

## **DDC SYSTEMS ADVOCACY WORKGROUP**

### **July 20, 2017 Meeting Minutes**

**Workgroup Members Present:** Tarra Hollins (acting chair), Sherrie Brown (UCEDD), Mia Franklin, Pat Shivers, Donna Tiffin, Mark Westenhaver (HCA). , Lisa Yanagida (DSHS/ALTSA) Shannon Mannion (DSHS/DDA)

**Staff:** Donna Patrick, Ed Holen, Kathy Easton (support)

The meeting was called to order by acting chair Tarra Hollins. Introductions were made and there were no adjustments to the agenda.

**VOTE:** Approve the July workgroup meeting minutes. Moved by pat and seconded by Mia. Passed unanimously.

#### Big Picture Work Plan

Ed reviewed activities in the Objectives on Community of Practice, Provider Capacity, Monitoring the Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation systems and Collaborations.

DRW received the contract to implement the DD Ombuds Program. Betty will be presenting an overview to the full Council on Friday.

Shannon reported that she has heard all positive comments on HB 1322, DD Parent Respite Training, passed in the 2017 session.

### Council Project Reports

Work Group members joined the Individual and Family Advocacy Work Group for a presentation by Marsha Threkheld on the Smart Home Technology Project. She explained the specific devices developed for the individual residents in the project home and the processes involved. She suggested that a project working with families on technology would provide additional useful information.

The Workgroup received a report from Pam Blanton on the DD Supportive Housing Consultation project. Pam has an extensive background in housing issues and she detailed some of the connections that need to be developed between DD services and housing programs/advocates. An outcome of this project could be to ask the Legislature to fund housing planners/coordinators in each DDA region of the state to help people with planning and making connections.

### Summary for Council Report

- Work Group Work Plan
- State Plan Update
- Project Presentations

### Next Meeting Agenda

For September: report on the Department of Corrections project on Traumatic Brain Injury from Sherrie Brown

With that, the meeting was adjourned.