

Nebraska Council on Developmental Disabilities
August 14, 2020
9:00 a.m.

VIRTUAL and IN-PERSON* MEETING

***In-Person Sites:**

Nebraska State Office Building - Lincoln
301 Centennial Mall South
5th Floor, Conference Room 5D

Contact: Kristen Larsen – 402-471-0143 or 402-853-4180

Individuals must check in at the Reception Desk on 3rd floor. Facemasks are not required in the Nebraska State Office Building, however individuals attending in person are strongly encouraged to wear a facemask.

Munroe-Meyer Institute - Omaha
444 South 44th Street, Room 3046

Contact: Wayne Stuberg – 402-559-5720 or 402-203-8236

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The number of individuals per conference room is restricted to accommodate social distancing.

To join this public meeting via ZOOM, please email the DD Council staff at dhhs.ddcouncil@nebraska.gov to request the meeting link and log-in information. Requests must be received by August 12, 2020.

AGENDA

- 9:00** **1. Welcome and Roll Call – Jennifer Meints**
Nikki will take a roll call of attendees.
- 9:10** **2. Nebraska Open Meetings Act – Jennifer Meints**
Council meetings fall under the Nebraska Open Meetings Act. Due to COVID-19, a virtual meeting will be held in accordance with the Nebraska Open Meetings Act. The two locations open to the public to attend are at the Nebraska State Office Building in Lincoln and at the Munroe-Meyer Institute in Omaha. A link to the Zoom meeting was provided to Council members ahead of time. Members of the public were directed to email the Council office by August 12, 2020 to receive a link to the meeting and log-in information per the Council’s website and the Governor’s Public Meeting Calendar.
- 9:15** **3. Approval of Minutes – Jennifer Meints & Brenda DeLancey**
Minutes of the April 17, 2020 meeting are included in the agenda packet. Council members will review them and, following any needed corrections, vote to approve them through a roll call vote as required by the Nebraska Open Meetings Act.

- 9:20 4. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest – Jennifer Meints**
Members are asked to declare any conflicts of interest as required by Council’s policies. To fulfil this requirement, the following Council members are asked to verbally declare any conflicts of interest at the meeting today: Tony Green, Amy Rhone, Nate Watson, and Mark Shriver.
- 9:25 5. Financial Report and Council Approval of FFY 21 Budget– Kristen Larsen**
Kristen will review the financial report for the first three quarters of FFY 20 (October 1, 2019 to July 31, 2020).
Kristen will also present the FFY 21 Council Budget (October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2021) for approval.
A handout of the financial report and budget was emailed to Council members prior to the meeting. Kristen will share the report on the Zoom screen.
- 9:35 6. Set Meeting Dates for FFY 21 – Jennifer Meints**
Proposed meeting dates for FFY 21 are: November 20; February 5; April 16; and August 13. Please check your calendars to see if there are any major conflicts with these dates. The correlating Committee meeting will be held the day before the Council meeting.
- 9:40 7. Member Appointments and Recognition of Outgoing Members – Jennifer Meints and Kristen Larsen**
Eligible Council members whose terms expire on October 1, 2020, and are interested in continuing to serve on the Council are encouraged to reapply with the Governor. Applications can be submitted either online at the **Boards & Commissions – Application for Executive Appointment** webpage at <https://governor.nebraska.gov/board-comm-req> or by mailing a **completed Executive Appointment Application** to Kathleen Dolezal at the Office of the Governor. Council members whose terms expire October 1, 2020 and are eligible to reapply include Seamus Kelly, Erin Phillips, and Dee Valenti.
- Council members whose terms are ending will be recognized. Those members include Dale Johannes, Debbie Salomon, Haley Waggoner, and Wayne Stuberg.
- 9:50 8. Election of Council Officers – Jennifer Meints**
Per the By-Laws, officer elections for FFY 21 will be conducted at today’s Council meeting. This includes the offices of Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary. These officers shall be elected to serve a term of office from October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021. Officers may be re-elected for a maximum of an additional two (2) consecutive terms. That limit on terms being only for that office; they may be elected to another office without a break in service. Agency representatives are not eligible to serve as Chair or Vice-Chair of the Council.

