

Developmental Disabilities Council
Public Policy Committee

Date: January 18, 2018
Time: 1:15 pm to 4:00pm

Place: Hampton Inn & Suites
4301 Martin Way E
Olympia WA 98516
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Proposed Minutes

Chair: Helen Black

Members: Courtney Ward, Janice Tornow, Sherrie Brown, Shannon Manion, Pat Shivers, Mark Westenhaver, Mike Raymond, Lisa Yanagida, Katie Mirkovich.

Staff: Ed Holen, Donna Patrick, Emily Rogers, Kathy Easton, Sophie Lu (DDC Policy Fellow)

Guest: Peter Tassoni, Nathan Loose, Peter Durham

Call to Order

Chair Black called the meeting to order. She asked everyone to introduce himself or herself. The agenda was slightly adjusted to accommodate the update on federal issues.

Approval of the Minutes

The Committee reviewed the October Committee meeting minutes as published in Reading 18-PP-01.

It was moved by Michael Raymond and seconded by Janice Tornow that the minutes be approved as published. The motion passed with Courtney Ward and Katie Mirkovich abstaining.

Update on Federal Issues

Erin Prangley, Public Policy Director of the National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities joined the meeting via phone. She gave the Committee an update about the issues in Washington DC before Congress. Most attention was given to the pending government shut down and the impact of the recently passed Tax Cut bill.

Any shutdown of the federal government will not affect the DDC. Currently the DDC is using its 2017 federal grant to operate.

2018 Legislative Reception

The 2018 Legislative Reception was held on January 17, 2018 after the annual Legislative Policy Briefing. About 60 people attended the briefing session.

Attendance at the reception was lighter than usual by both Legislators and the public. It was noted that the state Senate was holding a session during the reception.

A new rule limits the number of tables in the hallways so food for the reception was moved into the room itself.

However, with less people, the room was not as crowded.

The planners of the reception will review the venue and see if another location would work better for the reception.

Overview of 2018 Legislative Issues

Staff presented an overview of the legislative issues for this session. The attached power point presentation highlights some of the bills the advocates are tracking.

See Attachment One

2018 DDC Legislative Agenda

The Chair asked the members to make a final review of the 2018 DDC Legislative Agenda.

It was moved by Courtney Ward and seconded by Janice Tornow that the 2018 Legislative Agenda be approved and be recommended to the full Council for approval.

The motion was passed unanimously.

Legislative Conference Calls for 2018

The DDC Legislative Conference calls will be February 1, February 15, March 1 and March 15. They will be 12:00 noon to 1pm. Staff will send out call information before each call.

2018 Advocacy Days

Members were reminded about the Legislative Advocacy Days on Wednesdays during the session. They begin at 10am at the United Churches.

Both the Conference calls and Advocacy Days are great ways for Members to participate in the session. Member were also encouraged to review the weekly bills of interest published by the Advocacy Partnership project through the Arc of Washington. Members are also encouraged to watch the weekly video podcast which gives an update on the session.

Statement on Abuse and Neglect

National Public Radio is running a series on abuse and betrayal of those with intellectual/developmental disabilities. Those with I/DD are abused and sexually assaulted at a rate 7 times the national rate. Staff presented a statement and asked members to suggest edits. Staff will continue to develop the statement.

Agenda Items for the April meeting

Members identified the following items for the April Meeting:

- Recap of the 2018 Session

- Interim issues
- The transfer of people from Medicaid to Manage Care organizations
- Update on the “No More Excuses” report

With this, the meeting was adjourned.