

TENNESSEE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CALL
DECEMBER 2, 2015
11:00 A.M. CDT/12 NOON EDT
MINUTES

Present: Roger Gibbens, Tommy Lee Kidd, Renée Lopez, Debbie Riffle

Absent: Evan Espey

Staff: Wanda Willis, JoEllen Fowler, Lynette Porter

Roger Gibbens, Chair, called the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m.

1) Review agenda; approve minutes

Roger reviewed the Executive Committee agenda.

Tommy Lee moved to approve the October 25, 2015 minutes as written. Renée seconded. Debbie abstained (she did not attend the October 25th meeting). Approved.

2) Budget update; report on first budget hearing with Dept. of Finance & Administration

Lynette reported on our first budget hearing with the Dept. of Finance & Administration (F & A). This is a new process we undergo now that we are a free-standing agency. It went exceptionally well, according to chief budget analyst for F & A. We presented the required 3% reduction plan but ultimately may receive less of a cut or none at all. Also attending our budget hearing was representatives from the Legislative Budget Office. We understand that we will also be asked to present our budget to the House and the Senate budget committees in January. Staff will meet with the Legislative Budget Office to prepare for these presentations. We have had great support across departments as we meet with them to plan direct linkages to state accounting, budget, human resources and procurement services.

3) Update on Support Development Associates (SDA) proposal

Wanda recently received the SDA proposal we expected over a month ago. The proposal is more expansive than expected in terms of activities and budget; it includes activities involving monitoring managed care organizations' contract agreements with TennCare. We are in the process of gathering comments from TennCare and DIDD about the proposal. It is possible that these agencies are interested in helping to fund the added activities. We would like to have these details worked out before sending the proposal forward to the Council Proposal Review Committee. It is hard to say what the timeline will be at this point, but there is promising movement forward.

Wanda will email the Executive Committee about next steps when they are confirmed.

4) Update on 5 year plan progress

Lynette reported that the goals and objectives went out for public review on December 1, 2015. After the 60 days of public review, all comments will be appraised and responses developed where needed. A summary of this information and potential changes will be presented to the Council for input at the February Council meeting with the final approval of the goals and objectives (state plan) occurring at the May Council meeting.

5) Preliminary topics for February 26 Council meeting

Wanda reviewed topics for the February Council meeting agenda which include review of the feedback on the state plan goals and objectives, the relevant bills that we will be following during the upcoming legislative session, update on/discussion about the SDA proposal, presentation from State Treasurers Office on the ABLE Act, and information about new Pre-Employment Transition Services (PETS) being implemented by Vocational Rehabilitation. Since there is no pressing business and so many topics to cover, the Standing Committees will not meet. If something comes up and a committee needs to meet, they can do so separately.

Wanda will contact Cindy Gardner about coming to the Council meeting briefly to answer questions about how the Able Act affects Special Needs Trusts.

Wanda will connect Sarah Harvey with Debbie regarding the PETS pilot in Jackson.

Wanda will send the first draft Council meeting agenda to the Executive Committee.

6) Scheduling

- The next Executive Committee call will be January 13th at 11 a.m. Central/ 12 noon Eastern (rescheduled from January 6th).
- The Committee will continue its regular monthly call time: the 1st Wednesday of each month at 11 a.m. Central/ 12 noon. Please MARK YOUR CALENDARS.

At 11:47 p.m. Renée moved for adjournment, and Tommy Lee seconded. Approved.

Next Executive Committee meeting: February 25, 2016 @ 3:00 p.m. CDST/4:00 p.m. EDST @ Embassy Suites Airport

Prepared by: JoEllen Fowler, Administrative Assistant

Approved by: Wanda Willis, Executive Director