

# Disabilities Advisory Council Minutes



**Meeting:** Disabilities Advisory Council  
**Date:** 02/23/2021  
**Start Time:** 2:00 P.M.  
**End Time:** 4:00 P.M.  
**Location:** Google Meet  
**State Office Closed due to COVID-19**  
 Multi-Agency State Office Building 195 North 1950 West  
 Salt Lake City, UT 84116  
**Type of Meeting:** Regular Quarterly Meeting

<b>Members:</b>	<b>Present:</b>	<b>Absent:</b>	<b>Members:</b>	<b>Present:</b>	<b>Absent:</b>
Angella Pinna	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Open Seat	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stephanie Roach	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	John Shoemaker	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tamera Dalton	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jordyn Peterson	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Shirlee Draper	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Carla Thorne	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Neil Allred	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mary Jones	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Susan Blamires	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Open Seat	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Welcome and introduction:**

Called to order at 2:05 pm  
 Glen Larson is in for Jordyn Peterson

**Minutes:**

- Minutes from the August and November quarterly meetings were reviewed, motion to approve was made by Shirlee Draper and Tamera Dalton seconded the motion. Council voted upon – all agreed

**Meeting Agenda Items:**

**MYSTEPS Demo      Amy Huppi, DSPD & Ravi Darbhamulla, DTS**

- MYSTEPS launched a couple of years ago as an online platform for individuals or their families to complete the intake process for DSPD services totally online.
  - continue to work towards MYSTEPS having the capacity for individuals in services
    - Process to make sure that those seeing information are documented and authorized by the individual.
    - You now see a tab that says “Request Access” where you will read over the policy and then you will see a form that needs to be signed by the individual who would receive services or their legal representative before being submitted. This process required of anyone setting up a new MYSTEPS account to create an account.
    - Others will receive an email with this information asking to complete the process.
    - Ravi gave a short demonstration of the process.

**New DSPD Website Resources      Amy Huppi & Saska Rajcevic, DSPD**

- **dspd.utah.gov**
  - Person-Centered Planning webpage: Individuals and Families tab> Services> Person-Centered Planning
    - This information helps to better understand the person-centered planning process, the roles, and what to expect from the support team throughout the process.
  - Be Informed and Be Involved webpage: Individuals and Families tab> Resources> Be Informed and Be Involved

- replaced the “Self-Advocate and Family Informational Gatherings” webpage with this
- Page to be used to post materials from past & upcoming family and self-advocate quarterly meetings with information about various DSPD workgroups and committees. In future, DSPD will post projects and documents for public input in the “Feedback Corner”
- 2021 Community Inclusion Project webpage: Individuals and Families tab> Employment & Community Inclusion> 2021 Community Inclusion Project
  - DSPD is launching a 2 phase project to support and engage with individuals receiving services, their families, Support Coordinators, providers, and other advocates on improving community inclusion outcomes in our system.
    - Phase 1 will be a study that includes 3 surveys over 4 months to understand the barriers.
      - This will be an opportunity to consider goals and discuss how implementation of solutions is working.
    - Phase 2 will include a Community of Practice, create a space where each group can collaborate, peer to peer, to talk through some solutions to the prioritized barriers developed in
    - At the end the disability service system will have gained an understanding of barriers to inclusion, worked together to find solutions, and developed measures to see how our system is doing in reaching the best.
    - Individuals will receive information about this project shortly, which can also be found on the DSPD website at [dspd.utah.gov/employment/2021-community-inclusion-project/](https://dspd.utah.gov/employment/2021-community-inclusion-project/)

## **COVID-19 Updates Angella Pinna, DSPD**

### **• Virtual Visits & PCSP Meetings**

- If you must visit with your Support Coordinator in-person, please follow the “In-Person Visits and Your Health” guidance
  - Recognize the learning curve and appreciate the adjustments being made to keep individuals safe and healthy. Guidance to come on how to resume in person visits
- Year extension for PCSPs has been allowed from March 2020 - January 2021
  - Hold a virtual meeting and complete the plan whenever possible. Plans cannot be extended a second year, phone is another option

### **• Caregiver Compensation**

- Extended through March 31, 2021
  - Individuals currently receiving services who have not used Caregiver Compensation, but meet the criteria, may still apply for this service before the end date
- [dspd.utah.gov/covid-19-information/](https://dspd.utah.gov/covid-19-information/)
  - The Center for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS) have agreed with many advocates that the Public Health Emergency is lasting longer and impacting services beyond the typical use of the Appendix K, or emergency flexibilities allowed for waiver services.
    - Approved states, including Utah, for an extension to their existing Appendix K. This allows a grace period to be included to continue the Appendix K services for 6 months beyond the end of the Public Health Emergency
  - Need to assure there’s adequate funding in our budget to continue services.
    - Able to extend Caregiver Compensation for those currently in services through March 31, 2021.
    - Will continue to evaluate funding and its use through this time period.
    - Those who have been using caregiver compensation currently receiving services may continue until this end date, while those who have not

used caregiver compensation, but meet the criteria, may still apply for this service before the end date.

