

APPROVED MINUTES – Council Meeting
DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES PLANNING COUNCIL
FRIDAY, APRIL 27, 2018
625 SILVER AVENUE SW (DDPC CONFERENCE ROOM)
ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO 87102
9:00 AM -4:00PM

Members Present

Advocates

Amira Rasheed, Chair
Sergio Resendiz, Vice Chair

Family Members

Sandy Skaar, Past Chair
C. Dianne Griego, Secretary/Treasure
(By phone)
joined at 10:35am

Attendants

2 Sign Language Interpreters

Agencies Present

Gary Housepian (DRNM)
Kathleen Hardy (CYFD)
Ellen Carpenter (DVR)
Pat Osbourn (by phone) (CDD)
Regina Lewis (DOH/DDSD)
Deborah Dominguez-Clark (PED/SEB)

Staff Present

John Block III, Executive Director
Barbara Ibáñez, Deputy Director
Mary Lou Poli, Attorney General's Office

Staff Present for Meeting Minute Purposes

Rachel Romero-Lovato, Office Manager

Staff Present for Reporting Purposes

Maria Bourassa, Guardianship Program Manager
Lindsay Sloan, CSA Outreach Coordinator

Advocates Absent

Hoskie Benally
JudyAnn Sena

Family Members Absent

Theresa Apodaca
Charlene Espinoza

Agencies Absent

Kyky Knowles (ALTSD)
Cynthia Shelton (HSD)
Suzette Shije (IAD)

Public Guests

Heather Benavidez (State Treasurer's Office)
Jim Jackson (Retired DRNM Director)
Holly Gonzales, (Intern)

Call to Order/Introductions/Housekeeping/Mission Statement

Chairperson Amira Rasheed called the meeting to order at 9:45 am. Introductions and housekeeping were conducted. NOTE: Due to lack of quorum, Amira Rasheed announced that all Action Items will occur once a quorum is met. Mary Lou Poli announced a hearing regarding The ArcNM vs. DDPC is scheduled for May 7, 2018. At 10:50 am the quorum was met. Sandy Skaar moved to approve the Agenda as written, Sergio Resendiz seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.

Approval April 19, 2018 Minutes – Action Item

There was discussion of the April 19, 2018 minutes, including that the spelling #2 Litigation was misspelled. Kathleen Hardy moved to approve the minutes as amended, seconded by Sergio Resendiz. The motion was approved unanimously.

Approval of January 18, 2018 Minutes - Action Item

There was a motion to approve the January 18, 2018 minutes as written by Sandy Skaar, Kathleen Hardy seconded the motion. Motion approved with Gary Housepian abstaining.

Introduction of Guests

Amira Rasheed introduced special guests Heather Benavidez and Holly Gonzales. Heather Benavidez is from The Office of the State Treasurer. Holly Gonzales is an Intern at DDPC and attends Highlands University. She attended the meeting as part of her learning contract requirements.

Public Comment(s)

None

Executive Session: pursuant to NMSA Sec. 10-15-1(H) (2) & (7) Discussion of Limited Individual Personnel and Legal Matters

A motion was made by Regina Lewis that the Council convenes in closed session as authorized by the limited personnel matters exception and to discuss litigation with the board’s attorney as authorized by Section 10-15-1 (H) (2) and (7) as listed on the Agenda. It was seconded by Kathleen Hardy. Motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote as follows:

Amira Rasheed	Yes
Sandy Skaar	Yes
Sergio Resendiz	Yes
Dianne Griego	Yes
Gary Housepian, DRNM	Yes
Kathleen Hardy, CYFD	Yes
Ellen Carpenter, DVR	Yes
Pat Osbourn, CDD	Yes
Regina Lewis, DOH/DDSD	Yes
Deborah Domiguez-Clark	Yes

Amira Rasheed stated that we are back on the record returning from Executive Session and affirm the matters discussed in the closed meeting were limited to those stated in the motion to close and on the agenda. She further attests no action was taken in closed session.

