



## Council Executive Committee

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Location: Conference Call - Zoom  
Date: Tuesday, April 13, 2021  
Time: 3:00 pm CDT / 4:00 pm EDT

**Present:** Tecia Puckett Pryor, Tatum Fowler, Lisa Johnson, Lesley Guilaran

**Absent:** Ryan Durham

**Staff:** Wanda Willis, Lynette Porter, Ashley Edwards

1) **Call to Order**

After ascertaining there was a quorum, Tecia Puckett Pryor, Chair, called the meeting to order at **3:06 p.m.**

2) **Consent Agenda: Approve today's Executive Committee Agenda and March 2021 Executive Committee Minutes**

There was no discussion.

***Lisa Johnson moved for approval; Tatum Fowler seconded. Approved.***

3) **FY22 Grant Contract Approval**

Lynette Porter, Deputy Director, reviewed the proposed slate of continuation contracts for review. The projects recommended for approval are:

- The **Center for Nonprofit Management** for meeting facilitation. Recommended \$5,000 in funding for this contract, a \$5,080 decrease from FY21. This decrease takes into account anticipated fewer in-person community meetings requiring this level of facilitation due to COVID-19. This contract will begin July 1, 2021.
- **The Arc of Tennessee** for Partners in Policymaking administrative support. Recommended \$40,250 in funding for this contract, a \$23,765 decrease from FY21. This decrease anticipates lower costs as half the Partners in Policymaking year will be conducted virtually. This contract will begin July 1, 2021.
- The **Vanderbilt Kennedy Center at Vanderbilt University Medical Center** for information and referral services (TN Disability Pathfinder). Recommended \$80,000 in funding for this contract, a \$54,595 decrease from FY21. This decrease is due to an increase in joint funding with five other state agencies. As a result, the Council was able to reduce its own financial investment and invite more stakeholders to the table. This contract begins July 1, 2021.
- The **United Cerebral Palsy of Middle Tennessee** for administrative support for the Council Scholarship Fund. Recommended \$25,000 in funding for this contract, a \$21,125 decrease from FY21. This decrease is due to an overall decrease in ongoing travel and restrictions related to COVID-19, anticipating decreased travel costs for participants of the Scholarship Fund. This contract begins October 1, 2021.



- The **University of Tennessee Center for Developmental Disabilities** for an evaluation of the Leadership Institute. Recommended up to \$15,361 in funding for this contract, a \$3,943 increase from FY21. This increase is due to an upgrade in the staff position assigned to working on this project.

***Tatum Fowler moved to approve the continuation slate for FY22 funding. Lesley Guilaran seconded. Approved.***

4) **Additional Funds – COVID-19 Vaccination Projects**

Wanda Willis, Executive Director, reviewed an opportunity for additional funding for programs under the federal Administration for Community Living (ACL), related to COVID-19 vaccination efforts in each state. The activities funded by this award will be consistent with the purpose of the funding to improve access to COVID-19 vaccines to include one or more of the following activities:

- Education about the importance of receiving a vaccine;
- Identifying people unable to independently travel to a site;
- Helping with scheduling a vaccine appointment;
- Arranging or providing accessible transportation;
- Providing companion/personal support;
- Reminding people of their second vaccination appointment if needed; and/or
- Providing technical assistance to local health departments or other entities on vaccine accessibility

The Council has begun discussion with the other ACL programs in Tennessee, including Disability Rights Tennessee, Vanderbilt Kennedy Center, University of Tennessee Center for Developmental Disabilities, Centers for Independent Living, Commission on Aging, and the Area Agencies on Aging and Disability. It is the hope of the Council to work collaboratively with the programs in Tennessee to create a coordinated effort.

The committee discussed potential projects, including a need for the Council to remain impartial to which, if any, vaccines Tennesseans choose to receive.

5) **Review May Council Meeting Agenda**

The Executive Committee reviewed the proposed May council meeting agenda. In addition to committee work and the business portion of the meeting, council members will give final approval for the Council's State Plan for submission to the Office on Disability.

Jordan Allen (Department of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities) and Patti Killingsworth (TennCare Long Term Services and Supports) will present an overview and answer questions related to the consolidation of IDD Program consolidation. Specifically, they will address two of topics suggested by Tatum Fowler, Communication Committee Chair:

- Update on the consolidation of the administration of the direct support programs under DIDD



- Update on the ECF program and the different waiver programs that are available in Tennessee.

6) **Motion to Adjourn**

***At 4:03 p.m. CDT / 5:03 p.m. EDT Tatum Fowler moved to adjourn the meeting, Lesley Guilaran seconded. Approved.***

**Next call:** May 6, 2021 11 a.m. CDT / 12 p.m. EDT

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Prepared by: Ashley Edwards, Executive Assistant

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Approved by: Wanda Willis, Executive Director