



## Council Executive Committee

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Location: Conference call  
Date: Thursday, January 11, 2018  
Time: 11:00 A.M. CDT/ 12:00 P.M. EDT

**Present:** Tecia Puckett Pryor, Lisa Johnson, Evan Espey, Serina Gilbert, Steve Sheegog  
**Staff:** Wanda Willis, Lynette Porter, JoEllen Fowler

Tecia Puckett Pryor, Chair, called the meeting to order at 11:02 a.m.

1) **Review Executive Committee Agenda; Approve Minutes**

Tecia reviewed the Executive Committee agenda.

*Lisa moved to approve the December 5, 2017 Executive Committee minutes as written. Serina seconded. Evan abstained. Approved.*

2) **State & Federal Budget Update (Budget Hearings, Federal Budget and Continuation)**

**Budget Hearings** - Wanda reported staff presented to the first of two House committees yesterday, the House Health Committee. See the [video of the presentation here](#) (38 minutes 40 seconds in). Rep. Sexton said he appreciated the work that we do and we appreciated that several representatives came down to speak afterwards. Staff will follow up with meetings in the next couple of weeks. Wanda suggested Council members who have representatives on the Committee send them a quick email note to follow up.

We have been notified that on February 28<sup>th</sup> staff will present in front of the House Finance, Ways and Means Committee. The Governor will release his budget at the end of January. The Senate has never asked us to present, and so far, we have not been asked to this year. We will not know what our budget looks like in the Governor's budget until it is released, then we will find out if there are any cuts or if any requested new funding will be approved.

**Federal Budget** - Lynette reported that we do not officially know anything about the federal budget yet. Unofficially we have heard the President's budget will come out in early February and Councils can expect a cut, but a modest one. Our national partners expect across the board cuts for all domestic programs to pay for other Presidential priorities. Wanda and Lynette have developed scenarios based on different percentages and will be able to adjust the planning budget when more information is available. Staff will let the Executive Committee know as soon as we hear anything official.

**Continuation process** – Lynette reported this is the time of year we ask grantees if they intend to continue their work with the Council. We have 5 grantees and expect they will all want to continue. First, staff review the continuation proposals and then will make a recommendation to Executive



Committee for funding at the March 1st meeting. Lynette reviewed the list of grantees.

### 3) **Standing Committee Assignments**

Staff are in the process of recommending composition of Council standing committees for this year and updating state agency representatives on the Council. Consideration is given to balancing skills and diversity of members on each Committee. Staff will discuss with the Executive Committee then Wanda and Tecia will send an email together to Council members. Staff will have something for the Executive Committee to review by the end of January.

### 4) **March 2 Council Meeting**

Wanda reported that staff are working on committee meeting agendas. The Executive Committee will review a draft of the March Council meeting agenda on the February call. The agenda will be focused on legislative activities. All bills will have been filed by then and staff will have identified ones we are interested in following.

### 5) **Disability Day on the Hill Update**

Wanda reminded everyone that Disability Day on the Hill is on February 14th. Eleven Council members have indicated they want to attend, which is the most ever. The legislators have moved to the Cordell Hull Building, which has been beautifully renovated. There is a new tunnel (Motlow Tunnel) from that building to the Capitol. The kick-off event for Disability Day on the Hill will be in the Capitol in the Old Supreme Court Chamber and then everyone will move to the Cordell Hull Building through the tunnel.

There will be exhibits in Cordell Hull, but due to new rules only 3 or 4 tables can be reserved. The Council has one of them and will share with other agencies. The space is in a short hallway, in a designated area away from the legislators' offices.

The TN Disability Coalition is hosting a Community Reception on February 13<sup>th</sup> from 5-7 p.m. at the Maxwell House Hotel. RSVP [here](#). Lauren will be sending more information about Disability Day on the Hill logistics, including the breakfast for Council members attending the event.

### 6) **Motion to Adjourn**

**At 11:38 a.m. Evan moved for adjournment. Steve seconded. Approved.**

**Next call:** Tuesday, February 6 at 11 a.m. Central/12 noon Eastern

**Next meeting:** Thursday, March 1 @ 3 p.m. Central at Embassy Suites Nashville Airport

**Canceled: March 6<sup>th</sup> call.**

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Approved by: Wanda Willis, Executive Director