.

Next Executive Committee meeting: September 17, 2015 @ 3:00 p.m. CDST/4:00 p.m. EDST @ Embassy Suites Airport

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Approved by: Wanda Willis, Executive Director