

**TENNESSEE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2016
3:30 P.M. CDT/4:30 P.M. EDT
EMBASSY SUITES NASHVILLE AIRPORT – ALABAMA ROOM
MINUTES**

Present: Roger Gibbens, Evan Espey, Tommy Lee Kidd, Debbie Riffle, Stephanie Cook

Absent: Renée Lopez

Staff: Wanda Willis, JoEllen Fowler, Lynette Porter

Roger Gibbens, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:38 p.m.

1) Review agenda; approve minutes

Roger reviewed the Executive Committee agenda.

Tommy Lee moved to approve the January 13, 2016 minutes as written. Evan seconded. Approved.

2) Budget Process

- House and Senate Budget Hearings
Wanda and Lynette are halfway through the House budget hearings. Last week they met with the House Health Committee, which went very well. They have been well prepared with great support from the Legislative Budget Office. Next Tuesday they meet with the House Finance, Ways & Means Committee which will complete the process for this year. The Senate did not request a budget hearing with the Council.
- General federal funds update
The final notice of our allotment included a small increase for FY 2016. It is a 1.31% increase which translates into \$18,845, for a total of \$1.46 million. We are now back at the same funding level we had in 1995. The committee discussed the budget fluctuations over last three decades.
- Process for new federal funding formulas
The Administration on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (AIDD) has released a new funding formula for DD Act programs. The funding allocations to the states are based on 3 statutory factors: 1) Total population of the state/territory, 2) Need for services for people with DD in each state/territory and 3) Financial need of state/territory. It is believed that the data used in this formula severely undercounts the population of individuals with developmental disabilities. AIDD has updated the formula to be more clear, concise, transparent and consistent with Congress's intent to provide funds to states based on greatest

need. AIDD convened a workgroup to revise the data points. Beginning in FY 2017, AIDD will use the new formula (which meets those 3 statutory factors) to distribute funds. AIDD did a sample table for each state based on the FY2016 allotment to reflect what the impact might be for each state/territory. Some states saw noticeable increases or decreases ranging from \$10,000 to \$380,000. Tennessee showed a \$1 increase. The formula does not impact the overall \$73 million allocation to the Councils; the same amount of money will be distributed among the states/territories.

3) Council Budget amendment - vote needed

Lynette explained the Partners in Policymaking (PIP) budget amendment and what the challenges are to the PIP budget. We are requesting a \$25,000 budget amendment to the current year Partners in Policymaking budget of \$127,840. This would result in a new contract total of \$152,840. The factors that go into this amount are increased costs in professional services, hotel rooms and participant travel. One of the challenges to the PIP budget process is that the following year contract budget has to be developed before the class is selected for the following fall and before the final billings from the reunion, all of which carry unknown and variable costs.

Evan moved that the Partners in Policymaking budget be increased by \$25,000. Debbie seconded. Approved.

4) Update on proposal from Michael Smull/Support Development Associates (SDA)

The revised proposal for the Council came in late last week. The proposal is a little higher than we expected and included some items we did not request so we need to discuss it with SDA. Once we are agreed on the proposal, Wanda will send it to Evan to review with the Proposal Review Committee along with rating criteria. We can arrange a call with the Committee and Michael Smull/SDA to answer any questions. We will have everything wrapped up by the May 6th Council meeting and be prepared to present the proposal to the Council and take a vote. TennCare plans to implement their part of the program with SDA before June 30 and ours will begin in the fall, after MCOs start providing services. The MCOs are excited about participating in this process.

5) Review February 26th Council meeting agenda

Roger reviewed the Council meeting agenda in detail.

6) Other?

There were no other topics for discussion.

At 5:02 p.m. Evan moved for adjournment, and Tommy Lee seconded. Approved.

Reminder: The Committee agreed to cancel the March 2nd Executive Committee call.

Next Executive Committee call: April 6, 2016 @ 11 a.m. CDT/12 noon EDT
Next Executive Committee meeting: May 5, 2016 @ 3:00 p.m. CDT/4:00 p.m. EDT @
Embassy Suites Airport

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