

DRAFT MINUTES – COUNCIL QUARTERLY MEETING
DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES COUNCIL
Monday, November 18, 2024
625 SILVER AVENUE SW, SUITE 100A
TELECONFERENCE VIA ZOOM
11:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Members Present

Advocates

Laurel Deans
Amelia-Ann Dickey
Crystal Garcia
Lystra John
Elisheva Levin
Richard Segura

Family Members

Joel Davis, Chair
Katie Stone, Vice Chair
Valentin Anaya, Treasurer
Jennifer Sanchez, Secretary
Deanna Cole
Joseph Melvyn Jaramillo
Tarra Main
Selma Ramos Nevarez
Jo Ellen Ransom

Agencies Present

Patrick Allen (DOH)
John Arango (CLSC)
Margaret Cage (PED)
Allegra Carpenter (CYFD)
Tim Gardner, proxy (DRNM)
Elizabeth Groginsky (ECECD)
Mario Lucero, proxy (DVR)
Lanthia Miles (Non-Government Agency)
Marylou Poli, proxy (ALTSD)
Pat Osbourn (UNM, CDD)
Laurie Ross-Brennan (Non-Government Agency)

Staff Present

Alice Liu McCoy (Executive Director)
Joe Turk (OOG Legal Director)
Donna Vigil (Chief Operating Officer)
Michelle Varela (Chief Financial Officer)
Michelle Tregembo (Special Education State Ombud)
Vashad Frink (Job Trainee)
Lucero Estrada (Office Administrator)
Lindsay Sloan (CSA Outreach Coordinator)

Advocates Absent

None

Family Members Absent

None

Agencies Absent

Scott Doan, proxy (HCA, DDSD)
Christie Guinn, proxy (HCA, MAD)

Public Guests

Gogo Anaya
Josett Monette (IAD)

Call to Order/ Housekeeping

Chair Joel Davis called the meeting to order, completed the roll call, and housekeeping was conducted. The meeting convened at 11:01 AM.

Public Comment

None.

Approval of November 18, 2024 Agenda – Action Item

Tim Gardner moved to approve the agenda as written, seconded by John Arango. Motion passed unanimously, with one abstention from Joseph Jaramillo.

Approval of August 19, 2024 Quarterly Meeting Minutes – Action Item

Three amendments were proposed on the draft minutes. Elisheva Levin moved to approve the minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by Jennifer Sanchez and passed unanimously.

Council Committee Projects

Alice Liu McCoy discussed the formation and evolution of the Council committees from 2019 to present, introduced the committee self-advocate co-chairs, the DDC staffers, and announced a call for Council members to serve as committee mentors. Alice and DDC staff discuss committee projects. Valentin Anaya, Tim Gardner, Jo Ellen Ransom, and Elisheva Levin discuss their support and concerns about supported decision making projects.

2025 Legislative Session Priorities

Alice Liu McCoy presented the proposed Supported Decision Making Act and its legislative history. Valentin Anaya asked about the bill's biggest hurdles and discussed the importance of the bill for New Mexicans with disabilities. Jo Ellen Ransom discussed concerns about the supported decision making (SDM) model and practice. Jennifer Sanchez asked other agencies their feedback on SDM. Marylou Poli discussed the least restrictive standard that governs Adult Protective Services and support for SDM as a lesser restrictive alternative to guardianship. Tim Gardner described the use of SDM agreements. Alice discussed the implementation of SDM in other states. Allegra Carpenter asked about other states that have passed an SDM law. Patrick Allen discussed the importance of training and awareness of SDM. Valentin asked about the cost of SDM.

Alice discussed the proposed bill to define and restrict restraint and seclusion in schools, led by the Legislative Education Study Committee, and its legislative history. Jo Ellen asked about the prevalence and need of restraint and seclusion. Joel discussed the prevalence of restraint and seclusion and the lack of positive behavioral supports, training, clear regulations, and data. Pat Osbourn discussed the need for accurate data.

Alice discussed the proposed Special Education Act, its legislative history, and the importance of codifying special education requirements in state law in light of the uncertainty of special education protections at the federal level. Elizabeth Groginsky discussed the move of the preschool special education coordinator from Public Education Department (PED) to Early Childhood Education and Care Department (ECECD).

Alice discussed DDC's budget request and working with Legislative Finance Committee staff.

Elizabeth discussed a proposed bill to collect data and limit suspension and expulsion of children in early childhood settings.

2027-2031 Federal Five-Year Plan Development Work Plan – Action Item

Joe Turk presented the Work Plan to develop the next Federal Five-Year Plan. John Arango discussed the importance of having a broad Five-Year Plan to address state needs as they arise. Alice Liu McCoy reviewed the accomplished under the current Five-Year Plan. Valentin Anaya moved to approve the Work Plan, seconded by John Arango. Motion passed unanimously.

Council Chair & Executive Report

The Chair and Executive Director discussed the follow-up of public comments made in previous Council quarterly meeting.

Member Announcements

Pat Osbourn announced the IMAGINE workshop in June 12-13, 2025, at Embassy Suites hotel. Selma Nevarez discussed attending PED Office of Special Education's professional development tour and statewide Special Olympics event in Las Cruces. Jennifer Sanchez announced Elevate the Spectrum's Autism Day at the Capitol on February 6, 2025. Elizabeth Groginsky announced ECECD's Early Childhood Day on March 17, 2025, and requested support for ECECD's budget request, including \$14.67 million for Family Infant Toddler program and \$2 million for professional development. Jennifer announced Disability Coalition's Pre-Legislative Forum on January 11, 2025, and Disability Rights Awareness Day on February 13, 2025. Alice Liu McCoy discussed the Disability Employment Awareness Month Conference. Jo Ellen Ransom introduced her son Zachary.

Adjourn

The next meeting will be held in February 2025. Motion to adjourn was made by Joel Davis and seconded by Tarra Main. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 3:08 PM.