



Council Executive Committee

Location: Conference call
Date: Tuesday, July 11, 2017
Time: 12:00 P.M. CDT/ 1:00 P.M. EDT

Present: Tommy Lee Kidd, Lisa Johnson, Tecia Puckett Pryor, Evan Espey

Absent: Serina Gilbert

Staff: Wanda Willis, Lynette Porter, JoEllen Fowler

Tommy Lee Kidd, Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m.

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

Tommy Lee reviewed the Executive Committee agenda.

Tecia moved to approve the June 6, 2017 Executive Committee minutes as written. Lisa seconded. Evan abstained since he was not on the June call. Approved.

2) **Review Draft Agenda for September Council Meeting**

Wanda reminded everyone we will use the September Council meeting for our annual year-in-review and plan to engage Council members in the presentations. She then reviewed the draft agenda. Staff will prepare a PowerPoint with a broad overview of accomplishments, and discuss who might present which activities with their Committee Chair. The goal is to get Committee members involved. At the end we will discuss progress we have made throughout the year. Members will keep score cards throughout the presentations and then provide feedback about where we have done well and where would could improve. We will review the final agenda on the August call.

3) **Federal Budget**

Wanda reported that the Senate is expecting to make some revisions to the health care bill later this week and will have the budget office score it before calling for a vote. They may call for a vote next week. The President is calling on republican members to cancel the August recess.

Congress is trying to markup budget proposals for next year. They have not started on the Health and Human Services budget (where Council's fall) yet and may not before the August recess.

The new Administration on Disabilities Commissioner, Melissa Ortiz, who has a physical disability, met with our national association last week to learn more about disability policies and Councils.

4) **Appointments Update**

Wanda reviewed the July 2017 Council reappointments and new appointments. She noted that Roddey was



moved to a Southeast seat so we could open up the at-large position to recruit more people with disabilities from across the state. We are still missing a nominee and appointment from the East TN development district, but we are following up this week to set up a call with a potential nominee. The Governor's office is also looking for possible nominees in that area. The plan is to have our New Member Orientation on September the 14th, the day before the Council meeting. We always like to have Council members here to help with our Orientation. Wanda asked if any Executive Committee members would be able to participate: Evan plans to attend, Tecia might be able to come at lunch and Lisa will check her schedule. Staff will also ask other Council members if they are interested.

5) **Reschedule August call and cancel September call**

The next conference call is rescheduled for August the 3rd at 11 a.m. Central/12 noon Eastern.

The Committee agreed to cancel the September call since it is the week before the face-to-face meeting.

Evan mentioned, and the Committee discussed, whether travel reimbursement should be requested by Council members who are invited to speak on panels, participate in planning committees, etc., for non-Council related events. Some of it depends on who is asking you to participate. We could offer guidance in Orientation or Wanda and Lynette would be happy to talk with individual members too.

Staff will check in with Empower TN about a disability and state parks event being held at Montgomery Bell on August 18th.

At 12:45 p.m. Lisa moved for adjournment. Evan seconded. Approved.

Next call: Thursday, August 3, 2017 at 11 a.m. Central/12 noon Eastern.

Next meeting: Thursday, September 14, 2017 at 3 p.m. Central/4 p.m. Eastern

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