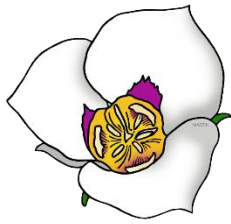


# Disabilities Advisory Council Minutes

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**Meeting:** Disabilities Advisory Council  
**Date:** 2/28/2017  
**Start Time:** 2:00 P.M.  
**End Time:** 4:00 P.M.  
**Location:** Conference Room 1020B  
 Multi-Agency State Office Building  
 195 North 1950 West  
 Salt Lake City, UT 84116

**Type of Meeting:** Regular Monthly Meeting

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<b>Members:</b>	<b>Present:</b>	<b>Absent:</b>	<b>Members:</b>	<b>Present:</b>	<b>Absent:</b>
Peggy Augustine	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Shane Sadler	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Josip Ambernac-Proxy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Angella Pinna	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
John Westling	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Dustin Erekson	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Deborah Bowman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Krissie Summerhays	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kate McConaughy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Amber Foster	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**Welcome and introduction:**

Meeting began at 2:10 pm

**Motion to accept minutes:**

Minutes motioned, seconded to approve. Approved.

**Meeting Agenda Items:**

**DSPD Partnership in Employment (PIE) Grant: Kelie Babcock**

The goal is to help high school students with disabilities have work experience before graduation. Trying to improve post-high outcomes. Research has shown that having a job in high school is a predictive factor in determining post-high outcomes (having a job in high school associated with competitive employment).

Some of the services that the PIE grant provides is personalized employment services that matches the individual by interest, strength, condition, and business needs of the employer. It is focused on ability rather than any deficits.

The grant is five years long, allocating \$1.25 million over the period. Kelie Babcock is the program administrator. Two districts per year will participate and the program managers are currently in the selection process for choosing the districts for this year. Five to seven students will be selected at each school that are working age and must be eligible to receive DSPD services. Participants do not need to be on the waiting list or in services.

**2016 Respite Study: Emily Wetherley**

Another program evaluation was conducted for the one-time respite program in FY16. The purpose was to assess changes before and after respite in quality of life, amount of time

caregiver has with their spouse, and change in time the caregiver could spend on themselves. Found that all measures were positive, or agree that they had increased time during respite services, and that after people did not have sufficient time after the service was over. Quality of life was also reportedly higher during respite services compared to after.

Four Main Themes were identified during the analysis:

- The respite services were incredibly helpful, and the family would love to have access to this opportunity again.
- The paperwork was too cumbersome and there was not enough instruction to help with the process of getting services set up.
- The services were not only good for the caregiver, but the program gave the individual with disabilities a chance to have social interactions outside the family, which was a positive experience.
- One of the greatest benefits was being able to spend time with their spouse without having to worry about the care for their child with disabilities. Many marriages have been strained due to stress and care of their family members, but the respite greatly helped those relationships.

One-Time Respite is meant to help increase the quality of life for the primary caregiver, as well as increase the amount of time the caregiver can spend with their family and on themselves. This analysis found that those goals are generally accomplished. Through qualitative feedback, we know that there are ways that one-time respite can be improved. In general, caregivers had a positive experience and would take advantage of the opportunity if it were offered again.

**Legislative update/budget updates: Angie Pinna**

Direct care staff increase: \$2 million ongoing  
MTP funding: \$150,000 ongoing  
Waiting List: \$750,000 ongoing  
Dental Clinic housed at USDC: \$500K ongoing

Mandated additional needs and DCFS age outs: \$4.1 million ongoing with one-time reduction of \$300,000

**AC By-Laws: Deborah Bowman**

Discussed newly created council by-laws. Motioned to change Article IV 4.2 part (d) to read, "Keep records, as required by law, of all minutes, reports, and reference material and make these available for Council reference as requested." Council motioned to accept by-laws after change made.

**Final confirmation vote for AC Chair Co-Chair: Angie Pinna**

Deborah Bowman confirmed as AC Chair and Kate McConaughy as Co-Chair.

**Items for Next Month:**

Legislative Debrief	Employment code update
RFS process update	SAS Cap
Professional Parent Program	Post-High Study Update

**Meeting Adjourned at 4:00 pm**

**Next meeting is Scheduled for March 28, 2017 at 2pm.**