

**Utah Developmental Disabilities Council**  
**Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, February 12, 2012**  
**11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

Present: Deborah Bowman  
Eric Stoker  
Jennifer Kuhn  
James O'Neill (via telephone)  
Nevah Stevenson  
Troy Justesen (via telephone)  
Frank Long  
Claire Mantonya  
Libby Oseguera  
Excused: Clarissa Crisp

*Meeting convened at: 11:15 a.m.*

**INTRODUCTION**

Claire Mantonya welcomed everyone. The executive committee discussed the members that will be ending their appointment at the end of this year and made sure that the application process for council membership is in place.

**UPDATE ON POST SECONDARY EDUCATION PROJECT**

Michelle Holbrook has 14 acres of land in Lehi that she has donated and is going to build a "life-long" University that will transport people to other University campuses to meet their educational goals. The structure is to offer a day program setting with community classes, equestrian courses and similar activities, and also to provide transportation to college campuses if course work is the students' goal. No other state DD council has joined onto an initiative like this and this endeavor is very innovative. Troy Justesen has volunteered to provide grant writing. A black tie fund raiser is in the planning phase to generate monies to start the program. Requesting a State dollar match to the grant funding during the 2014 legislative session is also under consideration. The school will be a non-profit and will be self sustaining through renting out the theater and other facilities to Charter schools and organizations in the area. Other programs exist in the nation that we can also draw inspiration from. Lane Community College near Portland, OR is the largest successful model and George Mason University is another successful program that additionally offers an on-campus residential model. Also, Dan Marino, an advocate for autism, is opening a campus branch, The DMF Vocation Campus. This might be a valuable program by way of formatting our structure around some of the things at the DMF campus. There is still a goal to gain local celebrity endorsement for the campus. Planning and brain storming sessions from the UDDC for this project have been scheduled for early March.

**REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF 5 YEAR PLAN**

Goal 5.2: In Clearfield, a Federal grant is being utilized to get a wide spectrum of people with disabilities jobs. Another grant is being utilized by DSPD to research how to obtain and maintain employment as a person with a disability by making connections and networking with people in the job-seekers community. This piece of the Alliance for Full Participation is quite successful. The UDDC is pushing toward creating goals that increase the number of people working by 2015. When legislation ends the UDDC will re-evaluate employment goals and statute change. Some of the proposed items are to sponsor a symposium webinar on employers successfully employing people with disabilities and the employees themselves and to hold information sessions for people interested in employment at the 2014 provider conference hosted by DSPD.

Goal 2: UDDC is entering the 3<sup>rd</sup> year of a 5 year contract with Family Advocacy. They manage leadership and People First. GAP is also working to manage the legislative activity and leadership. Family Advocacy is funded for \$170,000 and currently they are spending \$120,000-130,000. They have stabilized as far as staffing and organizing, so they should be able to better understand their appropriation of funds. On the national level we need to do things in a more innovative way in regard to Asset Based Community Development. Mandy and Kristen are attending training sessions and their intentions after legislation is to get their regional organizers and community leaders involved in this process. Claire discussed the Kettering Institute event in Dayton and that she is excited to apply what she learns there. The UDDC has a very valuable public policy person and may consider bringing GAP back in house at some point.

Goal 3: People are not making application for The Empowerment Fund. One consideration is to send Council Members to events and conferences to utilize these funds. Amy Notwells' CPD leadership program begins its pilot session later this month and everyone is excited to test the curriculum. James O'neill attended voting training and Bryon Murray is receiving support for his SABE presidency. Federal reporting will be completed by March 15 and at that time grant funding will be re-evaluated.

Goal 4: Deborah Bowman is on the disabilities advisories council. The public meetings are held the first Tuesday of every month at DSPD. It was suggested that a comment box be added to the DSPD website so the public can contribute input. The UDDC executive committee would like to explore the UDDC's position on institutionalization and Sate Medicaid.

Claire Mantonya made a motion to support exploration.  
James O'Neill 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

\$5000 is allocated toward adult sibling resources in Utah. National organizations are in place and it is time to start a state chapter. A planning meeting is scheduled for later today.

### **BUDGET**

We are saving 2000\$ a month on rent and the council is not spending the money planned to pay for the Public Policy position. It would be appropriate to make sure that our objectives are being financially met. An agenda of unmet objectives should be produced to better accomplish the Five Year Plan. Because the budget is greater than the funding that received every year, we need to establish priorities.

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

Committees need to meet and discuss the goals outlined in the 5 Year Plan. These meetings should be prior to March 10 so that we can review those notes at the March 12, 2013 Executive Committee meeting.

### **Next Executive Committee Meeting:**

Tuesday, March 12<sup>th</sup> 11-1:00 pm  
Council Office

*Meeting adjourned at 1:00 pm.  
Minutes prepared by Libby Oseguera*