



**Utah Developmental Disabilities Council**  
**Tuesday, January 8, 2013**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**State Capitol, Copper Room**

**Members Present:** Deborah Bowman- Chair, Eric Stoker- Vice Chair, Kelie Babcock, Tom Brownlee, Elsie Dee, Dustin Ereksen, Bryce Fifield, Reed Hahne, Cheryl Hansen, Nels Holmgren Donald Holt, Kristen Hone, Tracy Johnson, Lenny Jones, Jennifer Kuhn, Glen Larsen for Tina Hales, Kayci Lynam, James O'Neill, Ginny Rouse, Paul Smith, Eder Soriano, Nevah Stevenson, Christine Timothy, Jane Tuttle, Don Uchida

**UDDC Staff:** Claire Mantonya, Frank Long, Troy Justesen, Libby Oseguera

**Guests:** Amy Bosworth, Kristin Chapman, Kris Fawson Robert Hahne, Amy Notwell, Pam Smith, Eder Soriano's Staff

**Excused:** Sen. Pat Jones, Rep. Paul Ray, Clarissa Crisp - Treasurer, Lisa Breitenstein, Jennie Gibson, Richard Harward, James McFadden, Jeanie Pettit, Adina Zahradnikova

*Committee Meeting convened at 10:00 a.m.*

**INTRODUCTION**

Deborah Bowman welcomed everyone and introductions were made around the room.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Donald Holt shared that he received an award celebrating 4 years of employment with Home Depot in Park City. Adina Zahradnikova had a baby boy, Nicholas. Tom Brownlee addressed concerns with the fiscal cliff and urged everyone to write their legislators. Kris Fawson announced that the Legislative Coalition Reception will be held on February 7, 2013 from 4-6 pm at the State Capitol rotunda and there will also be a photography exhibit downstairs.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Deborah called for a motion to approve the minutes from the November 2012 Full Council Meeting. Tom Brownlee made a motion to approve the minutes, and James O'Neill seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed with 23 in favor. Jane Tuttle abstained.

**POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION PROJECT**

Jennifer Kuhn presented a proposal from the Utah Transition Action Team requesting funding for videos to be produced to educate families about the possibility of post-secondary education for adults with developmental disabilities. The videos will focus on people who are already enrolled in colleges and are successful in their efforts. The experiences of the families with students who have developmental disabilities that are in college will also be reviewed. Teachers, staff, and other people that provided assistance to these students will be interviewed. In addition to proving this as a viable option for people who are hoping to continue their education, the films will also offer advice on how to begin the process and what struggles the

individuals faced. Families need to be aware of education after high school and these videos will provide the information and confidence they need to pursue post-secondary education. The Board of Education, USOR, and Salt Lake Community College are some of the institutions that are supporting this project. Funding on the council's part is minimal as the supporting agencies are donating money and time. Jennifer is participating on the UTAT project and supports the proposal. She will meet with the Mayor of Lehi on Thursday January 10, 2013 to discuss the post-secondary education in the area. Council members raised a few concerns as far as an evaluation process, who will be selected as a subject in the films and what the UDDC has the ability to influence within the projects parameters. It was discussed that an evaluation process will be determined at a later time, but will be implemented. It was also determined that the film subjects have been pre-selected and that the Council cannot necessarily influence the direction of the project, but that self advocates are able to voice their opinions on the project planning. This is a part of the budget that was already voted on, and they are not seeking additional funding.

Deborah Bowman asked for a motion to support films on how to approach post-secondary education. Elsie Dee made a motion to pass and Nevah Stevenson seconded the motion. The motion to pass was 19 in favor, none opposed and Bryce Fifield abstained.

### **UPDATES ON COUNCIL STAFF AND THE OFFICE**

Claire announced that changes have been made to the office. Space was significantly reduced in a building remodel that resulted in a substantial savings in rent! The UDDC office lost its large conference room, but gained new carpet and a new conference room. Frank was very helpful by building cabinets and providing oversight over the renovation.

Troy Justesen Ed. E., will fill our new public policy position, bring his many talents and expertise, and will be a wonderful asset to the UDDC. The administrative secretary position was filled by Libby Oseguera. She brings passion and great organizational skills to the Council staff. Mark Smith will be retiring and a cookie reception will be held in his honor on February 14, 2013 from 2:30-4:30p at the UDDC office.

### **BOISE DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY SUMMIT**

Claire, Judith Holt, Amy Notwell, LuWenn Jones, Mandy Shale, Kayci Lynam, and Eric Stoker attended a Developmental Disability Sister Agency Summit event in Boise. There were groups from Wyoming, Washington, Oregon, New Mexico, Idaho, Utah, and Nevada. All of the Utah delegation members were on panels at the event. Attendees met with some university programs and protection and advocacy organizations. The Administration on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (AIDD) Commissioner Sharon Lewis was a speaker there and as a result of her participation, she will encourage our DD networks to meet in other regions around the country now.

### **ADVOCATES AS LEADERS ADVANCED LEADERSHIP ACADEMY**

Amy Notwell presented on the Advocates as Leaders project. This program recognizes that people with disabilities have had limited opportunities in their leadership training outside the disability community. People with disabilities can become more involved in their communities if they are supported in learning additional leadership skills. Amy is developing the curriculum to teach people more behavioral and relationship skills and how to become active on boards within their community. She formed a small design committee and they have developed a curriculum that will include topics such as "What defines a leader?" and "Board skills." They will create a leadership plan for each participant as the course develops. Module two will implement the skills that participants have gained by attending a board meeting and evaluating the experience. They will also be speaking with representatives from governmental, non-profit and community organizations. They will be exploring the types of committees and they will resolve a problem for each one of the representatives they meet with by creating an action plan. The course is projected to start the second

week of February with 10 participants for the pilot 10 week session. The information and application is available at [www.utahddcouncil.org](http://www.utahddcouncil.org).

