



Utah Developmental Disabilities Council

Tuesday, February 6, 2014

Meeting Minutes

Division of Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired, Conference Room

Members Present: Deborah Bowman- Chair, Kelie Babcock, Kim Belliston, Rita Bouillon, Vicki Clayson, Robyn Chidester, Cheryl Hansen, Linda Hansen, Alice Hirai, Kristen Hone, Tracy Johnson, Jennifer Kuhn, Glen Larsen, Kayci Lynam, James McFadden, Jennifer Morgan, Ginny Rouse, Paul Smith, Christine Timothy, Nels Holmgren, Lori Packard,

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

Excused: Sen. Pat Jones, Rep. Paul Ray, Eric Stoker- Vice Chair, J. Bryan Dial, Dustin Erekson, Bryce Fifield, Richard Harward, Lenny Jones, Nevah Stevenson, Russ Thelin, Adina Zahradnikova

Meeting convened at 12:30 pm

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Deborah Bowman welcomed everyone and the group introduced themselves. Council member Alice Hirai discussed an upcoming play "Breaking the Silence" about Japanese American history that she and her children will be acting in later this month. She invited the Council to attend and encouraged learning about the rich cultural history of Japanese Americans. Council members were invited to attend a pancake breakfast fundraiser hosted by People First of Utah for the purpose of growing the Utah Sibling Leadership Network and raising funds for People First of Utah. Deborah Bowman reminded Council members about the Campus Clubs production on March 21 at 7:00pm in the Woods Cross High School Little Theater.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council Members reviewed the minutes from the October 8, 2013 Full Council Meeting. Frank Long found a misspelling of a name and Rita Bouillon was asked to be added to attendees. Motion to approve minutes, contingent that those changes are made, by Kayci Lynam and the 2nd was given by Ginny Rouse. Minutes were unanimously approved.

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Claire Mantonya took a moment to honor Council Member Karen Hansen who passed away suddenly in December. Mantonya also reminded the Council that Donald Holt moved to Las Vegas in November. The Governor appointed two new Council members to fill the vacancies. Tracy Justesen and Brian Wood were appointed to the Council earlier this week and will be great assets to the Council.

SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY

Libby Oseguera presented the Social Media Policy draft. The Council reviewed the information and Vicki Clayson motioned to approve the policy and Kayci Lynam 2nd the motion. The Social Media Policy was adopted unanimously.

CURRENT LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Claire Mantonya asked the Council to share their experiences with contacting their Legislators. Claire reviewed the DSPD Consumer Counts and Mandated Additional Needs numbers and explained how they can be used as a tool to discuss the needs of their constituents when talking to legislators. Troy Justesen presented information on HB94 regarding worker's compensation insurance that the Council is supporting. Member Vicki Clayson does not support HB94 as she interprets the current language presented today. Justesen also provided clarification on Medicaid law and home and community-based services.

REPORTS AND PROGRAM UPDATES

The UDDC 2012-2013 annual report has been completed and distributed. Copies can be obtained by contacting the Council office or viewed digitally by visiting www.utahddcouncil.org. Claire Mantonya gave a review of the inaugural year for the "Take Your Legislator to Work" programs that was co-sponsored by the UDDC and DSPD. The program was successful in its first year and will be continued in the future. Claire also discussed a national initiative lead by Senator Harkinson (IA) called Six by Fifteen, where six disability rights organizations are collaborating to achieve six goals by 2015. Information about the project and the goals can be found by visiting www.sixbyfifteen.org. DSPD will be providing a "Bridges out of Poverty" training session that is extended to Council members. The training will take place in April 2014.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Kim Belliston recounted the Community Supports Committee work. Belliston reported on the Abuse and Neglect project with CPD at Utah State University. The program trained 200 self-advocates last year. The focus of the project this year will be educating caregivers. The Utah Caregiver Alliance also presented to the committee in January and reported on the progress of HireMyCare.org. Getting HireMyCare.org started in Utah has been challenging and they need assistance encouraging people to sign up for this free service. The ABCD project with Elsie Dee and Mike Green is well underway and will be meeting in March to discuss the future of the community garden in southern Utah.

Jennifer Kuhn reported for the Employment and Education Committee. The Committee has been working with Representative Edwards to propose a resolution for post-secondary education for people with disabilities. A recent project with Cary Griffin is helping individuals gain employment using local employers and their networks to get referrals for possible jobs. The Committee recommends putting on hold the RFP to engage current employment project opportunities, as there is a need to explore more ideas.

Kayci Lynam, Leadership Committee Chair, encouraged Council Members to publicly testify at the legislative session. Lynam explained that Troy Justesen would be available to support those who wished to testify or meet with their legislator. Family Advocacy is in the fourth year of a five-year contract and is pleased to report that there are twelve active People First of Utah chapters throughout the state. The goal for this year is to start new chapters in rural areas and to focus on training current People First Members to recruit new membership. Amy Notwell will be teaching a new leadership course, "Be Your Own Hero," beginning in March. Notwell will continue to assist Council Members with their participation on the Council and with transitioning out of Council membership and into new positions. This will be the last year that Bryon Murray will serve as the SABE President and the Council will no longer financially support membership on the SABE Board. However, the Committee is recommending that the Council provide scholarships for people to attend the annual SABE conference. Lynam moved that the Council add a \$10,000 line item to the budget to support SABE scholarships. Ginny Rouse seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Deborah Bowman discussed the need to form this year's nominating committee and appointed Eric Stoker as

committee chair. Members of the Nominating Committee are Jennifer Kuhn, Ginny Rouse, Tracy Justesen and Kayci Lynam.

CLOSING REMARKS

Christine Timothy announced that she will be accepting another position in the State Office of Education and will no longer serve as representative for Glenna Gallo. Council members were given the opportunity to discuss other questions or concerns. Members were encouraged to attend the LCPD Legislative reception at the State Capitol Rotunda immediately following this meeting. Ginny Rouse made a motion to adjourn and Rita Bouillon seconded the motion. The motion to adjourn passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Next UDDC Full Council meeting will be Tuesday, May 13, 2014 at the State Capitol, Spruce Room (off the cafeteria in the West building) 10:00 – 2:00 pm

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