

DRAFT 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.