New Mexico Able Act Presentation

Heather Benavidez presented on Able New Mexico. The program launched in 2018. This program is designed to provide a savings account for Individuals with Disabilities which would not affect their SSDI or Medicaid. This is tax free and the individual will have access via internet. The website is ablennewmexico.com

Executive Committee/Chair Reports

Amira Rasheed reported that she has been meeting with the Executive Committee recently.

Lunch - Appreciation of Jim Jackson

DDPC presented Jim Jackson with a piece of pottery for his retirement and appreciation of being the person who has served the longest on the Council.

Executive Director's Report – John Block, III, Executive Director

Mr. Block reported on the Policy Conference in Washington DC. Some topics they covered went over were Healthcare reform for people with disabilities. Medicare/Medicaid changes.

a. Program Updates:

Guardianship Program:

Maria Bourassa introduced new Guardianship Program staff. She described the expansion of guardianship roles and responsibilities of employees. The programs staff has a goal to eliminate the wait list in FY19. The Guardianship Program Policy Statements were revised and approved by The Council. Gary Housepian moved to approve, seconded by Deborah Dominguez-Clark, the motion was approved unanimously.

Center for Self Advocacy:

Lyndsay Sloan reported on CSA updates. The 2018 Advocacy Summit was a success. Parents Reaching Out conference was very informative. CSA staff and advocates presented on “From Fear to Freedom” statewide and at the PRO Conference. The presentations were successful, and received a lot of great feedback. The 2018 graduation for the Advocate Leadership Academy took place at DDPC on Monday, April 23, 2018. There were several sponsors that supported the event. The Advocates were excited about the class and graduating. CSA will be planning Summer Fun Series.

Federal Program:

Barbara Ibanez deferred the Federal Program to the Program Committee report.

b. Financial Report

John Block shared the Financial Report that was included in the Council notebook.

c. FY 19 Operating Budget discussion and approval – Action Item

FY19 Operating Budget was presented by Mr. Block. Motion was made by Kathleen Hardy to authorize Mr. Block to provide technical changes to the FY19 Budget. It was, seconded by Sergio Resendiz, motion carried. Approval on of the Operating Budget was made by Ellen Carpenter and seconded by Gary Housepian. The motion carried unanimously

Program Committee – Kathleen Hardy

a. Discussion of Year 3 Projects for Goals/Objectives for 5-year Plan – Action Item

Barbara Ibanez and Kathleen Hardy presented on year 3 of The Federal Programs with the FY19 Budget, and updated the Council on the 5~Year Plan. The School to Work Alliance activities has been completed.

The motion to approve the Federal Program Budget as presented was made by Kathleen Hardy and seconded by Sergio Resendiz. The Motion carried with Pat Osbourn and Gary Housepian abstaining. The Council will decide in August on a Tele health contractor.

b. Guardianship Program Policy Statements discussion and approval – Action Item

The Guardianship Program Policy Statements were presented and discussed by the Council. Gary Housepian moved to approve, seconded by Deborah Dominguez-Clark, the motion was approved unanimously.

c. Federal Quarterly Report Presentation

Barbara Ibanez provided two different project quarterly reports from the next Excel spreadsheet version. She explained that the next step is importing the data into an Access database where queries and reports will be generated from. Pat Osbourn shared how the new quarter report format has been quite helpful.

Policy and By-Laws Committee

No report

2018 Legislative Outcomes – Jim Jackson

Jim Jackson shared an overview of the 2018 Legislative outcomes.

Disability Rights New Mexico – Gary Housepian

Gary Housepian, new Executive Director, shared an overview of various projects that DRNM is currently involved in completing.

Center for Development – Pat Osbourn

Pat Osbourn shared an overview of various projects that CDD is currently involved in completing.

Member Topics

Regina Lewis spoke about Mi Via Waiver, they are aimed to keep integrity of the Waiver.

Next Meeting Dates

The next meeting was announced for August 23rd and 24th, 2018.

Adjournment

Kathleen Hardy made a motion to adjourn at 3:50pm, seconded by Deborah Dominguez-Clark. The motion carried.