

**APPROVED MINUTES – COUNCIL MEETING**  
**DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES PLANNING**  
COUNCIL Monday, November 9, 2020  
TELECONFERENCE VIA ZOOM  
2:00– 4:30 PM

**Members Present**

**Advocates**

Laurel Deans  
Emma Farris  
Elisheva Levin

**Family Members**

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

**Agencies Present**

Kathleen Holmes-Cates (Life Roots Inc.)  
Joel Davis (Elevate the Spectrum)  
Pat Osbourn (UNM, CDD)  
Melanie Buenviaje, proxy (HSD)  
Dolores Gonzales (ALTSD)  
Kate Girard (ECECD)  
Michal Hayes (ALTSD)  
Deborah Dominguez-Clark (PED)  
Diane Mourning-Brown (DVR)  
Gary Housepian (DRNM)  
Jennifer Rodriguez, proxy (DOH, DDS)  
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)  
Kathleen Coates (DDPC Chief Financial Officer)  
David Gonzales (DDPC OOG Staff)  
Chris Moander (OAG, OCD)  
Rosemary Anderson (DDPC Intern)

**Advocates Absent**

None

**Family Members Absent**

Valentin Anaya

**Agencies Absent**

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

**Public Guests**

Lorraine Mendiola  
Megan Garrigan (DDPC Education  
Subcommittee)

**Call to Order/Introductions/Housekeeping**

John Arango called the meeting to order, completed the roll call, and housekeeping was conducted. The meeting convened at 2:10 PM.

**Approval of November 9, 2020 Agenda – Action Item**

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

**Approval of August 31, 2020 Meeting Minutes – Action Item**

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

**Executive Director Report – Alice Liu McCoy**

Reported on DDPC fiscal year 2022 budget update and actions that have been and will be undertaken to advocate for increasing the Executive (DFA) and Legislative (LFC) budget recommendations. John Arango discussed the agency audit. Discussed Office of Guardianship vacancies and impact on guardianship program if budget is not right-sized.

**Legislative Session Preparation**

Joe Turk and Daniel Ekman discussed DDPC’s legislative advocacy activities and events, Advocate Leadership Academy, and Summit on Advocacy. Alice Liu McCoy discussed DDPC’s legislative priorities. John Arango requested Council members submit bill support requests.

**Education Committee Update**

John Arango and Alice Liu McCoy reported on activities of the PED/DDPC Special Education Transformation Team and discussed DDPC case study of families with students in special education.

**Health & Community-Based Services Committee Update**

Jennifer Rodriguez, Tarra Main, and Alice Liu McCoy reported on the first committee meeting and proposed topics of focus for the committee, including community building, improving utilization of Centennial Care Community Benefits and Mi Via waiver, and the intersection of DD and behavioral health.

**Legal & Civil Rights Committee Update**

Gary Housepian and Alice Liu McCoy reported on DDPC’s presentation to the Governor’s Advisory Council on Racial Justice. Alice discussed seeking partners to work on domestic/sexual violence and human trafficking and abuse/neglect/exploitation priorities.

**Employment Committee Update**

Diane Mourning-Brown, Elisheva Levin, and Alice Liu Cook reported on DVR issues, including lack of job openings and reducing the waitlist. Elisheva Levin discussed the THRIVE program for people on the spectrum. Chinda Lucoski discussed Project SEARCH.

**Member Announcements**

Eli Fresquez commended DDPC for its collaborative approach.

**Public Comment**

Chris Moander stated that he, as a representative of the Office of the Attorney General, is a resource for DDPC.

**Next Meeting** will be held at DDPC in January at the beginning of the 2021 Legislative session.

**Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn made by Katie Stone and seconded by John Arango. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 4:13 PM.