- If you need to review the information you may find it on the DSPD COVID-19 webpage under the Caregiver Compensation heading.

- **Wait List C.A.R.E.S**

- The Wait List C.A.R.E.S. services ended December 30, 2020. We were able to serve 1,472 individuals who received one or more temporary C.A.R.E.S. Act funded services while waiting for DSPD services. The full \$7.4 million allocation was used to this program.
- Thank you to everyone who supported families to access temporary services.

- **DSPD Supports during school hours**

- Supports needed for education purposes should be directed to the individual's Local Education Agency (LEA). The Utah Parent Center has resources to help families navigate this process if needed.
  - Please continue to work with the Local Education Authority or LEA first to review all available education resources before utilizing DSPD supports for individuals that are school age, [utahparentcenter.org](http://utahparentcenter.org)

- **Vaccines**

- Available to individuals and staff in long-term care settings. Some served by DSPD in residential settings may be eligible, contact local health department

### **Legislative Updates Angella Pinna, DSPD**

- The governor's budget is out you can find the lists of funding for ongoing and one-time as prioritized by the Social Services Appropriations Subcommittee at the link provided in the chat. <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1N98r5n-LBWL5UAhojyc7h17eCkv5WoqX/view>
- The final state budget is set by the Utah Legislature. The state budget and appropriations are finalized at the end of the legislative session in March.
- If you are interested in advocating we recommend contacting the Utah Parent Center at 801-272-1051 and [info@utahparentcenter.org](mailto:info@utahparentcenter.org) the Utah Developmental Disabilities Council at 801-245-7350 and [uddc@utah.gov](mailto:uddc@utah.gov) or the Legislative Coalition for People with Disabilities at [lcpd@utahlcpd.org](mailto:lcpd@utahlcpd.org).

### **Disability Ombudsman Study Tyler Black, DSPD**

- working on study, intent language by legislature now until November, plan is to gather information – with agencies and states, developing a survey to launch in March, can return in May to update on progress, create a budget for it as well as public comment, draft by early fall including all aspects,
- How are we reaching rural areas, could you use feedback on how to do that? there are some small cities that are within urban centers as well that don't get
- How does the model look like in other states? referred to ombudsman standard in Texas – organized within Dept. of health and human services – issue, almost political needs to be independent, Iowa – branch of government, Washington is part of protect and advocacy group which would be DLC in Utah,
- Iowa does investigations run along the lines of permit requirements. Smaller areas might not know are the requirements instead of the actual facility. Still in the phase of finding information. Ombudsman could create or present ideas to legislature to help the process for disabled individuals. Need help to get his circulated past the range of DSPD individuals, need broader input.
- Shirlee: how will we see this?
- Tyler: send it to Anna and she can share with the group
- Tyler: LSW was part of another survey done years ago and is now going into place, out for Public comment can be done at <https://medicaid.utah.gov/lrc/>
- Open through March 4<sup>th</sup>, once closed then it will be submitted with the partners

## **Public comments:**

No public in attendance – MASOB building closed to public due to COVID-19

## **Council Closing Comments:**

Stephanie: DSPD has been hosting quarterly self-advocate and family information gatherings for over a year now to explain changes that are happening. You can find recordings and materials from past meetings on the DSPD Be Informed and Be Involved webpage with the incorporation of the quarterly Support Coordinator and Individual and Family meetings as well as the monthly provider call.

Next meeting is May 25, 2021

Future topics were asked for, council to provide more input to DSPD, think about it keep in mind and email ideas.

**Motion to adjourn** was made by Angie Pinna, and seconded by Shirlee Draper

Council voted and the I's concurred, no one opposed

**Meeting Adjourned at 4:02 pm**

**Chat Notes (not edited):**

You

1:56 PM

NOTICE: This meeting is being recorded.

Shirlee Draper

2:15 PM

Is this for after someone has created a user in MyCase?

You

2:49 PM

Stephanie: Tyler has a time constraint and needs to present after Amy.

Stephanie Roach

2:49 PM

Ok, thank you.

Saska Rajcevic (DHS)

2:52 PM

<https://dspd.utah.gov/employment/2021-community-inclusion-project/>

Saska Rajcevic (DHS)

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Limited Supports Waiver public comment: <https://medicaid.utah.gov/lc/>

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In-Person Visits and Your Health Guidance: [https://mcusercontent.com/ed508d0fee9a2d592f5274e9c/files/e4ceeb71-c51a-4516-a667-aca2d15ba12c/In\\_Person\\_Visits\\_Your\\_Health\\_All\\_Providers.pdf](https://mcusercontent.com/ed508d0fee9a2d592f5274e9c/files/e4ceeb71-c51a-4516-a667-aca2d15ba12c/In_Person_Visits_Your_Health_All_Providers.pdf)

Amy Huppi DHS

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Governor's Budget Recommendations <https://gomb.utah.gov/current-budget/>

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Angella Pinna DHS

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We have really valued everyone's feedback today. It has been helpful and great. :)