

DRAFT MINUTES – COUNCIL MEETING
DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES PLANNING COUNCIL
Monday, January 25, 2021
TELECONFERENCE VIA ZOOM
2:30 – 5:00 PM

Members Present

Advocates

Laurel Deans
Emma Farris
Elisheva Levin

Family Members

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

Agencies Present

Joel Davis (Elevate the Spectrum)
Pat Osbourn (UNM, CDD)
Sharilyn Roanhorse (HSD)
Michal Hayes, proxy (ALTSD)
Deborah Dominguez-Clark (PED)
Diane Mourning Brown (DVR)
Gary Housepian (DRNM)
Jason Cornwell (DOH, DDSD)
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)
Chris Moander (OAG, OCD)

Advocates Absent

None

Family Members Absent

Valentin Anaya

Agencies Absent

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

Public Guests

Jim Jackson
Robert Bundy

Call to Order/Introductions/Housekeeping

John Arango called the meeting to order, completed the roll call, and housekeeping was conducted. The meeting convened at 2:33 PM.

Approval of January 25, 2021 Agenda – Action Item

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

Approval of November 9, 2020 Meeting Minutes – Action Item

Gary Housepian moved to approve the Minutes as written, seconded by John Arango, and motion passed unanimously.

Review of Legislation Affecting People with Disabilities – Jim Jackson

Presented bills being introduced in the 2021 Regular Session that may affect New Mexicans living with disabilities. Members discussed proposed legislation, particularly the restraint and seclusion bill.

Executive Director Report – Alice Liu McCoy

Reported on DDPC fiscal year 2022 budget request and upcoming House Appropriations and Finance Committee hearing. Presented DDPC bills.

Legislative Advocacy Strategy Discussion – John Arango

John Arango led a member discussion on legislative advocacy. Members discussed focusing advocacy efforts around their areas of expertise and personal/professional networks.

Agency Activity Report

John Arango gave an update on Special Education Transformation Team activities. Joe Turk reported on employment initiatives. Alice Liu McCoy gave a COVID-19 vaccine update and reported on Office of Guardianship activities.

Member Announcements

Chinda Lucoski introduced her new non-profit organization, Otero Development for People with Disabilities. Kathleen Cates stepped down as CEO of Life Roots in September 2020. Selma Nevarez offered assistance to anyone needing support from the southern part of the state. Elisheva will be forming the new THRIVE class for individuals with disabilities between the ages of 18 thru 30.

Public Comment

Robert Bundy announced Best Buddies will be shutting down some operations in New Mexico due to lack of funding.

Next Meeting will be held at DDPC in April 2021.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn made by Katie Stone and seconded by John Arango. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 4:55 PM.