



Utah Developmental Disabilities Council  
Executive Director Summary Report  
June 4, 2024, Council Meeting

Area of Responsibility	Activity	Status	Comment
Goal 1: Health and Safety	Work with partners to improve access to wellness, health, and behavioral services and information	Update	UDDC Goal 1 Objective 2 has been met. We will continue to maintain efforts until the end of the State Plan as necessary.
Goal 2: Transportation	Transportation Report	Update	The UDDC completed a report summarizing the transportation experiences of 195 Utahns; 88 zip codes; 64 cities in 21 counties represented in the data. This report will be used to inform recommendations for improvements in transportation equity.
Goal 3: Leadership and Advocacy	Work with partners to train Spanish-language speakers to engage in advocacy activities for access to community and specialized services and supports.	Update	UDDC Goal 3 Object 4 has been met. We will continue to maintain efforts until the end of the State Plan as necessary.
Goal 3: Leadership and Advocacy	Statewide Self-Advocacy Organization	Update	UDDC was selected to host an AmeriCorps VISTA this year. There were no qualified applicants so UDDC will not be participating this year. This outcome will

			postpone the development of a statewide self-advocacy organization.
Goal 3: Leadership and Advocacy	Leadership and Advocacy Conference	Update	The “Building Together” conference will bring together self-advocates, family members, community service providers, and support coordinators. The focus will be on self-determination and person-centered practices and how they can be improved with collaboration and partnership. The event will take place on June 10-11, 2024 at the Zion’s Bank building in Midvale, UT. 241 people are registered to attend in person and an additional 150 are registered to attend online.
Goal 4: Community Access and Supports	Advance the Employment First initiative for people with developmental and intellectual disabilities.	Update	Goal 4 Objective 1 has been met. We will continue to maintain efforts until the end of the State Plan as necessary.
Goal 4: Community Access and Supports	Improve postsecondary outcomes for individuals with disabilities.	Update	Goal 4 Objective 1 has been met. We will continue to maintain efforts until the end of the State Plan as necessary.
Goal 4: Community Access and Supports	Participate and/or lead activities that strengthen direct care staff that support people with I/DD.	Update	<p>Issue Brief: UDDC preparing an issue brief about the direct-care workforce status. The report highlights potential causes and effects of the workforce crisis. This document will be used to educate and inform solutions.</p> <p>Peer-Learning Collaborative: Utah has been selected to participate in a peer-learning collaborative to address direct care recruitment and retention. In addition to meeting with other states to discuss best practices and strategies, Utah will receive 70 hours of intense individual technical assistance related to a policy or program-related milestone. This opportunity</p>

			is provided by the Direct Care Workforce Strategies Center within the Federal Administration for Community Living.
Media	Podcast	New	The “Develop Abilities,” written, hosted, and recorded by staff member Eric Stoker reached 1000 plays in May. Congratulations to Eric for his hard work in building a following and producing a quality show!
Operations and Personnel	Council Funding	Update	<p>UDDC received the final notice of award (NOA) for the federal fiscal year 2024. The cumulative award is \$670,136.00, \$1,842 less than last year.</p> <p>UDDC requested \$200,000 in ongoing funds from the Utah Legislature. The Social Service Appropriations Subcommittee included the Council’s request in the prioritized list shared with the Executive Appropriations Committee, which ultimately decided not to fund it. We plan to make the request again during the next legislative session.</p>
Operations and Personnel	Staff Development	New	Council staff Eric Stoker, Julie Hanna, Libby Oseguera, and Rickie Crandall will be attending the National Association for Councils on Developmental Disabilities conference in July. Eric and Julie will lead a session about the TETONS program. Libby and Rickie will benefit from the technical assistance information provided on federal regulations and preparing to draft the 2027-2031 State Plan.
Operations and Personnel	Meeting Material Access	New	Council members provided feedback that they wanted an alternative way to access UDDC documents. Council staff have created a private Google document drive to house UDDC materials as a response. Documents will be shared as PDF attachments or as printed hard copies upon request.

Common Acronyms and Abbreviations	ACL – Administration for Community Living, U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services ALPS – Advocacy, Leadership, and Policy Success Program DD Act – Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000 DETAC – Disability Employment Technical Assistance Center DLC – Disability Law Center DSAMH – Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health DSPD - Division of Services for People with Disabilities GOMB – Governor’s Office of Management and Budget IDRPP – Utah State University Institute for Disability Research, Policy and Practice LEA – Local Education Agency NACDD - National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities NOA – Notice of Award UCEDD – University Centers for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities UDDC - Utah Developmental Disabilities Council UDOH – Utah Department of Health UPC – Utah Parent Center USILC - Utah Statewide Independent Living Council UTA – Utah Transit Authority VR – Vocational Rehabilitation
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