Oregon Council on Developmental Disabilities

Julie Farrell

Candidate Position: **Chair**

I am interested in running for the Chair position for several reasons. I have many years of professional training and experience in management and leadership due to my 21-year long career as an officer, in the United States Coast Guard. I also have a Bachelor's Degree in Administrative Management. The skills I have from my career and education are a perfect match for me to excel at the duties necessary for the council chair. I have been passionate about the DD community since childhood, as I have a cousin who experiences I/DD and I have 2 adult children who experience I/DD and more family members who experience disability. I am a visionary and can see the "big picture" in many situations. I have many years of lived experience as a parent of 4 children and I see the qualities of all individuals and know the difficulties and injustices many individuals and families face. I believe I have many skills and years of experience to lead and to advance the work of the council.

Some of my *additional skills and experience* include:

- Public Speaking
- Total Quality Management
- Team Building
- Operating Federal Budgets
- Managing the enforcement of Federal laws
- Incident Command System Training and experience
- Experience with Supervising 100s of employees
- Experience with organizing and leading numerous meetings
- Event Planning
- Managing and leading teams
- Current member of the Professional Training subcommittee on Oregon's Commission for ASD

2. *My vision for the next two years* is to unite council members and bring joy, focus and full participation front and center to move the work of the council forward and to higher levels. To fully review and improve our processes and structure and improve accessibility. To become a prime example and respected council both in the State of Oregon and Nationally. To make the council and our work more accessible for council members and provide more (accessible) information or resources for others outside of the council. Engage with the council on the work of the 5 year plan and have "round table" discussions on topics that arise that are not on the 5 year plan while also ensuring to meet our federal and state requirements.

3. *I will meet the commitments as Chair* virtually, in person, and by phone and email. I will listen to others' ideas and work together to continually improve the effectiveness of the council. I will be respectful to all council members and staff and will treat everyone fairly and equally and encourage and welcome full participation. I will offer ideas and bring them up for discussion, so everyone feels like a valuable member and proud of the council.