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**Developmental Disabilities Council**

**Public Policy Committee**

**April 25, 2019**

**12:45 pm-2:15pm**

Location: SeaTac Conference Center

SeaTac, WA

**Draft Committee Minutes**

Present: Pat Shivers, Chair, Andrea Belcourt, Danny Holmes, TK Brasted, Than Kirkpatrick, Kelly Hill, Mike Raymond, Adrienne Stuart, Courtney Ward, David Lord, Cami Nelson

Staff: Donna Patrick, Emily Rogers, Aziz Aladin

Support: Kathy Easton

**Call to Order**

Pat Shivers called the meeting to order and asked for introductions

**Approval of January 2019 Minutes**

**Action:** January 2019 Public Policy Committee minutes were moved by Mike Raymond and seconded by Adrienne Stuart. The minutes were approved unanimously.

**Legislative Issues Discussion**

The committee members were given a brief synopsis of the issues that were worked on over the past session. David Lord of DRW gave information about the bills regarding guardianship.

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### **Legislative Budget**

The budget side by side was looked over and particular areas of interest were discussed. At the time of the meeting, the session final budget had not been determined.

### **Federal Issues and Disability Policy Seminar**

Julia, Emily and Danny talked about their recent trip to the Public Policy Seminar in Washington, DC.

Some of the key topics covered were:

- ABLE Age Adjustment
- Community Living
- Education
- Employment
- Social Security and SSI

The conference had issue papers with additional information that was e-mailed out shortly after the meeting.

### **Recommendations to the Council Regarding Federal Issues and Council Member Engagement in Addressing Policy Issues**

The committee drafted this list of recommendations to bring to the full Council the next day as concrete things to do to increase Council member participation:

- 1) Set an expectation for Council members to be on a state governing board
- 2) What is your passion? What do you want to do something about?
  - a. Could form subgroups around common interests.
  - b. Research common topics and bring back for discussion.
- 3) Council will provide advocacy training/basic boot camp on advocacy.

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- 4) Work on issues on levels like local state and federal and in different ways like hosting events in the interim between legislative sessions.
- 5) Opportunities to engage and learn by “doing” like shadowing Council policy staff or participating in events in local communities.
- 6) Report results of efforts back to the Council and develop next steps/partnerships and collaborations.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 pm.