



**Utah Developmental Disabilities Council
Tuesday, September 8, 2015
Meeting Minutes
Viridian Event Center**

Members Present: Deborah Bowman- Chair, Kayci Lynam- Vice Chair, Adina Zahradnikova, Alice Hirai, Bryan Dial, Cheryl Hansen, Darin Brush, Ginny Rouse, Glen Larsen, Greg Smith, Senator Luz Escamilla, James McFadden, Julia Pearce, Kelie Babcock, Kristen Hone, Linda Hansen, Nevah Stevenson, Noel Taxin, Tracy Johnson,

UDDC Staff: Claire Mantonya, Libby Oseguera, Tamara Johnson

Excused: Rep. Paul Ray, Denell Miles, Jessica Bowman, Kim Belliston, Lenny Jones, Rita Bouillon, Tracy Justesen, Vicki Clayson

Absent: Brian Wood, Dustin Erekson, Lori Packard, Nels Holmgren,

Guests: Amy Notwell, Brooke Wilson, Jeanne Pettit, Steven & Sally Palmer, Trevor Buit

Meeting convened at 9:30 am

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Deborah Bowman opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. Introductions were made around the room. Eric Stoker was introduced as the new UDDC Information Specialist; Trevor Buit is a new Council member; Judith Holt is the new Interim Executive Director of The Center for Persons for People with Disabilities, and Darin Brush is the new Office of Vocational Rehabilitation Executive Director.

Deborah opened the floor for public comment. Eric Stoker reported that the ADA 25th Celebration Gold Key Awards were amazing and small gold keys were handed out to guests. Governor Herbert and Senator Hatch attended the event.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Motion to approve December 2014, February, May, June 2015 Meeting Minutes, was made by Bryan Dial, and seconded by James McFadden. The motion passed unanimously and all minutes were approved.

APPROVAL OF 2015-2016 BUDGET

Claire explained the budget proposal for the 2015-2016 year as recommended by the Executive Committee. Judith Holt suggested a line item breakout for specific reference in the future. Ginny Rouse made a motion to approve and Adina Zahradnikova seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ELECTIONS – TREASURER AND LIAISON MEMBERS

Elections were held for Treasurer and two Liaison Council member positions for the Utah DD Council. Citizen Council member Nevah Stevenson presented that Janet Wade, Julie Miller, Kris Fawson, Mark Christensen, and Sunny Todhunter had applied for the two Liaison positions. Jessica Bowman was on the ballot to be elected as the Council Treasurer. Paper ballots were passed out to voting members. After results were tallied, Janet Wade and Kris Fawson were elected serve as Liaison(s) for the next two years and Jessica Bowman will serve as Treasurer.

Deborah Bowman recognized Liaisons Council members completing two terms (for a total of 4 years of service) Cheryl Hansen - Turn Community Services and Dustin Erekson – Community Treatment Alternatives. Deborah thanked them for their service and contribution during their terms with the Utah DD Council.

UPDATE FROM THE 5-YEAR PLANNING COMMITTEE

Bryan Dial reported the status and progress made by the 5-Year Planning Committee. He explained the background of the Committee work since meeting in June regarding the new plan. Bryan has developed several surveys via Survey Monkey and noted that the Committee would like to get additional input on community, employment, medical and dental concerns. So far, there have been a good number of responses. The next 5-Year Planning Committee meeting will be on October 27th, at the Council office from 10 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The goal will be to have some general goals for the Council to review during their November meeting.

APPROVAL OF RECOMMENDED PROPOSED NEW MISSION STATEMENT

The 5-Year Planning Committee and the Executive Committee put forth a possible new Mission Statement:

*“The Utah Developmental Disabilities Council will advocate, build capacity and encourage systems change to support people with disabilities **and their families** to fully and independently participate in their communities.”*

Linda Hansen felt that “build capacity” was vague, and Senator Luz Escamilla asked the question of including “families” in the statement. After discussion of these two questions, Senator Escamilla made a motion to approve the above Mission statement as amended and Noel Taxin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

REPORT FROM THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNCILS ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES (NACDD COUNCIL)

