

Disabilities Advisory Council Minutes



Meeting: Disabilities Advisory Council
Date: 12/16/2014
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

<u>Members:</u>	<u>Present:</u>	<u>Absent:</u>	<u>Members:</u>	<u>Present:</u>	<u>Absent:</u>
Peggy Augustine	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Krissie Summerhays	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Kristen Chapman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Glen Larson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			

Public, stakeholders, and DSPD staff in attendance:

Nathan Wolfley, and Ryan Carrier, Bill Olsten (sitting in for Peggy), Tricia Parkin-Jones, Clay Hiatt, Rick Cobia, Tyler Black, Kris Fawson, Amie Richards, and Chad Midgley

Welcome and introduction:

The Co-Chair opens the meeting at 2:05.

Motion to accept Minutes:

Council approves the 11/25/2014 meeting minutes

Legislative Updates by Paul Smith

The interim Social Services subcommittee meeting was held last week. Items included the USDC Master Plan, the Division’s Needs Assessment tool, a Transportation rates report, and a response to the 2014 DSPD Performance Audit. The meeting went pretty well. New representatives to the committee include Rep. Ward and Rep.Spendlove. Representative Paul Ray will be the new Co-Chair and Senator Christensen will be the Chair. Committee assignments can be found on the LE website. Committee assignments are out and we can begin speaking to these representatives about DSPD.

The USDC update relates to the northern parcel of the underdeveloped land. The subcommittee was given an update on this area and the City’s position on development. Next step will include submitting a RFQ (request for qualification) to the public for groups to submit proposals for meeting the Master Plan needs.

The Governor released his budget. One item of interest to DSPD included one-time funding of \$2.9 million to go to provider direct care worker's salary. That will equate to about a \$1 increase in their pay. The percentage raise will only carry through applicable codes, including SAS.

Proposed cuts, savings, and reallocations did not come up during the Social Services subcommittee. Executive appropriations did request a report for how the Department would handle a 2% cut to its budget. Paul will keep the Council advised on this issue.

Performance Measures was not presented at the subcommittee meeting. DSPD has been working with Representative Menlove on this intent language and has created a module for the DSPD website. The Division has hundreds of measures. The Division found these measures fell into five performance areas. The next steps will to be presented to the Legislative Fiscal Analysts.

A potential bill may start a limited supports waiver for mainly respite, in home supports, and supported employment. This may change the 2013 HB 259 15% respite requirement to this limited waiver concept.

Research and Reports on the DSPD Website by Tyler Black

Tyler presents a new area of the DSPD website that provides visitors with data on performance and people served by DSPD. The Division will continue to provide updates to the area and welcomes feedback or suggests.

Reduction in Person's Budget Due to Underutilization by Clay Hiatt:

The Division will soon forward a new directive to the Utah Department of Health on reducing budgets due to a witnessed two-year underutilization of funds. One of the items in the 2014 Performance Audit included the underspending of funds in budgets. For those with more than 5,000 dollars in plan money, the process will bring budgets in line with actual budgets. It will take a Notice of Agency Action. The contention of the Auditors is DSPD might be allowing people to use more than they need.

If staff is an issue, the support coordinator will let the Division know. The Division is only reviewing budgets over two plan years.

DSPD will go back and check into a generic letter to Providers.

The Division would like to begin to fully implement the plan before the end of January.

Further input is appreciated.

Updates of Items from 2014:

System of Care: The stakeholder work group convened and there are plans to commence with the Systems of Care model in the Western counties in April. They will be looking at kids under 21 who are eligible for services under one division of DHS to get the System of Care service package.

Employment strategy: The Division won an employment state leadership mentoring partnership with the Office of Disability Services. This partnership will provide a year of support for Utah's employment strategic plan.

USDC: There have been a couple of people moving out with an employment profile. It is currently a person-by-person supported effort. They are doing great work and have the structures established, but there is some work to do.

Emergency prep:

Future goals will include sharing the Emergency Operation Plan, request plans from all businesses, improve communication options, activate project “Pinpoint,” and continue elevated participation in the Great Shake Out.

Needs Assessment revision:

The Division has coordinated with the University of Utah to revamp the Needs Assessment tool. Currently, the project is piloting a draft tool with DSPD to correct previous issues. A new assessment was made and piloted with seven families on the wait list. A new draft tool will be piloted with 50 families. We’ve had to extend our contract due to survey issues. The next revised tool may be released as soon as the coming month.

Items discussed this time

Notice of agency actions will be discussed at the next meeting.

Chair makes a motion to adjourn at 3:45