**Governor’s Commission on Intellectual Disability**

**September 25, 2019 Meeting Minutes**

The Governor’s Commission on Intellectual Disability met on September 25, 2019 at the Executive Office of Health and Human Services.

Present were: James Brett (Chair), Amy Carnevale (phone), Marjorie Cohen, Aaron Stone, Jo Ann Simons, Anne Fracht, Joanne Jaxtimer, George Ford, Doreen Cummings, Jane Ryder, Elizabeth Morse, Christopher Thompson, Nicholas Dantzer and Victor Hernandez.

Chairman Brett opened the meeting at 4:05pm. On a motion by Jo Anne Simons and seconded by Marjorie Cohen the June 19, 2019 meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

Commissioner Jane Ryder introduced the new DDS Deputy Commissioner for Administration and Finance Nicholas Dantzer. Nick formerly served as CFO and Budget Director for EOHHS, and as an Assistant Budget Director at A&F. Nick holds a Master’s in Public Administration (MPA) from Northeastern University and a bachelor’s degree from Wayne State University, in his home state of Michigan. Nick’s leadership in this new Deputy Commissioner role will help integrate budgeting, contracting, data, and waivers, as we plan for the future.

Commissioner Ryder provided an overview of the Department by updating the GCID on:

* The approved FY20 budget. The DDS budget of $2B+ maintains an 8% increase over FY19. At over $2 billion, the DDS budget and mission has expanded greatly in recent years. The budget holds increases for our: Turning 22 class, adult autism, family support and other key areas.

Chief of Staff Chris Thompson provided an update on the Department’s Strategic Plan. From the Commissioner’s meeting in December 2018, five workgroups were developed to focus on statewide priorities. The workgroups are:

1. Service Coordination & Workload Issues
2. Transportation Challenges
3. Alternative Residential Models
4. Autism Services
5. Review of our Prioritization Process

Mr. Hernandez provided a review of the Autism Services workgroup.

Commissioner Ryder updated the GCID on the progress of updating the DDS Photo release policy. The policy is covered under the proposed Ch. 5 regulations and will be intended to be more general in its use. The Commissioner also provided an update on “Nikki’s Law”.

Mr. Stone re-introduced a future agenda item to review the mission and the role of the GCID with agenda development. He also suggested exploring the development of a goal for GCID membership to include more diversity and self-advocates.

On a motion by Ms. Simons and seconded by Mr. Stone the meeting was adjourned at 5:24pm.