

Council Meeting Minutes

June 6, 2024 / 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Approved September 2024

Attachments: March 2024 Council Meeting Minutes, May Executive Committee Minutes, Executive Director Report, Budget Report, Contract and Grant Report, Meeting Agenda Presentation Slides, Mindful Moment, Transportation Equity Report, Policy Committee Issue Briefs, Vision and Values Revisions, FFY 2025 Workplan and State Plan Amendments

Attendance: Brady Hakes, Carl, Whitmore, Courtney Edgington, Ian Summers, James Steed, John Crowley, Ken Gourdin, Lisa Wade, Matthew Huskinson, Roger Downing, Shannon Wilkins, Stephanie Hill, Tamera Dalton, Adina Zahradnikova, Amber Marsh, Krissie Summerhays, Sharon Cook, Mindy Rivera, Ashley Donham

Absent: Brandy Olsen, Pam Norton, Kim LoCasio

Staff: Libby Oseguera, Rickie Crandall, Julie Hanna, Eric Stoker

1. Welcome – Lisa Wade, Chairperson

Lisa Wade, chairperson of the Utah Developmental Disabilities Council welcomed everyone to the meeting and called it to order at 10:05 a.m. on June 4, 2024. This meeting is being 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 that they are eligible for a stipend so if they would like to get paid for participating in the meeting to talk to Rickie.

Julie took attendance.

2. Public Comment Lisa called for public comment. No public comment was made.

3. **VOTE:** Approval of the March 2024 Meeting Minutes (March 2024 Council Meeting Minutes)

Lisa called for a discussion about the meeting minutes then call for a motion to approve the March minutes. Ian made the motion to approve the minutes with James second. All were in favor with no opposed or abstaining.

4. Agency Presentation – Utah State Office of Rehabilitation – Sarah Brenna Lisa turned the time over to Sarah Brenna to give a presentation on the Utah State Office of Rehabilitation. Sarah gave the presentation and explained to the full council the services they provided and offer for people with disabilities.

5. Committee Reports

i. State Plan Implementation – Transportation Equity Report and Action Plan (Transportation Equity Report)

State Plan Implementation Committee shared with the council the Transportation Equity Report. They also provided some possible state plan activities for 2025 and 2026 such as talking with the Utah Transit Authority and other transit authorities about accessibility and access best practices for collecting feedback and approaching UTA with the report and addressing the Winter Olympics to improve infrastructure for the Olympics for Salt Lake City to be a premiere city. They would also like to connect with the universities where the athletes will be staying. The committee also shared the next steps they will be doing with the report such as responding to people who took the survey with a copy of the report and offering tips for advocacy to help them learn how to be a self-advocate and to encourage people to join/start transportation coalitions in their communities.

ii. Membership and Recognition __ recommendations

VOTE- UDDC new member

Membership and Recognition Committee brought to the council their new member recommendations. The following people were selected by the committee for a recommendation for appointed by the governor to serve on the Council: Greg Green, a parent from South Jordan Utah, and Alyssa Cronin, a self-advocate from Garland Utah. Lisa called for a discussion. Council Members were excited about the new member recommendations. Amy made the motion to approve the new member recommendations to be sent to the governor's office. Mindy Rivera seconded the motion. All were in favor with no opposed or abstained. The Membership and Recognition Committee also brought to the council four Council members who are eligible and interested in serving a second term: Ken Gourdin, Tamera Dalton, Carl Whitmore, and James Steed. John Crowley motioned to approve Ken, Tamera, Carl, and James for reappointed to have a second term on the council with Adina Zaradnikova's second. All were in favor with no opposed or abstained.

iii. Policy and Legislation – Policy priorities for the year / Disability Policy Seminar Recap (Policy Committee Issue Briefs)

The Policy and Legislation Committee shared an update on the Disability Policy Seminar that Stephanie Hill, Matthew Huskinson, and staff Mary Urie attended in April. They shared about their visits with lawmakers and provided updates on policy happening in D.C. Members of the committee will reach out to legislators in Utah to ask about the Supported decision-making, DSPD funds, and minimum wage bills that didn't pass during the last Utah legislative session and to see if their sponsors will be supporting their bills in the 2025 legislative session. They are also preparing arguments against cuts to Medicaid programs/spending in case House Bill 463 runs again next year. If possible, they will prepare position statements on federal-level issues and share resources that

the NACDD or other state DD council may have to help them with the 4 bills that didn't pass during Utah's 2024 legislative session.

