**COORDINATING COUNCIL FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES**

**Minutes from the March 25, 2014 Meeting**

**Council Members Present:** **Excused:** **Stakeholders Present:**

Helen Post, Utah Parent Center   Jan Ferre, Legislative Coalition for People with Disabilities

Angie Penna/Jamie Wuthrich, DSPD Rep   Joyce Dolcourt, Legislative Coalition for People with Disabilities

Doug Thomas, DSAMH   Kris Fawson, Independent Living Council

Michael Hales, DOH   Carol Ruddell, USOR

Jocelyn Taylor, USOE (rep)   Ryan Carrier, DSPD

Russell Thelin, USOR

Gina Pola-Money, CSHCN

Joel Coleman, USDB

Glenna Gailo, USOE

Paul Smith, DSPD

**NEXT MEETING: March 25th, 11am – 1pm, Multi Agency State Office Building 195 N 1950 W, Salt Lake City Room 2026**

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| **AGENDA ITEMS** | **DISCUSSION** | **RECOMMENDATIONS/ACTION** |
| Welcome & Introductions | Angie Pinna, representing DSPD in Paul Smith’s absence, opens the meeting at 11:10 AM and welcomes the group. | The Council will consider elections in a coming meeting. |
| Approval of the February 25, 2014 minutes | Helen and Russell offer Ryan meeting minute amendments.  Helen makes the motion to defer minute approval.  Russell seconds the motion.  Council unanimously approves the motion. | The Council defers the minutes to next meeting review. |
| The agencies provide a legislative review | **Angie Pinna from the DSPD:**  $1,048,800.00 of General Funds were allocated to mandated additional needs.  $1,000,000 of one-time General Funds were allocated for people who are waiting for services.  $455,200 of one-time General Funds were allocated for youth aging out of DCFS and JJS services.  $100,000 of one-time General Funds were allocated for transportation.  $232,400 of one-time General Funds were allocated for FY15 for Workers' Comp in SAS, and on-going from FY16 forward. $40,000 of one-time General Funds were allocated for Best Buddies.  $1,000,000 from DWS TANF Account.  $330,200 in respite care for FY15.  $6,500,000 for the construction of a new building at USDC.  H.B. 88 passed and will move the Autism Pilot Program to an ongoing waiver through the Department of Health.  HJR 9, Epilepsy Education passed. The joint resolution "urges" a collaborative public health campaign between DOH and DHS to inform residents on Epilepsy. We will see if this responsibility might include DSPD.  S.B. 110 passed, making the relevant court documents more accessible for these folks through the Utah courts website.  **Joyce**: On the Best Buddies contract, will this limit who they can work with?  Angie: I will pass this question on and will provide a follow up.  **Helen**: I have no session updates to share. However, we appreciate what the agencies and stakeholders do to advocate for our families and family members.  **Gina:**  We have lost a lot of funding over the years and we are changing how operations will continue to function. We are discussing this situation with the University of Utah on how to operate facilities. We have a strong candidate for a Bureau Director. The hope is this candidate will help our bureau going forward.  **Jocelyn Taylor with USOE:**  Our summary is not out yet. In general, there were increases in funding and teacher salaries. A bill of rights was created giving parents more rights. It may create discussion later on.  **Jan**: You may have heard Senator Osmond discussing this in the fall. However, it has been changed significantly since then.  **Russell:**  The primary discussion was allocations. We had a very highly prioritized allocation for vocational rehabilitation (VR) program so we could match some federal dollars. We had additional allocations as well. It was a good session for VR. We had asked for 1.66 million for VR and that was fully funded. The chairs of the subcommittee changed this money to fully ongoing money.  One time money was reallocated from TANF to building block request for IL assisted technology. That was helpful, but we anticipated that will be gone as the requests are higher.  $250,000 for independent living centers  $80,000 for the deaf or hard of hearing in Southern Utah. It makes more sense to have someone in Southern Utah given the significant and growing population down there. The entire population of the region is growing in need.  One bill we followed closely, H.B. 345 vending machine services, received very strong push back as it gave a perceived undue preference to the blind. This bill will be studied in the interim.  All and all, we felt it was a pretty good session for our needs. I too express my sincere appreciation to our stakeholders.  **Jan**: A comment on education. We were seeking an increase covering higher education costs and that did not happen. I heard of lot of anti-public education items. There is a real attitude to not increase the WPU in any significant way.  We should really pay close attention to the state school board races.  **Kris**: Common Core is a large portion of the current discussion.  **Jocelyn**: There was a Common Core debate in Logan. The discussion provided some information on what the real issues are. It might help you be in-the-know on this topic. It really does raise the standard. Those putting out anti-Core information are noting a decrease in standards, and that is simply not true. Now that the Core has been out for a few years, you are seeing better textbooks. Information text has been riveting for the kids. I don’t know where it will end but you may want to watch the debate. |  |
| Matrix mapping of MOU agreements between the agencies | **Russell:**  As we previously discussed in this group, we were considering a grid for the agencies to reference. The Safety Net example was put together by the legislative fiscal analyst (LFA). However, we might want to use a form similar in concept. If we are talking about a coordinating council, this example doesn’t show how the agencies coordinate.  One issue is the legislative fiscal analyst did not differentiate the different divisions in DHS. We could ask each agency to start populating areas and include how they coordinate with the different groups. If each agency were to discuss how they coordinate, this could be assimilated into a single document.  **Gina**: I would just add that Health cannot be just added together-Medicaid is its own.  **Russell**: My thought is, if the group likes this, we can move forward fleshing out what should be added.  **Council agrees on the concept.**  **Jocelyn**: Would we add staff to the matrix?  **Russell**: We could include staff and liaisons. My initial thought was just to discuss how we coordinate, but staff would also be great. We could then talk about a universal partnership vision.  **Carol**: It might be helpful to have the middle staff populate this information to get multiple levels of contact.  Helen: Sounds like a good place to start.  **Russell**: We will include Mental Health, the State Hospital, Family Health and Prevention, Special Health Care Needs, USDC…  We had talked about adding DWS to this group. Do we want to add them down the road?  Helen: Perhaps we can identify which group is officially represented in CCPD.  Russell: My thought was to first work with those represented in CCPD.  **Jocelyn**: I could see this moved to a web based matrix and include autism with it.  **Russell**: What do we want as a minimum and what do we want as a maximum? It seems to make sense to show something on how we operate. How we coordinate. Each agency should provide good information on how this coordination occurs. I like having contact information for those liaisons. I’ll get this to Ryan | Russell will construct a framework and distribute to the Council.  Council members will populate their coordination and contact information.  Middle management will be considered for a robust aggregation of coordination agreements and contact information. |
| Public Comment | **Carol:** I can provide an update on ASPIRE. We have had many delays. We were given direction on our recruitment. I suspect it may take two months to get our clearances back. The reality is, recruitment and enrollment has not happened yet. We have a lot of stuff happening with promotional items. We are approaching our partner agencies to approach individuals through their own efforts on our behalf.  **Jan:** There are seven seats up for elections on the state school board and there are 70 people running for these positions. It is an overwhelming number of people. After it gets narrowed down, you really have to pay attention to knowing more about these people.  **Joyce**: LCPD meeting will be April 3rd from 12:30 to 2. We will not have a phone line. During the summer, we will not meet during July and August.  CDC is posting new autism data.  Autism Council is having a meeting and April 23rd at the Capitol Auditorium from 9 to 11 am. They will be honoring Representative Menlove for her support. |  |
| Meeting Closure | **Russell:** Motion to close the meeting.  **Helen:** Second the motion.  Meeting adjourns |  |