



Utah Developmental Disabilities Council
Tuesday, September 9, 2014
Meeting Minutes
The Hilda B. Jones Center

Members Present: Deborah Bowman- Chair, Eric Stoker- Vice Chair, Brian Wood, Bryan Dial, Bryce Fifield, Chris Timothy, Ginny Rouse, Glen Larsen, Greg Smith, Jennifer Kuhn, Kayci Lynam, Kelie Babcock, Kim Belliston, Kristen Hone, Linda Hansen, Nevah Stevenson, Noel Taxin, Rita Bouillon, Robyn Chidester, Tracy Johnson, Vicki Clayson

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

Excused: Sen. Pat Jones, Rep. Paul Ray, Alice Hirai, James McFadden, Lori Packard, Paul Smith, Russ Thelin

Absent: Adina Zahradnikova, Dustin Erekson, Jennifer Morgan, Lenny Jones, Nels Holmgren, Tracy Justesen

Guests: Amy Notwell, Ann Williamson, Anna Murray, Berta Higgs, Bryon Murray, Gerald Nebeker, Jessica Irwin, Kris Fawson, Kristen Chapman, Kyle Walker, Lana Stohl, Mandy Shale, Marilyn Bown, Marilyn Hammond, Tom Brownlee

Meeting convened at 9:10 am

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Deborah Bowman opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. Introductions were made around the room. Deborah opened the floor for public comment. Scott Smith, a guest of past Council Member Jeannie Petit, introduced himself and his daughter. Scott has developed a program called “The Bridges” to create an integrated community in a natural way through social situations and building friendships between people with disabilities and their neighbors. Smith wanted to learn more about the Council and share the mission of “The Bridges.”

ADDRESS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Ann Williamson, Executive Director, Department of Human Services, spoke about the mission of the Department of Human Services and of the dedication of the staff to move forward in achieving the goals of the agency. The commitment of the Department of Human Services is to building healthy and effective partnerships that are based on trust, honesty and mutual value for communication. The Department is ambitious and dedicated to the value of communities and leveraging the full spectrum of service for the citizens of Utah. There are several challenges that must be combated to achieve these goals. It has been recognized that direct support care staff are severely underpaid and that retention of this valuable workforce is difficult. There is also a growing population of aging Utahns with Autism Spectrum Disorder. There is currently an audit being performed of the Division of Services for People with Disabilities and Williamson is looking forward to learning about ways to improve Division services. The Department will be working toward achieving a comprehensive system of care. One of the prominent goals is to keep children with disabilities in the most conducive environment to live full and successful lives while striving to keep families

together. Williamson answered questions regarding the audit of the Division of Services for People with Disabilities and also about the vision for the system of care. Williamson stated that Utah will be looking toward New Jersey's successful model as a guide.

COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Elections were held for Council Chairperson and Council Vice-Chairperson. Kristen Hone and Kayci Lynam, running for Vice-Chairperson, were each given the opportunity to speak to the Council about the ways they could contribute to the Council. Deborah Bowman, running unopposed for Chairperson, thanked the Council and expressed the gratitude for the work that has been accomplished while she has been Chairperson and how she plans to continue moving forward achieve the Council's goals. Paper ballots were passed out to voting members. After results were tallied, it Eric Stoker reported that Deborah Bowman would continue as Chairperson and that Kayci Lynam would serve as Vice-Chairperson to the Council.

BYLAW CHANGE PROPOSAL

It was recommended to the Council that the Bylaws be modified to include three 3-year terms. Claire explained the request for modification and justified the benefits that would come from extending the term of membership. Motion made by Rita Bouillon and was seconded by Bryan Dial. The motion passed unanimously.

