



**Utah Developmental Disabilities Council
Tuesday, September 10, 2013
Meeting Minutes
State Office Building Auditorium**

Members Present: Deborah Bowman- Chair, Eric Stoker- Vice Chair, Tom Brownlee, Elsie Dee, Dustin Erekson, Jennie Gibson, Reed Hahne, Cheryl Hansen, Nels Holmgren, Donald Holt, Kristen Hone, Tracy Johnson, Lenny Jones, Jennifer Kuhn, Glen Larsen, Kayci Lynam, James McFadden, James O'Neill, Ginny Rouse, Eder Soriano, Christine Timothy, Jane Tuttle

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

Guests: Rita Bouillon, Kristen Chapman, Jeff Bryan Dial, Karen Hansen, Linda Hansen, Alice Hirai, Kelly Holt, Lee Ann Lugar, Amy Notwell, Mandy Shale, Lana Stoll

Excused: Sen. Pat Jones, Rep. Paul Ray, Kelie Babcock, Lisa Breitenstein, Clarissa Crisp, Bryce Fifield, Richard Harward, Jeanie Pettit, Paul Smith, Nevah Stevenson, Don Uchida, Adina Zahradnikova

Meeting convened at 09:10 a.m.

INTRODUCTION AND UPDATES

Direct support professionals week is September 8-14, 2013. The Council viewed a PSA to support and recognize direct support professionals.

Claire, Deborah, Libby and Jennifer Kuhn attended the Utah Transition Action Team Transition Symposium in June. The conference was a collaboration of parents and professionals to problem solve the issues that transition-aged students face. Utah State University hosts UTAT.

On July 18, David Taylor Jr. and his mother, Judy, held a workshop about building your own business. David has a business, "Racecar Waterboy" where he sells ice and water at NASCAR racetracks.

The Council will be offering a \$15,000 grant to address employment goals in the 5-year Plan. Submitted ideas will be reviewed by the Employment and Education Committee and they will make recommendations to the full Council. The grant will likely be awarded in February 2014.

"RespectAbility" is a national campaign about the employability of people with disabilities. Leslee Hintze, of the Governor's Committee on Employment for People with Disabilities, will partner with the Council to promote the employability of people with disabilities at the Governor's Economic Summit at the Grand America next year.

"Take Your Legislator to Work" was an project sparked by the Wisconsin DD Council and we have decided to adopt this program in Utah. TYLW is a program that encourages people with disabilities, who are competitively employed, to invite their legislators to them at their jobs. To qualify to participate, employees

must make minimum wage and get approval from their employer. This fall will be our pilot session. Participants have until September 20, 2013 to sign up.

The sibling network is starting a chapter in Utah for adult siblings! UTABS- Utah Adult Brothers and Sisters are currently running focus groups to find out what adult siblings want and need from their community.

Elsie Dee and Claire reported on the Navajo garden project, since the placement of the garden boxes. Plants are growing and weeding is a daily chore, but things are progressing and building community strength through ABCD.

Troy wrote for a grant through the University of Kansas for a family support. Unfortunately, The Council was not selected to receive the grant, but will continue to strive to fulfill what this grant would have provided, which is greater collaboration between agencies and organizations to provide better access for individuals and families to meet their needs.

The Council will submit a 2 page Brief to the Governor and to Legislators explaining the critical need to fund the waiting list (approx. 1800 people). The Brief recommends that the entire list be funded over the next 3 years. Troy welcomes suggestions and comments and explained that this information will be available on the Council's website.

Claire gave a review of ITACC and NACDD conference in Washington D.C. this past July. Claire is the national Chair of the NACDD and did an excellent job of running the conference, where Council members learned a lot of valuable information. Council member Kayci Lynam, discussed her experience and the things she learned from a session she attended on Autism Acceptance. Vice Chair, Eric Stoker, attended a sibling session and he shared his experience. Deborah Bowman, Troy Justesen and Libby Oseguera, from the Council, also attended the Conference.

Bryon Murray attended the NACDD and then returned to Chair the National SABE Conference in Salt Lake City. Claire is anticipating an invitation to the 50th celebration of the developmental disabilities act signed into legislation by President Kennedy to be held at the White House in October.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Deborah called for a motion to approve the minutes from the May 2013 Full Council Meeting. Dustin Erikson made a motion to approve the minutes, and Tom Brownlee seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

2013 COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Jane Tuttle discussed the liaison member candidates and the Vice Chair and the Treasurer candidates. Candidates had the opportunity to introduce themselves and to explain how they will best serve the Council in the position they are running for. The voting members casted votes via ballot. Jane and the nominating committee counted the votes. Jane Tuttle announced the liaison members for 2014. She announced that Dustin Erikson will serve as treasurer and that Eric Stoker will continue as the Council's Vice Chair.

BUDGET UPDATE

Frank discussed the budget and explained that the Council has prepared for sequestration in the event that the Congress will also sequester the 2014 budget. We had some money left over in the Empowerment Fund from last year. Frank explained that the Empowerment Fund is used to help families and individuals attend conferences relevant to their lives and disabilities. He encouraged the Council to make people aware of this

available funding. The Council will start offering up to three \$1,000 grants for small projects that meet a goal or objective in the Council's five year plan. The Utah Caregiver Alliance program that the Council is funding has allocated a majority of their funds to the development of their website, HireMyCare.org. Frank asked for feedback about the Community Supports Abuse and Neglect program, as the awareness of this program is low and this will be addressed in the upcoming contract year. \$5,000 will be set aside to fund the adult sibling program, UTABS. In the future, we will travel with fewer people to events like NACDD and ITACC in an effort to preserve funds.

Motion to approve the budget made by Tom Brownlee, Eric Stoker seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

FRAMEWORK FOR MAKING PUBLIC POLICY DECISION MAKING DISCUSSION

Claire serves on the Disability Law Center board, which is a sister agency to the UDDC. Claire reviewed the DLC's basis for making decisions and decided that we need the ability to make decisions in regard to our values and mission, and when feasible, gain Council approval. Troy explained the framework proposed in a prepared document. A brief discussion answering questions and concerns followed. James O'Neill motioned to approve the framework policy change and Tom Brownlee seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

MISSION, VISION AND VALUES PROPOSED CHANGES

Proposed changes were read to the Council and Ginny Rouse motioned to approve the proposed changes. James O'Neill seconded the motion to pass proposed changes. A vote was taken and the changes passed unanimously.

CLOSING REMARKS

Claire discussed the satisfaction survey and the typical cost to hold a full Council meeting, including travel costs and food costs. She explained that holding four full Council meetings next year will help in our attempt to preserve funding. The Executive Committee will usually meet during the months that the full Council does not meet. A moment was given to allow people to complete the satisfaction survey.

Claire briefly explained the Council Subcommittees to the new Council members in attendance and they were then asked about which subcommittee they were preferred to serve on.

Deborah Bowman thanked everyone for coming. The motion to adjourn was made by Tom Brownlee and Eric Stoked seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

**Next UDDC Full Council meeting will be Tuesday, October 8, 2013 at the Utah State Capitol,
12:00 – 2:00 pm**

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