

Developmental Disabilities Council
Individual and Family Advocacy Workgroup

January 18, 2018

9:00 am-12:00 pm

Location: Hampton Inn
Lacey, Washington

Draft Work Group Minutes

Present: Pat Shivers, Ryan Troyer, Adrian Patayon, Helen Black, Sherrie Brown, Donna Tiffan, Filberto Ontiveros, Shannon Manion

Guests: Susan Kas, Nathan Loose

Staff: Emily Rogers, Aziz Aladin, Linda West and Brian Dahl,
Demetris Bilings, Support Staff

Call to Order

Pat Shivers called the meeting to order and asked for introductions

Approval of October 2017 Minutes

Action: October 2017 minutes were approved.

Helen moved and Pat seconded to approve the minutes as written.

Shannon and Sherrie abstained.

Susan Kas Talking about Parents with Disabilities Issue and Policy Number 116

Susan Kas came to talk about a timeline that goes through much of what has been done in the area of Rights of Parents with Disabilities and then talked about some proposed changes to Policy Number 116. The group had a very lively discussion with enthusiasm for continuing work.

The next steps:

Emily will be working with DRW on a draft to include all of the recommendations that Susan suggested.

Susan's handout will be included in the packet.

Overview of Self-Advocacy/Civil Rights groups in Washington State

People First of Washington: Recently had their statewide Convention in Yakima.

SAIL: SAIL primarily focuses on legislative advocacy. Cheryl Monk is the new Administrator for SAIL. She has been working hard to get up to speed.

Allies in Advocacy: Allies is responsible for the Proclamation for the Dignity and Rights of All Human Beings. In the DD Act partners in Washington State are Disability Rights Washington, UCEDD at University of Washington and the Washington State Developmental Disabilities Council. Most recently it has been discussed and agreed to that Allies would be the new network partner dedicated to self advocacy/civil rights issues and making sure that people with disabilities have an equal voice at the table. Technically changes need to be made to the DD Act, but in the meantime we are creating working relationships and documents to help solidify the work we are doing.

EPIC: The Equal Partners Interstate Congress is a grant that recently concluded. For the past 3 years we have been working with people in Nevada, Alaska, Idaho and Wyoming to strengthen the Self-Advocacy/Civil Rights Movement in each state. We also have been working to strengthen the advocacy between the States as well as encourage the idea of a Self-Advocacy/Civil Rights DD network partner. There is a desire to continue to work on the Self Advocacy/Civil Rights DD Network Partner concept. How that will happen is unclear at this time. Washington State will continue to work on this through Allies in Advocacy.

Leadership Update-Donna Patrick

Donna reported that at the beginning of December there was a successful Advanced Leadership Weekend. In the future there is interest in having something about community organizing. As of now, the idea is not fully formed so if you have ideas talk to Donna.

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

Brian brought both Big Picture Workplans and explained that in light of the new committee structure, all of the work will be reorganized into the new committees. If approved the new committee will be:

- State Plan
- Public Policy
- Membership
- Governance

Everyone will be getting more information shortly about the reorganization.

Report to Full Council and Agenda Building for April 2018

- Committee Overview/Big Picture Workplan
- Edits to Policy 116
- People with Disabilities as Parents Data?

Nathan Loose IP Employer Guide/Overtime Bill

Nathan gave a presentation about the IP Employer Guide he has been working on. His presentation gave good information about the process of getting an IP and some tips to make it easier. His full presentation will be included in the upcoming packet.