

Executive Committee
December 5, 2017

Present: Tecia Puckett Pryor, Lisa Johnson, Serina Gilbert
Absent: Evan Espey
Staff Present: Wanda Willis, Lynette Porter

AGENDA

The meeting was called to order by Council Chair Tecia Puckett Pryor at 11:03 a.m.

1. Review Executive Committee Agenda; Approve Minutes (September amended & October minutes) – Tecia

Motion to accept amended September 14, 2017 and October 3, 2017 Minutes: Serina, seconded by Lisa. Motions unanimously approved.

2. Stipend Fund Amendment – discussion and action needed - Wanda (10 mins)

Wanda referenced the background material mailed to members on November 29, 2017 for the requested Stipend Fund Amendment. *Attached for minutes as reference.

Serina made the motion to approve an amendment of \$24,750 to the scholarship fund to sponsor Jonathan Martinis as a speaker in Tennessee. Motion was seconded by Lisa. Motion unanimously approved.

3. State & Federal Budget Update – Wanda & Lynette (10 mins)

The continuing resolution for this year's federal funding expires this week on December 8. There is a potential of a federal shutdown if an agreement is not reached. The Tennessee Council will not be impacted by a short-term federal shutdown. We are not using the FY17 federal allotment for state FY17-18 operations. Additionally, the State is required to fund our operations in a reimbursement relationship with the federal funders, and we would anticipate a swift resolution to any shutdown. A shutdown will not impact the State's ability to request reimbursement.

On the state level, as reported at the last meeting, we presented our FY18-19 budget to the administration in November. We will not know the results of the Governor's final budget until he presents it to the legislature in February.

4. Dept. of Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities (DIDD) Audit by the Comptroller's Office – Wanda (5 mins).

The audit on DIDD was released last week by the Comptroller's Office. *We will send a summary and a link to the full audit to the Executive Committee.* We have not seen a state response to the findings.

We will also send the DHS Comptroller's report which was just released today, and a link to the Comptroller's website where all audits are listed.

5. Confirm times for 2018 conference calls (1st Tuesday of the month at 11 a.m. Central/12 noon Eastern) – Wanda (5 mins)

Do these times work for everyone? The response is that it does in general, and we will work around conflicts. We will continue with this pattern.

6. Reschedule January 2 Exec Cmte conference call – Wanda (5 mins) The January Exec Cmte conference call was moved to **Thursday, January 11th, at 11:00 Central Time.**
7. Tecia announced that she has asked Steve Sheegog to head the Communications Committee. He will join Executive Cmte calls in January.
8. Disability Day on the Hill is February 14th. Lauren is sending information to everyone. On the 13th there may be a forum or reception the evening before. There will be more details coming as soon as we know. We are hoping that a number of Council members can attend.
9. There may be a change to a date of the Council meetings next year. The retreat may need to be in September, and the business meeting in November. We will send the dates to the Executive Committee as soon as they are confirmed with the hotel.
10. Motion to Adjourn – Tecia

Motion to adjourn: Lisa, seconded by Serina. Motion unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 11:40.