

Disabilities Advisory Council Minutes



Meeting: Disabilities Advisory Council
Date: 8/25/2015
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

Members:	Present:	Absent:	Members:	Present:	Absent:
Peggy Augustine	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Shane Sadler	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Joseph Taggart	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Paul Smith	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
John Westling	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Dustin Erekson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Deborah Bowman	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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"/>			

Welcome and introduction:

The Chair opens the meeting at 2:10.

Motion to accept Minutes:

Council approves the June 2015 meeting minutes.

Advisory Council Annual Report:

The Division presents the final copy of the Advisory Council's Annual Report. The Division Director would like to thank the Council members for all their hard work for the Division. The committee has been an excellent resource for ideas and review of policies. Thank you all for your support.

Council approves the Annual Report.

Utah Department of Health Presents on the Physical Disabilities Waiver Renewal:

The Department of Health will soon begin forming workgroups on the Physical Disabilities Waiver. The Waiver is set to expire on June 30, 2016. In preparation for the submission in March, the workgroups will traverse the entire process of submitting a renewal. The Department of Health would like to solicit public involvement, specifically from this Council. Please reach out to Josip or Ryan for participation on the work group.

The University of Utah Presents on their (Draft) Needs Assessment Questionnaire:

The University of Utah Center for Public Policy and Administration was charged with creating a comprehensive, streamlined, and transparent needs assessment tool. The group presented the new tool

to the Council. Additionally, the University team created a manual for staff training. The manual helps assure reliability to interpretation of the tool. The University group will distribute their presentation, the draft tool, and the draft manual for Council feedback.

The Council supports taking a larger representative sample to validate the new tool.

Public Comment Period:

Joyce Dolcourt, Past Chair of the Legislative Coalition for People with Disabilities:

LCPD has five top priority items for the coming General Session:

1. LCPD supports a budget adjustment for the waiting list. The one-time funding from the previous year needs to be replaced.
2. LCPD supports a budget adjustment for the direct provider staff wages. The Legislature should continue with the second installment for direct provider staff wages.
3. LCPD supports an on-going budget adjustment for Mandatory Additional needs
4. LCPD supports a budget adjust for youth aging out of the Division of Child and Family Services custody
5. LCPD advocates for a strong system and that currently requires a budget adjustment for the waiting list.

Andrew Riggle, Public Policy Analyst with the Disabilities Law Center:

The Settings Rule (intended to increase control for those with severe disabilities) is moving forward, though slowly. The DLC is concerned that plans submitted to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services have requested significant changes to the plans. We would like to see the Division step up and take a leadership role on the Settings Rule.

The second item is supported employment. Only a quarter of those served have employment goals in their plan. The DLC supports the Division proposing a budget adjust to the Legislature to secure more funding for supported employment.

The DLC supports the efforts for increased wages for direct care staff.

We would ask the Division consider the rights of companions and develop a request for any additional costs that might incur.

Representative from the Provider Company RISE:

RISE is concerned with the lack of and quality of communication from the Division. RISE has had difficulty receiving information on the staff rate increase. RISE supports the Council formulating a workgroup to review and improve DSPD communication with providers.

Representative from Pioneer Adult Rehab Center:

PARC agrees that communication from the Division could be improved.