- 10:05 9. Committee Preferences – Jennifer Meints**
All Council members are expected to serve on one of the standing committees – Legislative and Advocacy, Planning, or Grant Review. Jennifer will describe each committee’s work. **NOTE:** Council members who served on the Planning Committee for FFY 20 are strongly encouraged to continue serving on the Planning Committee for FFY 21 as we continue to develop the 2022-2026 State Plan.

Please complete the Committee Preferences form included in the meeting packet and mail/email it to Nikki (301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, NE 68509 or nikki.krause@nebraska.gov) by Friday, August 21, 2020. Please note your interest in running for Chair of a committee on the Committee Preference form. Committee Chair elections will be held in November.

- 10:10 10. Report of the Grant Review Committee: Continuation and Formal Subaward Recommendations for FFY 21 – Sharon Orduña and Joni Dulaney**
The Grant Review Committee met virtually on August 13, 2020. Sharon, Grant Review Committee Chair, will report on their recommendations for funding of the continuation subaward application from People First of Nebraska and the Committee’s recommendations for funding the formal subaward applications in response to the Requests for Applications (RFAs). The Council will discuss and vote on the continuation subaward application and the formal subaward applications.

- 11:00 11. Break –** Time is allocated for members to step away for a brief break.

- 11:05 12. Opportunity Subaward Application Review – Jennifer Meints and Joni Dulaney**
In the meeting packet, Council members received the Opportunity Subaward Evaluation Instructions, Subaward Evaluation Criteria Score Sheet, Opportunity Subaward Request for Applications, and two Opportunity Subaward Applications.

Because only two opportunity subaward applications were received, Council members should review both applications and complete a Subaward Evaluation Criteria Score Sheet for each prior to the meeting. The Council will discuss and vote on the opportunity subaward applications.

Please mail/email the completed Subaward Evaluation Criteria Score Sheet to Nikki (301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, NE 68509 or nikki.krause@nebraska.gov) by Friday, August 21, 2020.

- 11:35 13. Updates from Agency Representatives – Tony Green, Developmental Disabilities Division; Mikayla Johnson, Behavioral Health; Sara Morgan, Maternal and Child Health, Division of Public Health; Amy Rhone, Department of Education – Office of Special Education; Paige Rose, Nebraska Vocational Rehabilitation; Nate Watson, Medicaid and Long-Term Care and Aging**
Council members representing state agencies will provide brief written updates on activities that have occurred since the last meeting.

- 11:50 14. Updates from our DD Network Representatives –Seamus Kelly, Disability Rights Nebraska; Mark Shriver, Munroe-Meyer Institute/University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (UCEDD)**
Council members representing our DD Network will provide brief updates on activities that have occurred since the last meeting.

- 12:00 15. Council Chair and Staff Updates – Jennifer Meints, Kristen Larsen, Joni Dulaney, and Nikki Krause**
The Council Chair and Council staff will share information on priority issues.
- 12:15 16. Council Member Updates**
Time is provided for Council members to share any advocacy and/or disability activities they have been involved with since the April meeting.
- 12:30 17. Public Comment**
All public meetings must allow time on their agenda for people who are not on the Council to comment.
- 12:35 18. Adjourn – Jennifer Meints**
The next Council meeting is scheduled for November 20, 2020.

NOTE: In accordance with the provisions of Section 84-1401-1414 Nebraska Statutes (Open Meetings Act) passed by the Unicameral, minutes of this meeting will be on file ten working days from the date of this meeting in the office of the Nebraska Council on Developmental Disabilities, Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services, 301 Centennial Mall South, PO Box 95026, Lincoln, Nebraska 68509-5026. All items known at time of distribution are listed and a current agenda is available. This meeting is being held through Zoom. If special accommodations are needed, please contact our office at 402-471-2330 / TDD 402-471-9570 by August 5, 2020.

Nebraska Council on Developmental Disabilities

Mission

The Council engages in **Advocacy**, **Capacity Building**, and **Systemic Change** activities that assure that individuals with developmental disabilities and their families participate in the design and have access to needed community services, individualized support, and other forms of assistance that promote *self-determination*, *independence*, *productivity*, and *integration* and *inclusion* in all facets of community life.