



Utah Developmental Disabilities Council
Tuesday, May 13, 2014
Meeting Minutes
Utah State Capitol, Spruce Room

Members Present: Deborah Bowman- Chair, Kelie Babcock, Kim Belliston, Rita Bouillon, Vicki Clayson, J. Bryan Dial, Dustin Ereksen, Bryce Fifield, Linda Hansen, Alice Hirai, Kristen Hone, Tracy Johnson, Lenny Jones, Glen Larsen, Kayci Lynam, James McFadden, Jennifer Morgan, Ginny Rouse, Nevah Stevenson, Russ Thelin, Christine Timothy, Lori Packard, Adina Zahradnikova

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

Guests: Jennifer Adams, Kristen Chapman, Steve Jardine, Vanessa Justesen, Amy Notwell, Lana Stohl, Janell Galwell

Excused: Sen. Pat Jones, Rep. Paul Ray, Eric Stoker- Vice Chair, Robyn Chidester, Cheryl Hansen, Nels Holmgren, Tracy Justesen, Jennifer Kuhn, Paul Smith, Noel Taxin, Brian Wood

Meeting convened at 10:00 am

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Deborah Bowman welcomed everyone and Council Members, staff and guests introduced themselves.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council Members reviewed the minutes from the February 6, 2013 Full Council Meeting. Motion to approve minutes by Bryan Dial and the 2nd was given by Ginny Rouse. Minutes were unanimously approved.

2014 COUNCIL MEMBER NOMINEES

Nominating Committee Chair, Kim Belliston, presented the recommendations the committee intends to submit to the Governor for Council membership. Nonvoters and guests were asked to step out during this discussion.

2014 DIABILITY POLICY SEMINAR REVIEW

Linda Hansen and Bryan Dial reported on meetings with Senators on Capitol Hill in Washington D.C. Rep. Chris Stewart's staff met with Claire and Linda Hansen.. Russ Thelin, Bryan Dial, and Bryon Murray met with Senator Hatch and had a positive experience. The majority of the Utah attendees met with Rep. Jim Mattheson and with Sen. Lee's staff. A main focus was upon the ABLE Act.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Kim Belliston recounted the Community Supports Committee work. Belliston reported on the ABCD project in Bluff, UT. Belliston was able to visit the garden and attended a meeting for this season's planning in March. The Anneth Court is considering farming a portion of the garden with the youth that are in the court system as a way to learn work ethic and community involvement. Montezuma Creek is going to start a garden extension at the White Horse High School. Also, the Navajo transportation system is going to add a

stop at St. Christopher's Mission, where the garden is housed. Alice Hirai attended a meeting at the garden last November and presented the Council a photo book of the visit to the garden.

The Worker's Compensation Bill was passed and will go into effect January 2015. People who use the self-administered service model will be able to insure their employees with Worker's Compensation Insurance. The Utah Adult Sibling Network is still working to engage sibling. Bryan Dial attended a break out session at the Disability Policy Seminar in Washington D.C. and gained new ideas for engaging siblings locally.

Linda Hansen reported for the Employment and Education Committee. The Committee is working with DSPD, Rise and Covenant Employment Services and Trisha Jones Parkin to learn more about employment opportunities for people with disabilities. Russ Thelin talked about on the Governor's Proclamation to employ people with disabilities and stated that tomorrow the Governor's Committee is viewing a 10 minute video that was produced to inform people about hiring people with disabilities. The Governor's Economic Summit was attended by Troy Justesen and Jennifer Kuhn. Troy reported that there was conversation that people with disabilities have the capability to perform more than entry level positions. March was Developmental Disability Awareness Month and the Council was on two news broadcasts discussing disabilities in Utah.

Kayci Lynam, Leadership Committee Chair, asked Claire to report on the Logic Model plan that is used to evaluate inputs and outputs of the efforts and goals of the Council. Claire stated that we are moving toward our goals. The committee is discussing the sustainability of the self-advocacy movement. Involving several agencies, like the Utah Parent Center, Independent Living Centers, and the school districts, will allow for unified direction and effort. The Council is going to explore self-advocacy organizations on a national level to gain a clear perspective on organizational structures that are successful regarding self-advocacy. Webinars were suggested as a way to effectively train and reach the most people.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Steve Jardine from the Office of Legislative Analysts explained "ongoing" money to the Council members. Kristen Chapman gave an update on GAP and introduced the Regional Organizers that work for the GAP. Kristen discussed the 5 priorities of the GAP for this year. The goals are DSPD waiting list, DSPD provider rates, Housing and IDA, Employment and work incentives and Recreation and social interaction. Claire reported on the mini grant applications that were received and were awarded: TLG Residential received an award to provide 10 young females scholarships to attend training a series of gardening classes at the Utah State Botanical Center in Kaysville. The Utah Independent Living Center was awarded the grant for scholarships for the youth leadership training at USU this June.

KATIE BECKETT WAIVER

Jennifer Adams presented on ways to better serve youth in the area by speaking about the Katie Beckett Waiver. The waiver is in support of a cost-sharing model. In 2013, 1892 people were on the DSPD waiting list and of those people 44% are children. A person will qualify for the waiver if they meet the SSI criteria for disability, are 18 and younger, meet the state's criteria for an institutional level of care, have medical care needs that can be safely provided outside of an institutional setting and the cost of care in the community does not exceed the cost of institutional care. Utah is not a Katie Beckett Waiver State and it would be a significant cost for the state at 22 million dollars. This waiver is a solution for children and will be served through Medicaid, not through DSPD. Utah Family Voices and Children with Special Health Care Needs are some groups that have researched ways to better serve children with academics at the University of Utah. There is legislative interest in making Utah a Katie Beckett state.

Break for lunch

LEGISLATIVE DISCUSSION

Senator Todd Weiler led a discussion with Council members about legislative topics. Council members introduced themselves. Senator Weiler spoke about how he became involved in politics and what committees he currently serves on. Senator Weiler counseled Council Members on how to contact their legislators and ways to approach them. He suggested telling personal stories and sharing ways that life can improve with legislative assistance. Lt. Deputy Mike Mower spoke about his appreciation for the mission of the Council and the struggles that the Governor's Office has to alleviate the challenges that Utahns face. He also spoke about the recent Governor's Economic Summit which had a large focus on employing people with disabilities. Deputy for Community Outreach, Mike Mower, Lt. Governor Spencer Cox, and General Counsel to the Governor, Jacey Skinner, also spoke to Council members about current legislative issues. The discussion was followed by a tour of the Utah State Capitol. Meeting concluded after the tour.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

**Next UDDC Full Council meeting will be Tuesday, September 9, 2014 at the Jones Center
9:00 – 11:30 am Followed by the Annual Advocacy Awards 12-2 pm**

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