

Developmental Disabilities Council
Full Council Meeting
January 19, 2018
8:30 am to 12:00 noon

Location:

Hampton Inn & Suites
4301 Martin Way E
Olympia WA 98516
360-459-5000

Proposed Minutes

Members Present:

Sue Searles, Vice, Chair

Anthony Nash, Janice Tornow (OSPI), Maggie Craughan, Mike Raymond, Sherrie Brown (UCEDD), Helen Black, Katie Mirkovich (DVR), Filberto Ontiveros, Shannon Manion (DDA), Tarra Hollins, Donna Tiffin, Mark Westenhaver (HCA), Courtney Ward, Thanh Kirkpatrick , Diana Zottman, Ryan Troyer, Pat Shivers, Lisa Yanagida (ALTSA)

Staff: Ed Holen, Emily Rogers, Donna Patrick, Brian Dahl, Linda West, Aziz Aladin, Sophie Lu (DDC Policy Fellow), Shalya Collins (DDC Policy Fellow)

Support: Kathy Easton, Stephanie McCormick, Jim Quaterman, Demetris Billings

Guests: Peter Tassoni (Dept. of Commerce), Kim Conner (Executive Director of the WA state Independent Living Council, Mona Fuerstenau, Ben Fisher

Call to Order

Sue Searles, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order. She asked everyone to introduce him or herself.

Approval of the Minutes

Sue asked the members to review the minutes for the October Council meeting.

It was moved by Pat Shivers and seconded by Maggie that the minutes be approved as published. The motion passed with Courtney Ward, Shannon Manion, Katie Mirkovich, Sherrie Brown and Mike Raymond abstaining.

Adjustment to the Agenda

There were not adjustment to the Agenda.

Executive Director Report

Ed Holen gave the Executive Director Report. He reintroduced and welcomed the two DDC Policy Fellows, Sophie Lu and Shayla Collins.

He noted that we are recruiting for a COM 1 staff position and handed out the recruitment flyer. The first closing for the recruitment will be February 23, 2018. If there are successful candidates, interviews will follow with a possible start time of March 15 or April 1.

Ed went through the budget report as attached to the Agenda.

Ed also noted the Staff activity report was sent to Members in an e-mail prior to the meeting. It is attached to the minutes as Appendix 1.

Ed also shared a new report by Disabilities Rights Washington. It focuses on abuse and neglect at Rainier School. A copy of the report is attached as Appendix 2.

Committee Re-organization

Brian led the Members through a recap of the new Committee structure as in Reading 18-02 in the agenda packet.

It was moved by Mike Raymond and seconded by Maggie Craughan that the new Committee structure be accepted as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Staff will distribute a Committee sign up list and Members were asked to return it so that Committee membership can be finalized before the April meeting.

Public Comment

Guests were asked if they had any comments to offer to the Council.

Education for Students with Disabilities

Janice Tornow, who represents the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, made a presentation to the Council on the history and requirements of educating students with disabilities.

A copy of her power point presentation is attached to the minutes as Appendix 3.

Chair's Remarks

Diana suggested creating a membership directory with pictures of Members. There are many new members on the Council. This might be a helpful tool for members to use. It would be for internal use only.

Diana also mentioned that newer members can ask for a mentor, if they feel they needed one.

2018 Legislation Session

Staff passed out materials on the bills of interest and the Governor's proposed budget. Bills were discussed in detail both at the Policy Briefing and at the Public Policy Committee.

It was noted that the DDC Legislative Conference calls will begin Feb 1, 2018. They will be from 12:00 noon to 1:00pm. Details and the call in number will be coming a few days before the call. The other dates are: Feb 15, March 1 and March 15.

Committee Reports – Roundtable Reports

- Membership and Governance Committee members joined Helen Black and Ed Holen, Lead Staff. Helen and staff gave an overview of the Committee discussion. To learn more details, see Committee minutes for details.
- Public Policy Committee members joined Ryan and Brian Dahl/Linda West, Lead Staff. Ryan and staff gave an overview of what the Committee considered. To learn more details, see Committee minutes for details.

There was an action item from the Public Policy Committee. The Council was asked to approve the 2018 Legislative Agenda.

It was moved by the Public Policy Committee (needing no second) that the 2018 Legislative Agenda, as found in Reading 18-03, be approved as presented.

The motion passed unanimously.

Workgroup Reports

- System Change Workgroup members joined Pat Shivers and Emily Roger, Lead Staff. Pat and staff gave an overview of the Committee activities. To learn more details about what the Individual Advocacy Workgroup discussed, see Workgroup minutes for details.
- Individual Advocacy Workgroup members joined Tarra Hollins and Donna Patrick, Lead Staff. Tarra and staff gave an overview of the Workgroup meeting. To learn more details about what System Change workgroup considered, see workgroup minutes for details.

Agenda Items for Next Meeting

Members were asked that, if they items for the April meeting, they submit ideas to Sue or Staff.

Adjourn

With that, the meeting was adjourned.

Note: Materials are available in alternative format. Please contact the Council office at 1-800-634-4473.