

**APPROVED MINUTES  
DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES PLANNING COUNCIL  
SUMMER BUSINESS MEETING  
FRIDAY, AUGUST 22, 2014  
625 SILVER SW (DDPC CONFERENCE ROOM)  
ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO 87102**

**Members Present**

**Persons w/ Disabilities**

Judy Sena  
Andrea MacRae  
Amira Rasheed  
Sergio Resendiz

**Family Members**

Sandy Skaar (Chair)  
Doris Roberts  
Charlene Espinoza  
C. Dianne Griego (Vice-Chair)  
Dr. Tim Query  
Theresa Apodaca  
Vicki Galindo

**Attendants**

Jeanette Sena  
Andrew MacRae

**Agencies Present**

Jim Jackson	DRNM
CateMcClain	CDD
Kathleen Hardy	CYFD
Joshua Granata	AGO
Debbie Hambel	DVR
Hoskie Benally, Jr.	DIA
Wendy Corry	DDSD
Gail Trotter	ALTSD

**Staff Present**

John Block, III  
Dianne Rivera  
Justin Moore

**Staff Present for  
Reporting Purposes  
Only**

Kathy Coates

**Members Absent**

Denise Weaver  
Cassie Harden

**Agencies Absent**

Cynthia Shelton (HSD)  
Peter Stover (Higher Ed)  
Gabriel Baca (PED)

**Public Guests**

**Call to Order/Introductions/Housekeeping/Mission Statement**

Chair Sandy Skaar called the meeting to order at 9:25 am. Introductions were exchanged. Doris read the Mission and Vision Statement.

### **Approve Agenda – Action Item**

*Jim moved to approve the agenda. Deb seconded. Motion carried.*

### **Approve Minutes – Action Item**

*Doris moved to approve the minutes from the Spring Meeting (4/15/14) as amended. Amira seconded. Motion carried.*

### **Executive Committee Report/Chair’s Report**

Committee met once to develop the agenda; Marcia will head the Finance Committee. Dianne moved Sandy be authorized to appoint committee members and to create ad hoc committees; Cate seconded. Motion carried. Ad hoc committees will be established for CSA and for John’s evaluation.

### **Executive Director’s Report**

John reported on Guardianship Symposium; Network Initiatives forums; and the NACDD symposium. He also gave an update on the development of policies and procedures. Fiberoptics were installed last week; telephones will be upgraded. DoIT will replace Filemaker with a more robust system with 24/7 support. CSA has presented on anti-bullying at numerous venues around the state.

### **Financial Report – Kathy Coates, CFO**

Kathy reviewed the FY16 budget request (with increases).

- **Action Item—Approve State FY16 Budget Request**

*Doris moved to approve the State FY16 Budget Request; Judy seconded. