

# Council Meeting Minutes

**March 5, 2024 / 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

**This was a virtual meeting**

**Attendance:** Adina Zahradnikova, Amy Nance, Ashley Donham, Brady Hakes, Brandy Olsen, Bryn Peterson, Carl Whitmore, Courtney Edgington, Deanna Taylor, Glen Larson, Ian Summers, James Steed, Jason Bennington, John Crowley, Jordan Scar, Ken Gourdin, Krissie Summerhays, Lisa Wade, Matthew Huskinson, Matthew Wappett, Mindy Rivera, Roger Downing, Shannon Wilkins, Sharon Cook, Stephanie Hill, Tamera Dalton

**Absent:** Amber Marsh, Kim LoCasio, Nels Holmgren, Pam Norton

**Staff:** Eric Stoker, Julie Hanna, Libby Oseguera, Mary Uri, Rickie Crandall

**Guests:** Alex Schiwal, Angie McCourt

## **Welcome – Lisa Wade, Chairperson**

Lisa Wade, chairperson of the Utah Developmental Disabilities Council welcomed everyone to the meeting and called it to order at 10:03 a.m. on March 5, 2024. This meeting was held in Murray, UT on Zoom. In compliance with Utah's Open Meeting laws, this meeting is being recorded in its entirety. This recording is classified as a public record. All UDDC motions and votes will be recorded in the minutes.

Lisa reminded citizen members they are eligible for a stipend so if they would like to get paid for participating in the meeting today talk to Rickie. Julie took attendance. Lisa reminded the Council of the members' expectations.

## **Public Comment**

Call for public comment. No comments.

## **VOTE: Approval of the December 2023 Meeting Minutes**

*(December 2023 Council Meeting Minutes)*

Lisa called for any discussion about the meeting minutes. Adina noted that Saska's last name was incorrectly spelled. The misspelling will be corrected. Lisa then called for a motion to approve the December minutes. Ian made the motion to approve with Roger second. All were in favor with no opposed or abstained.

## **Presentation and discussion Healthy Relationship Research Study - Alex**

Schiwal, Utah State University IDRPP

Alex Schiwal from the Institute for Disability Policy, Research, and Practice attended the meeting to discuss the healthy relationship study they have been working on recently. Council Members had a discussion afterward and they received a copy of the draft report in their meeting materials so they could reference it during the presentation. The Council agreed they would like USU to use the remaining project funds to explore presenting this content at an ECHO session and the development of discussion guides. USU and Council staff will meet to plan and decide possible activities with the remaining funds.

## **Committee Reports**

State Plan Implementation Committee – Carl Whitmore

The State Plan Implementation Committee focused on areas of concern for the council and what areas they could help move things forward as the Council collaborates. They talked about the TETONS program and how to distribute information and combat challenges. The Committee had a long discussion on the Employment First initiative and brainstormed about where people encounter information and resources getting to the right people at the right time. They shared ideas about places that might work and how they might be able to do more of that. One of the themes that came out of the meeting was that everyone agreed for more people with lived experiences to weigh in on the different activities and things that the Council is working on, self-advocates and parents going through the transition process to get more involved with mental health and other things they are trying to work through and getting more people with lived experiences to weigh in and to get more people involved.

Membership and Recognition Committee – Courtney Edgington

The membership and Recognition committee discussed the 2024 Advocacy Award winners. They selected Roger Downing Self-Advocate of the Year, Sandra Curcio Community Member of the Year, and Colton Droubay Caregiver of the Year for the 2024 advocacy awards. One of the challenges they face is not many Council membership applications are being turned in. They are asking Council members to announce the opportunity to apply to the Council. Applications are accepted through April 15<sup>th</sup>, but may extend the deadline. Applications have been shared through Facebook, newsletter, and the listserv. The Council member yearbook is still in the process and needs more information about who is on the Council. This will help members get to know one another better. Council members were asked to send a photo and information if they have not already.

Policy and Legislative Engagement Committee – Matthew Huskinson

The Policy and Legislative Engagement Committee talked about the supported decision-making bill, minimum wage legislation, and the Medicaid bills that the Council was tracking. They provided a legislative session update. Members of the Council will discuss policy priorities in June. The policy committee is encouraging the Council to invest advocacy efforts for the next session into the bills that were not successful.

Governance Committee – James Steed

The Governance Committee revised the executive director evaluation form, and they sent it out to the council. There will be time at the end of this meeting to complete the form and there will be help for Council members if they need it. They are revising the UDDC's vision and values it into plain language. They will look at different states' visions and values and update Utah's language.

### **Mindful Moment (*Mindful Moment*)**

Eric guided council members through a mindfulness technique that they could use when they need to regroup or feel calm.

### **Culture and Language Activity – Small Group Reflections**

Council Members broke into small groups and were randomly assigned to a breakout room. While in their breakout rooms, they talked about what prompted them to join the UDDC, what they hoped to accomplish during their time as a member, and what they planned for their advocacy journey when their term ended. DD council staff were in each room with the council members to remind them of the questions if needed and to help if they needed any assistance.

### **2023 Utah Legislative Session Recap – Mary Uri, UDDC Staff (*Legislative Summary*)**

Mary gave the council members a recap of the legislative general session that ended last week.

### **UDDC Budget and Expenditure Report – Rickie Crandall, UDDC Staff (*Budget Report, Contract and Grant Report*)**

Rickie reviewed the finances. There were no questions or discussion.

### **Executive Director Report – Libby Oseguera, UDDC Staff (*Executive Director Report*)**

Libby shared highlights from the first two months of this quarter. There were no questions or discussion.

### **Executive session- Executive Director Evaluation**

Lisa asked that all Council staff leave the meeting so that the council may begin an executive session.

2:00  13. **VOTE:** Close the meeting

*The meeting adjourned at 1:55 pm*

\* Note: Items in () are separate documents sent as email attachments.

## **Future Meetings**

June 4, 2024	Online only	10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Sept. 10, 2024	Hybrid: in-person or online	10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

## **Future Events**

June 10-11, 2024 "Building Together" Leadership Conference

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