

**APPROVED MINUTES – COUNCIL MEETING**  
DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES PLANNING COUNCIL  
Friday August 23, 2019  
625 SILVER AVENUE SW (DDPC CONFERENCE ROOM)  
ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO 87102  
9:00am-4:30pm

**Members Present**

**Advocates**

Laurel Deans  
Emma Farris  
Elisheva Levin

**Family Members**

Katie Stone  
Selma Ramos Nevarez  
Chinda Lucoski  
Tarra Main  
Jennifer Sanchez  
John Arango  
Valentin Anaya (via Phone) 10:20am

**Agencies Present**

Lupe Sanchez (SF County Government)  
Kathleen Cates (Life Roots Inc.)  
Joel Davis (Non-Profit Group)  
Pat Osbourn (UNM, CDD)  
Jason Cornwell (DOH, DDSD)  
Sharilyn Roanhorse (HSD)  
Kate Girard (CYFD)  
Dolores Gonzales (Aging & Long-Term)  
Jacqueline Costales (Special Ed-PED)  
Diane Mourning-Brown (DVR)  
Gary Housepain (DRNM)

**Staff Present**

Alice Liu McCoy (DDPC Executive Director)  
Rachel Romero-Lovato (DDPC Office Manager)  
Daniel Ekman (DDPC CSA Program Manager)  
Kathy Coates (DDPC Chief Financial Officer)  
Maria Bourassa (DDPC Guardianship Manager)  
John Grubestic (Assistant Attorney General)

**Advocates Absent**

None

**Family Members Absent**

Joseph Jaramillo

**Agencies Absent**

Lanthia Miles (Non-Government Agency)

**Public Guests**

Jim Jackson  
Robert Kegel, (Family Member Advocate)  
Mary Smith, Attorney

**Call to Order/Introductions/Housekeeping**

John Arango called the meeting to order, completed the Roll Call, and Housekeeping was conducted. The meeting convened at 9:05 am.

**Approval of August 23, 2019 Agenda – Action Item**

Katie Stone moved to approve the Agenda as written, seconded by Jennifer Sanchez, motion passed unanimously.

**Approval of July 23, 2019 Meeting Minutes**

Katie Stone moved to approve the July 23, 2019 Minutes as written, seconded by Jennifer Sanchez, motion passed unanimously.

**Introduction of DDPC Staff**

At 9:20am, DDPC staff came in and introduced themselves and explained their position held here at DDPC.

**Council Orientation (State and Federal Statute)**

At 9:35am, Jim Jackson came and gave an orientation that included background on State Councils on Developmental Disabilities. He included coverage on Diverse Council Membership, Empowerment through Self-Advocacy, state-level planning and goal implementation. He discussed the role and duty of Council. The mission is advocacy, capacity building, and systemic change.

**BREAK**

10:23am

**DDPC Programs Overview**

- 1) Office of Guardianship –Maria Bourassa gave Guardianship Presentation at 10:45am.
- 2) Federal Program-Daniel Ekman, gave Federal Presentation
- 3) Center for Self Advocacy-Daniel Ekman gave CSA Presentation

**Lunch**

12:05pm

**Public Comment**

Mary Smith, Attorney, commented on the 2018 audit finding that were released regarding 2 current staff a 1 staff no longer here. She spoke on pending complaints regarding 2 current staff.  
Robert Kegel, Family member commented on needing more services for Native Americans.

**Executive Committee/ Chair Report- John Arango**

John Arango thanked Jim Jackson will for giving an Orientation to the Council.

**Executive Director Report/Financial Report/ FY21 Budget Request– Action Item**

Introduced Kathy Coates as CFO for DDPC, and announced Ms. Coates will be reviewing budget requests for FY21. Ms. Coates reviewed the budget for CSA, Federal, and Office of Guardianship. The Council reviewed, discussed and approved the FY21 Budget Request.

12:45pm Alice Liu McCoy spoke on goals of Decision Making and fresh start for DDPC.

**Department of Health/Developmental Disabilities Supports Division Report (DOH/DDSD)** – Jason Cornwell spoke on increasing provider’s networks. DDSD is working on a reimbursement for people waiting on the wait DD Waiver Waitlist.

**Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) Report/PED (Special Education) Report**

**Disability Rights New Mexico**

Gary Housepian stated DRNM supports guardianship services. Employment should be added to the 5 year plan. DDPC needs an upgrade to technology that includes an IT technical assistant. Instead of issues driving us we will be driving the issues.

**Center for Development and Disabilities (UCED) Report – Pat Osbourn, LISW Disability**

**Member Announcements**-Chinda is running a parent support group they will do a walk and proceeds will be donated.

**Next Meeting** will be held at DDPC in November.

**Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn made by John Arango and seconded by Kathleen Cates. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 4:25pm.