



Utah Developmental Disabilities Council Executive Director Summary Report

April 11, 2023, Council Meeting

Area of Responsibility	Activity	Status	Comment
Goal 1: Health and Safety	Healthy Bodies and Relationships	Update	<p>The UDDC contracted with the Institute for Disability Research, Policy & Practice to conduct a statewide needs assessment to ascertain current training and resources available to adults with disabilities and their families related to abuse, neglect, relationships, and sexuality. IDRPP is currently hosting focus groups and is conducting a survey to gather data.</p> <p>To support progress on this objective internally, we will host a training session about healthy relationships and have activities that practice healthy communication skills at the People First of Utah Self-Advocacy conference in May.</p>
Goal 1: Health and Safety	COVID Community Partnership Project (CCP)	Update	Objective 2 has been accomplished with a formal partnership with the Utah Parent Center in COVID-19 access and Community Health Worker efforts. Both projects and funding streams are nearing completion, so UDDC will need to identify new activities for FFY 2024 that we will begin working on in October to maintain strides in Goal 1 Objective 2 of the State Plan.
Goal 2: Transportation	Transportation Study	Update	The Utah Transit Authority has not prioritized a

			<p>statewide transportation service inventory assessment to inform stakeholders about the availability of transportation options, the gaps in services, the barriers to access services, and the socioeconomic data of transit riders in Utah, as anticipated. The Council was hopeful that the study would be underway by this date to support objective 1 within the transportation goal. UDDC staff have begun research internally to move forward with our transportation objectives. When the internal research is complete a decision can be made about whether we have enough information or if we need to seek additional information from researchers.</p>
Goal 3: Leadership and Advocacy	Advocacy Awards	Update	<p>UDDC will need to adjust the process used to recognize community advocates. The Executive Committee will frame a hopeful vision and the Council will help to shape the vision by forming an Advocacy Award Planning Committee to create a process proposal. The committee will select a representative to present the proposal to the Executive Committee in May.</p>
Goal 3: Leadership and Advocacy	Self-Advocacy Conference	New	<p>UDDC will host a self-advocacy conference on May 24-25. The conference will be a two-day event; day one is virtual and day 2 will take place at the UDDC office. The theme "Ready, Set, Grow!" will focus on self-reflection, communication styles, skills, and information about the types of relationships in our lives, and how to exercise self-determination.</p>
Goal 4: Community Access and Supports	DETAC RISE e-Learning Community - Customized Job Development	New	<p>UDDC was invited to join a national community of practice to improve customized employment efforts through the Disability Employment Technical Assistance Center (DETAC). Bryn Peterson, Lisa Wade, and Libby Oseguera will attend this 5-session</p>

			workshop and share the information and resources gained with local stakeholders who are interested in improving the availability of customized employment options.
Goal 4: Community Access and Supports	Transforming and Improving Practices (TIP) grants	Update	We will begin funding three Transforming and Improving Practices (TIP) grants in May to help service providers improve employment outcomes for the people they serve. Six proposals were submitted in all. A scoring rubric was used to determine the strongest applications that demonstrated sustainability and community access and inclusion.
Goal 4: Community Access and Supports	Art Ability Scholarship	Update	UDDC has a partnership with Craft Lake City to provide financial and mentor support for one artisan with a disability to participate in the DIY fair in August. So far, 5 scholarship applications have been received. Application reviews and award determinations will be made in May. A jury formed by Craft Lake City will pre-select the top applicants and the UDDC Community Access and Supports will help select the scholarship recipient. UDDC also hosted an Application Assistance Night at our office in Murray. Eleven artisans attended the event to get support in completing their DIY Fest application, access to a professional photographer to create a visual portfolio, and marketing mentorship, all free of charge.
Operations and Personnel	Council Funding	Update	In February 2023, DD Councils were fully funded for FFY 2023 (the current federal fiscal year) and we received a slight increase in receiving roughly \$37,000 more than our anticipated award (the expected was \$632,000 and the actual was \$669,446.)

<p>Operations and Personnel</p>	<p>Website</p>	<p>Update</p>	<p>The Council will be getting a new website. The Council approved the funding in January 2023 and work is scheduled to begin in late spring. The current website is outdated and has some broken links and other issues that we are unable to correct. Staff are doing their best to share information housed on the website in alternative ways to keep the public informed and UDDC information accessible despite the website issues.</p>
<p>Common Acronyms and Abbreviations</p>	<p>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 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</p>		