Claire Mantonya reported on Council attendance and the presentations made at the NACDD National Conference in Reno, July 20-23. Council member James McFadden reported that it was a great experience and just furthers his commitment to his representation of the Council

Our panel of presenters included Self-Advocates Kayci Lynam, Eric Stoker, Kelly Holt, and Lenny Jones who worked with Dr. Tanya Whitehead from Chicago to design a People First Advisor Curriculum - a comprehensive new approach that our State and local People First groups will benefit from now and in the future. The panel was practiced and very professional in their presentation of the Curriculum and in answering questions afterwards from conference attendees. Kayci noted that there was a lot of valuable information for new advisors presented, and explained her experience at the conference was awesome.

The Council also supported a presentation of the Navajoland ABCD Community Garden Project in Bluff. Elsie Dee and her son Myron Jones, along with Rev. Leon Sampson from the St. Christopher's Navajo Episcopal Mission presented about our collaboration. This ABCD project is a helpful example to show other Councils how an Asset-Based Community Development (ABCD) program can enhance community integration for people with disabilities.

REPORT FROM EMPOWERMENT FUND RECIPENTS AND MINI-GRANTS

Deena Lee reported about her experience at the Inclusion Summit, August 10-14. There were 40 participants this year and the theme was "Change in our World."

REPORT FROM THE NATIONAL SIBLING CONFERENCE ATTENDEES

Laura Henrie and Bryan Dial reported on their attendance at the National Adult Sibling Conference, May 30-31 in Louisville, Kentucky. National experts spoke on topics related to the latest in sibling services and supports, and new research initiatives. They had the opportunity to meet and interact with other sibling advocates, learn about resource networking, and hear related sibling stories. They both enjoyed their experience at the conference very much and appreciated the opportunity to attend.

DISABILITY LAW CENTER – SETTINGS RULE EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION

Laura Henrie and Camille Coon from the Disability Law Center presented the Settings Rule. New rules from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid are now requiring the state to create a plan for individuals in the Utah Medicaid Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) waivers to support them in getting what they need to stay healthy, live where they want and with whom they want, have the opportunity to work doing what they enjoy, and make their own decisions about the way they want to live their lives. The Disability Law Center is leading a big effort with this training to involve the disability community in developing the transition plan with the Health Department.

According to the rules, the state must use its federal HCBS money to develop a transition plan ensuring individual rights of privacy, dignity and respect, facilitating individual choice regarding services and supports and who provides them. They must also include that individuals with disabilities are able to choose resources and supports of their choice to help them reach their goals.

The state of Utah has developed their plan but still would like input and comments for future revisions and additions. If there are any questions, please contact Camille Coon – Advocate at the Disabilities Law Center. The following websites were provided for more information:

- For local resources, fact sheets, and more visit the Disability Law Center's website at: <http://disabilitylawcenter.org/hcbs/>
- To view other state transition plans, access national resources, and learn more about the new rules visit: hcbsadvocacy.org
- You can submit your feedback online, by fax or mail by visiting the state's HCBS transition at <http://health.utah.gov/ltc/hcbstransition/>.
- To read the final rule, fact sheets, webinars, informational bulletins, and toolkits from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services visit: Medicaid.gov/hcbs
- To view Utah's transition plan and other documents published by the Department of Health visit: <http://health.utah.gov/ltc/hcbstransition/>

PRESENTATION ON NEW HOUSING PROJECT – COLUMBUS COMMUNITY CENTER

Stephanie Mackay made a presentation for the Columbus Community Center “Hub of Opportunity” located at 3495 West Temple - Salt Lake City, UT 84115. This is a new residential living center which will serve as a community-based facility providing innovative social services to 450 individuals with developmental and physical disabilities, supported employment, day activity and residential services. They are still in the fund raising stages with hopes to build and be open in a couple of years.

CLOSING REMARKS

Deborah thanked everyone for coming and excused the meeting attendees for a brief break before the 2015 Annual Advocacy Awards luncheon from Noon- 2:30pm.

Ginny Rouse made a motion to close the meeting and Kayci Lynam seconded the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Next UDDC Full Council meeting will be held Tuesday, November 10, 2015 at Festival Hall, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. in Cedar City

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