



Council Executive Committee

Location: Conference Call
Date: Tuesday, March 10, 2020
Time: 3:30 p.m. CDT/4:30 p.m. EDT

Present: Tecia Puckett-Pryor, Lesley Guilaran, Tatum Fowler

Absent: Ryan Durham, Lisa Johnson

Staff: Wanda Willis, Ashley Edwards, Lynette Porter

1) **Call to Order**

After ascertaining there was a quorum, Tecia Puckett-Pryor, Chair, called the meeting to order at **3:31 p.m.**

2) **Consent Agenda: Approve today's Executive Committee Agenda and February 27, 2020 Executive Committee Minutes**

No discussion.

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

3) **Nashville-area Update**

Wanda Willis, Executive Director, updated the Executive Committee on the aftermath of last week's inclement weather. The Department of Human Services offices on 2nd Avenue and other disability advocacy groups in Nashville have seen damage to their buildings. Tecia updated the committee on the Cookeville area. In both communities, people are connecting together to rebuild.

4) **Coronavirus Preparedness**

Wanda shared that the state is watching this development closely. Of important notice is the upcoming travel to the National Disability Policy Seminar in Washington, D.C. We are meeting with the meeting organizers on Thursday for an update on whether the event will still go on as planned.

5) **Debrief from February 28 Council Meeting**

Wanda highlighted some overall feedback from Council members. There were no surprising notes or observations on evaluation forms and all comments were constructive and positive. Lesley noted that she also appreciated the comments and questions from Alison Bynum related to the funding projects.



6) **Project Review (Tier 1)**

Wanda updated the committee on the status of those Tier 1 projects. The Executive Committee received details around two projects in particular this week: The Supported Decision Making Center (with The Arc TN) and Conservatorship Best Practices (with Disability Rights Tennessee). These grants come with a budget that is more than we originally anticipated. Staff members feel confident that all of the Tier 1 projects will not go over the total approved \$1.075 million.

The committee discussed the supported-decision making projects and agreed to provide feedback and support to staff to ensure objectives and activities align with the priorities and vision of the Council. This would include executive committee members serving on the Supported Decision Making Advisory Group.

Wanda reminded committee members of the timeline related to these proposed funding projects. The group of projects included in Tier 2 will be voted on at the May meeting. Materials will be sent out to Council members ahead of the meeting so they have time to review.

Lesley thanked the staff for their work on these projects and in their transparency in sharing information as they come through the office. Wanda extended thanks to the members for asking questions and thoughtful discussion around these topics.

6) **Motion to Adjourn**

At 4:20 p.m. Tatum Fowler moved to adjourn. Lesley Guilaran seconded. Approved.

Next meeting: Thursday, April 30, 3:30 P.M. CST/4:30 P.M. EST

Next call: Tuesday, April 14, 2020 at 3:30 p.m. CDT/4:30 p.m. EDT

Prepared by: Ashley Edwards, Executive Assistant

Approved by: Wanda Willis, Executive Director