### **NAVAJO ADVOCACY PROJECT**

Elsie Dee and Claire Mantonya presented on the Navajo Project meeting in November 2012 and also on a meeting they attended in Chicago on November 26-30, 2012 focused on Asset Based Community Development. In Chicago they learned about several communities where they have used ABCD to better their communities. Claire gave a brief presentation explaining how ABCD works and how it applies to the Navajo Project. The UDDC paid to have Mike Green travel from Colorado to provide ABCD (Asset Based Community Development) training to a group of people from the Four Corners area in October 2012. It allowed people to learn what resources are available and fostered conversation about what the community needed. The November meeting resolved that they would like to preserve Navajo traditions and they would like a recreation center. A follow up meeting will be held on January 22, 2013 at Whitehorse High School at 4 pm to discuss the next phase of bringing these ideas into fruition. Troy Justesen and his brother Tracy will attend this meeting with Claire and Elsie to provide their expertise and support. Bryce Fifield expressed his concerns on whether or not this cause was helping people with disabilities and how we would evaluate the success of the Council's efforts. Claire reported that the Georgia Developmental Disabilities Council has invited her to participate in an all expenses paid workshop where she can learn to demonstrate how we can appropriately evaluate the program and how to show that this project is affecting the disability community positively. Elsie reported that the members of the community that are participating in this program are strong disability advocates including special education teachers.

### **BUDGET REVIEW**

Frank reviewed the current budget and we are at 25% expenditure for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter. Rent went from \$4,800 to \$2,880 a month as a result of our downsizing office space. Frank explained the Empowerment Fund is a fund available to people who are seeking education, training and/or creating awareness for disability related issues. The Disability Law Center contract is gone since LuWenn Jones resigned. The DLC is reviewing needs at this time.

Frank and Paul Smith discussed the Council's involvement in the DSPD Advisory Council. Paul shared that the council is made of 12 appointed members. The DSPD Advisory Council will need to meet at least quarterly, but can meet as often as necessary. They will be providing input to the DSPD since the DSPS board was dissolved several years ago. There is no monetary compensation for Advisory Council members, but the Council voted to support members financially for travel expenses, respite and personal assistance to make participation accessible to members.

Bryce raised his ongoing concern that the Council is being too conservative in our spending. It was agreed that the Executive Committee would address this issue during their next meeting and report back to the Council with recommendations.

### **211 UPDATE**

Amy Bosworth discussed the upcoming preparations 211 is making for Mark Smith's retirement. 211 evaluated the process that Mark used to assist callers and developed a learning module for their technicians. For now all specialists will learn this module and they hope to move toward housing a disability specialist to replace Mark. Mark will continue to work at 211 on Mondays as a volunteer. 211 is seeking accreditation. During this legislative session they will be seeking state funding for 211. They would appreciate support to gain the funding they need to be able to continue to serve the community.

BREAK for lunch

### **UPDATE FROM AGENCY MEMBERS**

Nels Holmgren said that the Governor's budget included money for nutrition programs like Meals-on-Wheels and additional abuse and neglect programming. Kelie Babcock spoke about Independent Living Centers and the funding necessary to meet the needs of those they serve. Don Uchida stated that USOR may need to start a wait list for services if sequestration occurs. The 6 building blocks submitted by USOR are necessary to the agency, but not recommended by the Governor. Paul Smith discussed some of the DSPD building blocks that were recommended by the Governor. One building block involves funding for children who leave DCFS services and need a continuation of funds through DSPD, if eligible. Another building block is the Family Preservation Program which provides temporary behavioral supports for families on the waiting list to keep them out of crisis. Glen Larsen reported that Medicaid was giving back \$41 million to the state for 2013 as Medicaid had not used those funds. The transition program will be funded into next year. Eder Soriano is a great example of what can happen when people are moved from a residential facility into a community placement.

### **REPORT FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Deborah Bowman asked everyone to report on meeting with their legislator as assigned in November. Claire and Deborah met with their Senator. Jennifer Kuhn met with her Representative and also met with Lehi Mayor and with Saratoga Springs Mayor, Mia Love, about extending post secondary education into the Eagle Mountain area. Tracy Johnson met with Rep Nowell. She made attempts to meet with other Representatives, but was not able to do so.

### **PUBLIC POLICY UPDATE**

Troy Justesen spoke about the letter sent on behalf of the Council to the DSPD regarding the tiered waiver options.

### **2013 NOMINATION COMMITTEE**

Jane Tuttle was appointed by Deborah Bowman to be the 2013 Chair of the Nominating Committee. Jane explained duties of this committee. Deborah asked who would be interested in serving on this committee. Kayci Lynam, Tom Brownlee, Nevah Stevenson, James O'Neill, and Eder Soriano expressed interest.

*Meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.*

**Next UDDC Full Council meeting will be Tuesday, April 2, 2013 at the Division of Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired, 10 – 2:00 pm**

*Minutes prepared by Libby Oseguera / Claire Mantonya*

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