

# *Disabilities Advisory Council Minutes*

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**Meeting:** Disabilities Advisory Council  
**Date:** 8/26/2013  
**Start Time:** 2:00 P.M.  
**End Time:** 4:00 P.M.  
**Location:** Conference Room 1020C  
 Multi-Agency State Office Building  
 195 North 1950 West  
 Salt Lake City, UT 84116  
**Type of Meeting:** Regular Monthly Meeting

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<b><u>Members:</u></b>	<b><u>Present:</u></b>	<b><u>Absent:</u></b>	<b><u>Members:</u></b>	<b><u>Present:</u></b>	<b><u>Absent:</u></b>
Peggy Augustine	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Shane Sadler	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Joseph Taggart	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Paul Smith	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
John Westling	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Dustin Erikson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Deborah Bowman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Marsha Colegrove	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Krissie Summerhays	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Kristen Chapman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Josip Ambrenac	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Larry Valdez	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**Public, stakeholders, and DSPD staff in attendance:**

Andrew Riggle-DLC, Amie Richard, Jamie Wuthrich, Nathan Wolfley, and Ryan Carrier

**Welcome and introduction:**

The Chair opens the meeting at 2:10.

**Motion to accept Minutes:**

Council unanimously approves the June 26<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes.

**Lana Stohl, Utah’s System of Care:**

The Department believes children and families are best served in their homes, in their school, and in their communities. Our goal is to move from an individualized “silo” agency system into one unified Department. We are always going to need a continuum of services for individuals. We are looking at developing that continuum and wrap services around children and families. DSPD is ahead in the individualized service needs and planning phase.

One of the items we are waiting for is a federal System of Care grant. Utah is unique in that it has all the major childcare departments under one roof. Rarely do you see all groups within Systems of Care. Utah will roll this out in regions.

Our goal is not to minimize the activities and infrastructure already in place. Our goal is ensure consistent services across the state. Our goal is to have this system statewide in three years.

After the 4 years, we will be matching dollar for dollar. Keeping this effort sustainable is a goal. A bill was passed in this past legislative year that allows the department to operate in Systems of Care. Every

Division has signed an MOU and provided money for this effort. Every single subcommittee we have held has included stakeholders and those being served.

**Jamie Wuthrich on the Form 19 Worksheet:**

Jamie presents on the Form 19. The Form 19 helps DSPD establish the function limitations. The reason DSPD has taken the examples off the worksheet is they are too stringent. DSPD feels it may direct the reviewer to assumptions. There are small discrepancies, but it seems to focus too much attention to examples. It also removes duplications of reliable and validated tools.

**Support Coordinator Choice Report:**

The Division has put together a work group to revise a previously used report for measuring and selecting a support coordinator. We have met with three stakeholder groups; parents, people receiving services, and support coordinators and providers. These discussions have led to a list of items we would like the Council to review.

**Public Comment:**

**Phil Shumway, Executive Director of Turn Community Services:**

There is a lack of adequate funding for DPSD and providers. I would like to cover three areas: the starting wage for direct staff is too low, the number of vacancies in our agency, and the Affordable Care Act.

When I began with Turn, the position was a career-focused position where direct care staff had degrees. This is no longer the case.

Utah is at the point where the starting wages for direct care staff is too low given the low unemployment. A good starting wage is more around \$12.00 an hour. However, this comes with a price tag that may not be tenable in the near future. We saw vacancies peak at 35% in 2008. These levels have added stress that we are beginning to see.

Costs incurred from the Affordable Care Act were deferred one year. We remain concerned about the costs.

**Andrew Riggle, Public Policy Advocate for the Disability Law Center:**

Active treatment at USDC. Data indicates residents are not left with meaningful activities. We urge robust and continuous activities for these people. USDC is not fulfilling its intended purpose if a person cannot receive specialized care.

Employment First legislation. The number of clients in supported or independent employment has declined. This is despite survey data showing half of those in services wish to have employment.

The new Home and Community Based Service regulations produced by CMS. They apply to all residential and nonresidential services. The regulations emphasize more meaningful integration. The DLC believes this points to the end of nonintegrated services in the near future. The entire community has to be involved if this is to be realized.

We must solicit all public input for plans.

**Mary Mecham**

I am a parent with special needs. I was told the child was not allowed to progress in the program as the program was only to prevent lose. I was wondering if there is any information you could provide?

The Disability Law Center is an excellent resource to this issue. Marsha and Kristen will provide Mary with resources.

**Nathan Wolfley on Service Coordination:**

The basis of this rule is to go over the array of services the Division provides. I received comments back from Deb and Joseph. These comments are excellent. We will review the 90-day discharge language. To be clear, sometimes when people want to switch a provider, a provider cites this rule for a 10-day period. If a person does not want to work with their provider, they don't have to.

**New Business:**

The Council will not meet in September and will resume on its scheduled time in October 28<sup>th</sup>, from 2-4pm.

**Chair makes a motion to adjourn**