

**DRAFT MINUTES
DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES PLANNING COUNCIL
FRIDAY, APRIL 29, 2016
625 SILVER SW (DDPC CONFERENCE ROOM)
ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO 87102**

Members Present

Persons w/ Disabilities

Judy Sena
Sergio Resendiz
Amira Rasheed

Family Members

Dr. Tim Query
C. Dianne Griego (Vice-Chair)
Vicki Galindo
Charlene Espinoza

Attendants

Jeanette Sena
Amira's attendant
Two sign language interpreters

Agencies Present

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| Jim Jackson | DRNM |
| Pat Osbourn | CDD |
| Kathleen Hardy | CYFD |
| Lisa Storti | DDSD |
| Cynthia Shelton | HSD |
| Ellen Carpenter | DVR |
| Michael Lovato | PED |

Staff Present

John Block, III
Barbara Ibanez
Justin Moore
Caroline Manierre (AGO)

**Staff Present for
Reporting Purposes
Only**

Kathy Coates

Members Absent

Sandy Skaar (Chair)
Peter Stover
Hoskie Benally, Jr.
Theresa Apodaca

Agencies Absent

Kelly K. Zunie (IAD)
Cynthia Shelton (HSD)
Anita Morales (ALTSD)

Public Guests

Call to Order/Introductions/Housekeeping/Mission Statement

C. Dianne Griego (Vice Chair) called the meeting to order at 9:19 am. Introductions were exchanged.

Charlene Espinoza read the Mission/Vision Statement.

Approve Agenda – Action Item

Dr. Tim Query moved to approve the amended agenda; Judy seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Approve Minutes from January, 2016 Meeting– Action Item

Amira moved to approve the minutes as amended; Sergio seconded. Motion carried unanimously, with Dr. Tim Query abstaining.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Executive Session

Pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1(H)(2), the Council is authorized to enter into Executive Session to discuss limited individual personnel matters regarding SPO/EEOC. The Council is therefore authorized to undertake the following business in Executive Session: limited individual personnel matters regarding SPO/EEOC. *Kathleen Hardy moved to enter into Executive Session; Charlene Espinosa seconded; the motion carried. Roll call was unanimous. The motion carried. The Council moved into Executive Session at 9:30 am. (John Block, III, Barbara Ibanez, and Caroline Manierre stayed for the Executive Session at C. Dianne Griego’s request).*

C. Dianne Griego, Vice-Chair, returned the Council from Executive Session by stating, “Let the record show the Executive Session ended at 9:47 am. The matters discussed were limited to the items on the agenda.”

Executive Committee/Chair Report – C. Dianne Griego, Vice Chair

Requests for Proposals (RFPs) were disseminated to all contractors. Program Committee reviewed all letters of interest. All contractors who met the deadline were approved. Special thank you to Kathleen and Amira for their supererogatory efforts.

a. Chair Meetings and Activities

Sandy Skaar, John Block, III, and Barbara Ibanez met with the Governor’s Office. The Council has 23 appointed slots. There are, currently, nine vacancies. There is a particular need for self-advocates, especially from outlying, rural areas.

[Lisa Storti arrived at 10:00 am.]

Executive Director’s Report – John Block

a. Program Updates

Agency has made significant progress. Staff outlook is more collaborative. Parents Reaching Out asked DDPC to sponsor keynote speakers, who turned out to be most informative. Emphasis was placed on outreach and promotion for DDPC and other agencies.

NACDD has asked all Councils to promote awareness during Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month. Side-by-side activities have been very well received. Many local businesses helped to sponsor the events. *Forward @ 14* activities occurred on Saturdays in the DDPC Conference Room. EPICS presented DDPC with their Community Service award. Dana Curtis, an intern from Highlands University, had an excellent experience learning and working with DDPC staff.

b. Financial Report

Kathy Coates gave financial report highlights. FY 16 audit has already started. She hopes it will be completed in November. Federal draw-downs are current. Small deficit in 200 category (salaries and benefits) should come in to balance by the end of June.

Kathy reviewed FY 17 operating budget. Jim Jackson asked about \$80,000 shortfall in general funds. Where will cuts be made? DFA is assuming vacancy savings. May need BAR in September. Current contractors will continue in FY 17, with possible changes in scope of work.

c. FY 17 Operating Budget – Action Item

Sergio Resendiz moved and Lisa Storti seconded to approve FY 17 Operating Budget. The motion passed unanimously.

d. Other Information

Mr. Block provided update on the Williams Quiet Title issue, which was resolved through mediation.

Lunch

Program Committee –Kathleen Hardy

• **Present recommendation for Five-Year Plan Goals/Objectives –Action Item**

Kathleen outlined process/projects for Year-One Goals/Objectives. Discussion ensued on amending Education and Early Intervention. *Charlene Espinoza moved to accept the draft recommendations (see Attachment B) with an eye to possible improvements; Vicki Galindo seconded. Motion carried unanimously.*

• **Discussion of possible projects for Year-One Plan Goals/Objectives –Action Item**

The Council reviewed possible projects for Year-One and examined where various initiatives fit under Goals and Objectives. *Charlene Espinoza moved to utilize programs, as modified through discussion, for Year-One; Lisa Storti seconded. Motion carried, with Jim Jackson and Pat Osbourn abstaining.*

• **Recommendation of Guardianship Contractor Rates –Action Item**

Jim Jackson moved to increase Guardianship Contractor rates; Charlene Espinoza seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

2016 Legislative Outcomes –Jim Jackson

Budget situation is very difficult. Most state agencies experienced cuts. However, DDPC received \$400,000 for Guardianship program. State Medicaid received \$20 million (vs. \$80 million requested). HB 61 passed, authorizing ABLE Act under the Office of the State Treasurer. SB 21 provides for an alert, like Amber, for persons with disabilities. SB 113 authorizes court-ordered outpatient treatment (which was opposed by our Council). Director Block suggested legislation dropping “Planning” from “Developmental Disabilities Planning Council.”

Disability Rights New Mexico -- Jim Jackson

Disability Rights Awareness Day was a great success. DRNM is heavily promoting voter registration, implementing training sessions around the state. DRNM is working to make all services in Centennial Care

available to all who qualify. Special Education Ancillary Services are being threatened as PED has changed the rules and is asking for documentation.

Center for Development and Disability (CDD) Report –Pat Osbourn, LISW

CDD highlights: over 50 employees are working on numerous projects. Partners in Policy Making continues to be very successful. Projects in public schools: Tier One must be in place to improve behaviors. Infant Team concentrates on developmental issues in the home (with a focus on violence). Gearing up for Camp Rising Sun: ninety volunteers will work with the campers (with autism). Three Day Summer Institute brings best practices to the classroom. CDD is developing webinars on Autism Spectrum Disorders. New services through Medicaid are being studied and implemented. Must continue to ask, “How can we better utilize our resources to better serve our community?”

Member Topics

Next meeting will need to take place in late July or early August.

Meeting Evaluations

Justin Moore distributed the forms to the Council.

Adjournment

Kathleen Hardy moved for adjournment; Amira Rashid seconded. Motion passed by acclamation. The meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm.