



Utah Developmental Disabilities Council
Tuesday, October 28, 2014
Meeting Minutes
Kauri Sue Hamilton School

Members Present: Deborah Bowman- Chair, Kayci Lynam - Vice Chair, Alice Hirai, Brian Wood, Bryan Dial, Bryce Fifield, Cheryl Hansen, Ginny Rouse, Glen Larsen, Greg Smith, James McFadden , Kelie Babcock Linda Hansen, Nels Holmgren, Nevah Stevenson, Noel Taxin, Rita Bouillon, Robyn Chidester, Tracy Johnson, Tracy Justesen, Vicki Clayson

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

Absent: Rep. Paul Ray, Adina Zahradnikova, Denell Miles, Dustin Ereksen, Jessica Bowman, Kim Belliston, Kristen Hone, Lenny Jones, Lori Packard, Paul Smith, Russ Thelin

Guests: Amy Notwell, Colin of GAP, Jamie Gilland, Jennifer Kuhn, Kai Turner

Meeting convened at 10:10 am

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Deborah Bowman opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. Introductions were made around the room. Council members completed audio visual waivers and conflict of interest forms. Deborah opened the floor for public comment. Kai Turner from UAID discussed his role as the first paid director of the organization, which serves from Davis County to Utah County. The organization is accepting applications now for their annual Gift Box program and there is a collection site at State Street and 1800 S to accept gifts and donations. The organization needs donations and volunteers.

VOTE TO APPROVE COUNCIL MINUTES FROM PAST MEETINGS

Linda Hansen moved to approve the meeting minutes and Bryan Dial seconded the motion. The Council voted unanimously to approve meeting minutes.

ABCD GIFTS AND TALENTS ACTIVITY

The Council was divided into small groups and discussed the talents and resources that the individual members of the Council have to contribute. The talents were separated into “heart” and “hand” talents. Heart talents are qualities like kindness and patience. Hand talents are skills like sewing and building. After ten minutes each group chose a representative to report on their talents. Council members have a lot of gifts and talents that will be useful contributions as the group moves forward to achieve its goals.

RECOMMENDATION FOR NEW LIAISON MEMBER

Deborah introduced an application from Julia Pearce and explained that she is seeking Council membership as a liaison member. If selected, Julia will replace Jennifer Morgan (of the ADRC). Rita Bouillon moved that Pearce be appointed to the Council and Ginny Rouse offered a second. All voting members were in favor and Claire will invite Julia Pearce to join the Council.

5 YEAR PLAN

Claire discussed the Council's time line, explaining the 5 year planning process. In December 2014, Nancy Thaler of NASDDDS, will present to the Council regarding national perspective to help define clear goals for the next five year plan. Paul Smith confirmed the importance of Thaler's visit and informed the Council about the others she intends to meet with, in addition to the Council, during her visit. Thaler began her career in a developmental center and is a parent of an adopted child with a disability. Claire explained the meeting schedule on the 2nd and that the Council will host a reception meeting with legislators in the evening. Claire reminded members about the importance of meeting with your legislator and inviting them to the reception. During the next two years, the Council will be developing a new 5-Year Plan and host public meetings to gather community perspective on issues. In May 2016 the Council will vote on the final draft of the five year plan. The final plan is due on August 15, 2016. A planning committee will need to be formed and will be led by Bryce Fifield. Please talk to Deborah Bowman if interested in participating. The committee Chairs are invited to be a part of the committee. Rita Bouillon, Bryan Dial and Vicki Clayson all expressed interest in serving on the 5-Year Planning Committee.

Claire and Deborah met with the South Salt Lake Mayor and the Mayor agreed to include disability issues in their city planning. as well as provided an invitation for them to present to other Utah Mayors. The Council is excited about the community meetings and the opportunity to present information to local governmental leadership.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Council member recruitment begins in January. Claire asked for a small group of volunteers to serve on the Nominating Committee. The responsibilities include interviewing and reviewing applications of potential candidates to replace the members who will be leaving the Council. Tracy Johnson, Cheryl Hansen, Ginny Rouse and Nevah Stevenson volunteered.

2015 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

The Council will have a single legislative priority in the upcoming session. Direct Care Provider wages and compensation need to be raised and there is the need to educate legislators about how serious this situation is. Advocates are concerned that it has the potential to become a crisis situation if left unaddressed. The Council has decided to ask the legislature for a total of 15 million dollars; 5 million per year over the next 3 years. Paul Smith added that DSPD is working with the Governor's office to get funding for an increase in Direct Care Provider wages into the Governor's budget. Paul stated that the legislature usually adopts the majority of the Governor's budget proposals. Troy Justesen answered questions from Council members about approach and strategy for this legislative session.

PROGRAM AND PROJECT UPDATES

UCAT campus Presidents are meeting today about increasing access for people with disabilities to current programs and getting new programs. This meeting will impact the \$100,000 appropriation that was awarded in the last legislative session. Deborah Bowman announced that the Executive Committee has determined that the \$40,000 designated in the budget toward the Independent Living Centers will go instead to our Council priorities, and especially toward our legislative efforts. The \$10,000 designated to the DSPD Employment Project from last year will be carried forward to this budget year because the funding request did not make it through the system. The Council office was recently broken into and a window was broken and Claire's laptop stolen. Funding was moved to the IT category for the replacement of Claire's computer. Claire's performance review was above satisfactory and the Executive Committee was very pleased with her past performance. Deborah thanked Claire for her excellent work. A committee list was included in meeting attachments for Council members to determine their Committee assignments and the new Committee Chairs were announced. Deborah thanked Linda Hansen and Ginny Rouse for being willing to Chair the

Employment and Education Committee and the Leadership Committee respectively. Committees will meet before February and those meeting dates will be announced at a future date. Vicki Clayson discussed progress on this year's Take Your Legislator to Work program. This is the second year of the project and it is projected to be even more successful this year with increased participation over the inaugural year. Clayson has contacted providers and has found 8 potential participants all making a minimum of eight dollars per hour. There are limited participants from outlying areas and she is seeking rural participants. She encouraged Council members to locate eligible people have them contact Vicki about enrolling in the program. Libby Oseguera presented on the ABCD Navajo project explaining that the project has established new relationships, is growing and will begin taking steps toward selling produce and raising livestock at the farm. Kayci Lynam and Ginny Rouse shared their experience at SABE in Oklahoma City, OK October 12-14, 2014. Lynam had a very positive experience with her presentation and found that peers that attended her presentation gave it high marks on their evaluations. Tom Brownlee and Bryon Murray also gave presentations and there was great representation from Utah! Overall it was a very positive and valuable experience for the Utah attendees.

CLOSING REMARKS

Rita Bouillon explained that after lunch she would give a tour of Kauri Sue Hamilton School. Deborah thanked Rita for hosting the meeting and everyone for coming. She asked for a motion to close the meeting. Bryan Dial moved that the meeting adjourn and a second was given by Ginny Rouse. The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 12:26 p.m.

Next UDDC Full Council meeting will be Tuesday, December 2, 2014 at the State Capitol

Minutes prepared by Libby Oseguera

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