

**APPROVED MINUTES – COUNCIL MEETING**  
**DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES PLANNING**  
COUNCIL Monday, January 25, 2021  
TELECONFERENCE VIA ZOOM  
2:30 – 5:00 PM

**Members Present**

**Advocates**

Laurel Deans  
Emma Farris  
Elisheva Levin

**Family Members**

John Arango  
Katie Stone  
Kathleen Holmes Cates  
Joseph Jaramillo  
Chinda Lucoski  
Tarra Main  
Selma Ramos Nevarez  
Jennifer Sanchez

**Agencies Present**

Joel Davis (Elevate the Spectrum)  
Pat Osbourn (UNM, CDD)  
Sharilyn Roanhorse (HSD)  
Michal Hayes, proxy (ALTSD)  
Deborah Dominguez-Clark (PED)  
Diane Mourning Brown (DVR)  
Gary Housepian (DRNM)  
Jason Cornwell (DOH, DDSD)  
Eli Fresquez (CYFD)

**Staff Present**

Alice Liu McCoy (DDPC Executive Director)  
Joe Turk (DDPC Chief Operating Officer)  
Rachel Romero-Lovato (DDPC Office Manager)  
Daniel Ekman (DDPC CSA Program Manager)  
Chris Moander (OAG, OCD)

**Advocates Absent**

None

**Family Members Absent**

Valentin Anaya

**Agencies Absent**

Lupe Sanchez (SF County Government)  
Lanthia Miles (Non-Government Agency)

**Public Guests**

Jim Jackson  
Robert Bundy

**Call to Order/Introductions/Housekeeping**

John Arango called the meeting to order, completed the roll call, and housekeeping was conducted. The meeting convened at 2:33 PM.

**Approval of January 25, 2021 Agenda – Action Item**

Katie Stone moved to approve the Agenda as written, seconded by John Arango, and motion passed unanimously.

**Approval of November 9, 2020 Meeting Minutes – Action Item**

Gary Housepian moved to approve the Minutes as written, seconded by John Arango, and motion passed unanimously.

**Review of Legislation Affecting People with Disabilities – Jim Jackson**

Presented bills being introduced in the 2021 Regular Session that may affect New Mexicans living with disabilities. Members discussed proposed legislation, particularly the restraint and seclusion bill.

**Executive Director Report – Alice Liu McCoy**

Reported on DDPC fiscal year 2022 budget request and upcoming House Appropriations and Finance Committee hearing. Presented DDPC bills.

**Legislative Advocacy Strategy Discussion – John Arango**

John Arango led a member discussion on legislative advocacy. Members discussed focusing advocacy efforts around their areas of expertise and personal/professional networks.

**Agency Activity Report**

John Arango gave an update on Special Education Transformation Team activities. Joe Turk reported on employment initiatives. Alice Liu McCoy gave a COVID-19 vaccine update and reported on Office of Guardianship activities.

**Member Announcements**

Chinda Lucoski introduced her new non-profit organization, Otero Development for People with Disabilities. Kathleen Cates stepped down as CEO of Life Roots in September 2020. Selma Nevarez offered assistance to anyone needing support from the southern part of the state. Elisheva will be forming the new THRIVE class for individuals with disabilities between the ages of 18 thru 30.

**Public Comment**

Robert Bundy announced Best Buddies will be shutting down some operations in New Mexico due to lack of funding.

**Next Meeting** will be held at DDPC in April 2021.

**Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn made by Katie Stone and seconded by John Arango. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 4:55 PM.