2014 NACDD NATIONAL CONFERENCE REPORT

Claire Mantonya, Rita Bouillon, Kayci Lynam, Eric Stoker, Frank Long and Troy Justesen attended the NACDD National conference in Washington D.C. in July 2014. Rita learned what other Councils are doing nationwide and the positive impact that they have. Bouillon confessed that more was learned at this conference than from than from the year she has served on the Council. She also delighted in watching Eric Stoker receive the Champion of Equal Opportunity Award for his strides in advocating for people with disabilities. Kayci was able to attend a Chairperson training that taught her to be a better leader. Eric was honored to receive an award and attended an adult sibling panel that he found particularly valuable. Frank enjoyed meeting Commissioner Aaron Bishop and learning about the progress that is being made in the advancement of the reporting software that is available to Councils nationwide. Troy gained insight on the future of housing for people with disabilities.

MINI GRANT REPORTS

The Council awarded two \$1,000 grants this year. A report was given from the grantees about their respective programs and outcomes. The Youth Leadership Conference held at Utah State University was able to host 28 participants this year, up from only 10 last year, with the grant money they received from the Council. Rob Davis from Price was able to attend and shared his experience with Council. Davis learned about disability rights, advocacy, leadership, internet safety and disability history. He is most proud that he was able to complete the ropes course. While attending the conference he initiated a project that will address the limited amount of curb cuts in the city of Price. Another student from Provo agreed that she learned a lot about internet safety as well as leadership and advocacy. She enjoyed peer teaching the most because it allowed her to demonstrate the leadership skills she had gained from the conference. Rebecca Barrett was the second grantee and worked with young adults at the botanical garden in Kaysville to teach gardening and other skills like making soap and lip balm.

COMMITTEE UPDATES, GOALS, RECOMEMDATION AND CONTRACT UPDATES

Nevah Stevenson recounted the Community Supports Committee work. Stevenson reported on the Abuse and Neglect project with CPD at Utah State University and asked Marilyn Hammond to elaborate on the progress. The program has trained over 500 people and focus of the project this year will be educating caregivers and law enforcement. Gerald Nebeker reported on the The Utah Caregiver Alliance, which is

continuing to gather a cooperative network to help fill the top priority needs of respite care and transportation. He also discussed the progress of HireMyCare.org, a website dedicated to matching care seekers (families) with prospective caregivers (support workers). The Alliance will continue toward bringing people together to be less reliant on DSPD services.

Jennifer Kuhn reported for the Employment and Education Committee. A recent project with Cary Griffin is helping individuals gain employment using local employers and their networks to get referrals for possible jobs. Bryce Fifield gave a brief report about Aggies Elevated, which is an integrated certificate program at Utah State University for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Troy Justesen explained the progress that has been made with the \$100,000 allocation for scholarship monies for individuals with disabilities at Utah's applied technology colleges.

Kayci Lynam, Leadership Committee Chair, invited Kris Fawson to speak about the recent work happening in the Legislation Coalition for People with Disabilities. Mandy Shale and Tom Brownlee reported on People First of Utah stating that the organization has finally been awarded 501 (c)(3) status and discussed the highlights of the past year. Brownlee announced that the People First of Utah Board was seeking professionals to apply for membership and to contact Shale if interested in sitting on the board. Kristen Chapman updated the Council about the Grassroots Advocacy Partnership, stating that they have been conducting a survey via the internet and on paper that will identify the legislative priorities of Utahns regarding disability issues. Amy Notwell reported on the "Next Steps Leadership Project" which is a series of leadership training with a super hero theme. Notwell has launched the curriculum at Ability First in Provo and Options for Independence as well as other Independent Living Centers. Notwell is currently working with the Health Department on an Emergency Preparedness Task Force initiative. The task force is seeking a self-advocate to serve as an advisor. *Anyone interested in serving on the task force with the support of Notwell should contact her to get involved.*

2015 PROSED BUDGET REVIEW

Claire explained the budget proposal for the upcoming fiscal year as recommended by the Executive Committee, which conducted a detailed review. Eric Stoker made a motion to approve and Ginny Rouse seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

CLOSING REMARKS

Deborah thanked everyone for coming and excused the meeting attendees for a brief break before the 2014 Annual Advocacy Awards luncheon from noon- 2:00pm.

Meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Next UDDC Full Council meeting will be Tuesday, October 28, 2014 at Kauri Sue Hamilton School 10:00 – 2:00 pm

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