

# Reading 19-PP-07

## Developmental Disabilities Council

### Public Policy Committee

July 18, 2019

12:45 pm-2:15pm

Location: SeaTac Conference Center

SeaTac, WA

### Draft Committee Minutes

Present: Pat Shivers, Chair, Danny Holmes, TK Brasted, Than Kirkpatrick, Kelly Hill, Mike Raymond, David Lord (DRW), Cami Nelson, Mark Westenhaver (HCA)

Guest: Peter Tassoni

Staff: Donna Patrick, Emily Rogers

Support: Kathy Easton

### Call to Order

Pat Shivers called the meeting to order and asked for introductions.

### Approval of July 2019 Minutes

**Action:** July 2019 Public Policy Committee minutes were moved and seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.

### Alison Burchett, DDC Public Policy Fellow, UW LEND Program

Alison talked about all the things she learned during her time being a DDC Public Policy Fellow. She particularly enjoyed learning about the legislative process and how everyone works together to get things done. She was grateful for the opportunity to learn and pass her knowledge on to others in the LEND Program

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### **Diana Stadden, Advocacy Coordinator, Advocacy Partnership Project**

Diana presented the activities the state Arc has done to fulfill the Advocacy Partnership project over the past year. She also explained several of the bills that were worked on during the last session. The Action Alert system is one way that Council members can be involved and stay up-to-date with the issues throughout the session. The Advocacy Partnership is made up of several efforts to engage people with disabilities and families as well as providers in the legislative process. She shared materials and handouts.

### **Council Training and Involvement**

At the last meeting the Council voted and agreed to these recommendations.

- 1) Set an expectation for Council members who serve on a state governing board (the DD Council)
- 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.
- 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.

Instead of any training at this meeting it was decided that several speakers would come to the full Council meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 pm.