

**Developmental Disabilities Council  
Individual and Family Advocacy Workgroup**

**October 12, 2017**

**9:00 am-12:00 pm**

Location: Holiday Inn  
Yakima, Washington

**Draft Work Group Minutes**

**Present:** Pat Shivers, Helen Black, David Lord, Donna Tiffan, Filberto Ontiveros

**Staff:** Emily Rogers, Linda West and Brian Dahl

**Call to Order**

Pat Shivers called the meeting to order and asked for introductions

**Approval of July 2017 Minutes**

**Action:** July 2017 minutes were approved.

David moved and Donna seconded to approve the minutes as written.

Helen and Filberto abstained.

**Leadership Update-Read by Emily Rogers**

Established Advanced Leadership Steering Committee which has had two meetings. Two directions were decided Legislative/Policy and Community Development. Legislative Workshop in the winter and Community Development Workshop in the summer supplemented by webinars and other mechanisms on basic and advanced topics in between. Individuals and groups can access materials themselves or view and discuss as groups.

Emily brought applications for the Fellowship opportunity and let everyone know they were available. Please let Donna know if you are interested in the Advanced Legislative Workshop and she will get an application to you.

### **Overview of the Work Group/Big Picture Work Plan-Brian Dahl**

There were several new members to the workgroup so Brian gave background as to the purpose of the Council workgroups and committees. He also went slowly through each of the objectives associated with this workgroup in the Big Picture Workplan. This was an effort to help new members understand their responsibilities as workgroup members.

### **Overview of Self-Advocacy/Civil Rights in Washington State-Emily Rogers**

Emily explained each of the Self-Advocacy groups in Washington State to help new members understand the differences.

**People First of Washington:** Covers the whole State of Washington, is one of the oldest self-advocacy organizations in the country, has about 1 thousand members, now is primarily a training organization.

**Self-Advocates of Washington (SAW):** focused on Pierce and Kitsap Counties. Recently quit doing business.

**Self-Advocates in Leadership:** Is a statewide organization, is primarily focused on legislative advocacy.

**Allies in Advocacy:** Focused on Civil Rights and the Self-Advocacy/Civil Rights/DD Network Partner

### **Review of Policy 116 Rights and Supports of Parents who have Developmental Disabilities**

There was a lively discussion in the workgroup about this policy. Several people agreed that the general ideas in the policy were good, and they could use some expansion and more updating. David Lord was very helpful in suggesting resources and wording that would work. David also

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agreed to bring back additional information and wording to the next meeting for the workgroup to review.

## **Report to Full Council and Agenda Building for January 2018**

### Agenda Building

Invite Susan Kas to January Meeting

Leadership Update

Work on Policy 116

Tech Stuff