iv. Governance – **VOTE:** Vision and Values Revisions (Vision and Values Revisions)

The Governance committee presented their UDDC vision and values revision recommendations. They shared with the Council that they are now written in plain language. Lisa called for a discussion. Council members discussed and revised and selected option 3 as the best vision statement, which read: "Our vision is a world where everyone has access to the help they need. They can reach their goals and fully participate as empowered, valued members of their communities." Amy Nance made the motion to approve option 3 as the new vision statement of the council with Matthew Huskinson second. All were in favor with no opposed or abstained. The committee brought forth the revision of the values for the council. Lisa called for a discussion. No discussion was made. Brady Hakes motioned for unanimous consent to approve the revision of the values with Ken Gourdin second. All were in favor with no opposed or abstained.

6. **VOTE:** FFY 2025 Workplan and State Plan Amendments (FFY 2025 Workplan and State Plan Amendments)
Council Members looked at the FFY 2025 Workplan and State Plan Amendments document that were shared in their materials.

Council staff shared that their costs are increasing, and their budget has not, so they recommend changes to the activities UDDC is doing to meet their goals and objectives. The current activities were planned with having an additional full-time staff person. That position was vacant and cannot be filled because the council still has not yet been given their federal budget for this fiscal year. The council did not receive any state funds to help support staffing costs. They are working to reduce their administrative costs and will be moving into a state building when the current lease is up in February 2026. The other way they are preserving resources is to cut activities that are being met by another objective or are not producing the outcomes they need. It is less expensive for staff to lead programs and activities than to contract or award grants to others, so in most cases staff recommend that they keep council funds in-house rather than initiating new contacts and grants.

Lisa mentioned that council staff recommends that we don't work on objective 4.3 in 2025, but that they add the End the Wait and direct care workforce activities to objective 3.1 because they are very similar. This will reduce the administrative time needed to monitor and report on these two similar objectives. Council Staff also recommend adding an activity that will create a sustainable transportation solution so that they meet objective 2.2 by the end of their plan. They can also share the integrated support star that the Council created to help them identify connections and next steps for transportation activities. The other major change that the staff recommends is that they add federal self-advocacy requirements to the Advocates as Leaders Speakers'

Network instead of pursuing a reboot of People First of Utah during this State Plan. This was a difficult recommendation, but they do not have the staff resources to focus the time and energy on this, and with a bit of improvement, the speakers' network will meet the federal self-advocacy requirements. Council staff was hoping to utilize an AmeriCorps VISTA to do this work in 2025, but they did not have any qualified applicants and will not be considered for a VISTA this fiscal year.

Many objectives have been met (1.2, 2.1, 3.4, 4.1, 4.2) and staff would like to stop new efforts in these areas but maintain those that are low effort. Lisa called for a discussion with no discussion was made. Ian made the motion to accept the FFY 2025 work plan and state plan amendments with Matthew second. All were in favor with no opposed or abstained.

7. Stand up and stretch!

Council members and staff took a 10-minute break.

- 8. Mindful Moment (Mindful Moment)
- Eric guided the council through a mindfulness technique that they can use when they need to regroup or feel calm.
- 9. Teaching, Empowering & Training on Navigating Sexuality and Healthy Relationships Course (T.E.T.O.N.S.) Julie Hanna

Julie gave a presentation on the T.E.T.O.N.S. program and summarized what they have learned so far. She provided the Council data about the pilot group that participated in the first two cohorts and the next steps for the program.

10. UDDC Budget and Expenditure Report – Rickie Crandall, UDDC Staff (Budget Report, Contract and Grant Report)

Rickie reviewed the finances. There was no discussion or action.

11. Executive Director Report – Libby Oseguera, UDDC Staff (Executive Director Report)

Libby shared with the council some highlights that happened during the first two months of the quarter and share the progress for the goals and objectives.

12. Other Business

Lisa invited any council members to share updates or bring forward anything they want the UDDC to discuss or consider. Mindy shared about the Utah Parent Center Summer Family Festival and also shared that the Utah Parent Center will be releasing a sibling journal to help support siblings.



13. **VOTE:** Close the meeting

Lisa called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ian made the motion to adjourn with Brady second. All were in favor with no opposed or abstained.

Meeting adjourned at 1:43pm.

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