

Developmental Disabilities Council
Full Council Meeting Minutes
July 18, 2019

Members

Shamra Baez, Andrea Belcourt, Julia Bell, Thomas Brasted, Maggie Craughan, Kelly Hill, Danny Holmes, Thanh Kirkpatrick, Anthony Nash, Cami Nelson, Mike Raymond, Ronnie San Nichols, Pat Shivers, Donna Tiffan, Ryan Troyer, Sherrie Brown (UCEDD), David Lord (DRW), Shannon Manion (DDA), Katie Mirkovich (DVR), Mark Westenhaver (HCA), Tavares Terry (ALTSA)

Staff

Brian Dahl, Jeremy Norden-Paul, Donna Patrick, Emily Rogers, Linda West, Aziz Aladin

Support

Kathy Easton, Jim Quatermass, Suliana Tii, Stephanie McCormick

Guests

Mike Rogers, Krista Milhofer, Peter Tassoni, Amber Leaders, Senator Emily Randall, Evelyn Perez, Kathy Morgan

Call to Order/Changes to the Agenda

Julia called the meeting to order and asked everyone to introduce himself or herself. There were no changes to the agenda.

Approval of the April 2019 Minutes

Motion: To approve the April 2019 minutes. Mike moved and Maggie seconded. Ronnie noted that he is listed as attending but he was absent. The motion carried with the change.

Council Chair Report

Julia reviewed the Council Executive recruitment process, opportunities for Council member engagement in the State Plan and opportunities to advocate for systems change. She and Jeremy attended the NACDD Conference in July and provided updates. Federal issues summaries will be sent out to Council members.

A nomination form with an explanation of the responsibilities, for the First and Second Vice-Chair positions will be mailed out. The vote at the October Council meeting.

Executive Director Report

Jeremy introduced himself and shared that he is happy to be here and is interested in getting to know everyone.

Budget Report

Aziz gave an overview of the Council's budget through May 2019. Jeremy reported that the federal House of Representatives includes a four million dollar increase for DD Councils. He reminded the Council that staff members could not advocate for federal funding of DD Councils; however, Council members themselves can.

Self-Advocacy Project Report

Brian reported on the progress of the Self-Advocacy Leadership Summit. Phase One is self-advocacy groups planning together for the Summit. Phase Two is the Summit in August. Phase Three is the follow-up from the Summit to collaborate on how the groups are going to support each other in the future.

A vote to approve funding for phase one and two will take place on Friday.

Policy Update

The Council will vote on the Council's 2020 Legislative October meeting. It was suggested that Council members share their public policy contacts on social media.

David Lord, Disability Rights Washington, talked about voting rights, accommodations and same day voter registration. The primary election is August 6 and the general election is November 11. He noted that according to the latest census, there are 117,000 people with developmental disabilities in Washington State.

Recess until Friday, July 19, 2019

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Committee Reports and Actions Items

Governance Committee

Shamra was chair for the Governance Committee meeting. Most of the time during the meeting was spent on reviewing some policies recommended for update by Ed Holen in April. Two of the policies, “#104 Project Contracting Policy” and “#301 Delegation to the Executive Director”, we reviewed. After review by the committee, Policy 104 needed some more work before it is ready to be forwarded to the full Council. Policy 301 concerns the responsibilities of the Executive Director. Our former Executive Director suggested the recommended changes. Since we have someone new in this position, it made sense to table this and allow time for staff to review it with the new Executive Director before approving and forwarding to the full Council.

Three other policies were set to be initially reviewed by the Committee. Time constraints did not make this possible. Two of the policies will be reviewed at future meetings. One of the policies concerns the implementation of the State Plan. This was forwarded to the State Plan Committee.

Governance also reviewed the changes needed to the current Executive Order. These changes are based on guidance from our federal agency and the national association’s technical assistance organization. The major changes had to do with membership:

- 1) The addition of a member from non-governmental organization;
- 2) Adding two citizen members to maintain the proportion of citizen members to agency representatives; and
- 3) Term limits for the chair.

The Committee reviewed these changes and it is ready for a vote by the full council. Mike Raymond made a motion to accept the changes to the Executive Order. Danny Holmes seconded. The motion passed on a voice vote with no one abstaining.

Membership Committee

Ryan reported that there was a discussion about Policy 406 Council Member Participation and Attendance. A small group will convene to revise the policy and bring back to the Committee at its October meeting.

A small group volunteered to review and propose updates to the Council's Membership Handbook.

Public Policy Committee

Pat reported that the Committee heard from Alison Burchet, Public Policy Fellow from the UW Lend Program.

Diane Stadden gave the final report of the activities performed in this year Advocacy Partnership Project. There was discussion in the Committee about the lands at Fircrest and the fight to have any proceeds from these properties transferred to the Dan Thompson Memorial trust. Donna Patrick spent some time informing the Council about the history of the trust and the importance of keeping money within the DD System.

The Committee is looking forward legislative advocacy training at the October Council meeting.

State Plan Committee

Donna T. reported that they are developing a sub-committee on Person-Centered Planning.

The Committee also did a quick review of Policy 415 concerning the development and implementation of the State Plan forwarded from the Governance Committee. It was determined a small group from the committee will review recommended changes from the staff and then bring it back to a future Committee meeting.

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The vote to approve the changes to the State Plan was moved to a conference call scheduled for August 8 time to be determined.

Donna T. then discussed the vote needed to approve the funding of the Self-Advocacy Project reviewed by staff at the full Council meeting yesterday. The vote is just for funding the planned self-advocacy summit on April 20 and the collaboration activities to lead up to it. The total cost for these things is \$12,400.00.

Pat Shivers made the motion to approve \$12,400.00 for the summit and collaboration activities. Danny Holmes seconded the motion. It passed on voice vote with no one abstaining.

Guest Presentation and Discussion

State Senator Emily Randall talked about her background, interest in issues and why she is wants to be a champion for Developmental Disabilities in the Legislature. She encourage Council members to become involved in the legislative process.

Amber Leaders, Policy Advisor to Governor Inslee

Amber talked about her background as a social worker and in behavioral health. She encouraged the Council to communicate

clearly and assertively in its advisory role. She acknowledged the need for a big systems push and holistic look at developmental disabilities.

Kathy Morgan, Aging and Long-Term Supports Administration

She is the new director of Adult Protect Services (APS). She talked about how they respond to abuse and neglect cases, noting that people can refuse assistance. There are also issues decision making and guardianship. APS investigates about 48,000 cases per year.

Evelyn Perez, Assistant Secretary, Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA)

She talked about abuse and neglect of people with developmental disabilities. They find out about cases through a referral process. DDA does not necessarily know which of the abuse cases involve people with developmental disabilities.

Recognition of Service

Julia recognized Maggie and Ryan and thanked them for their service on the Council.

The meeting was adjourned.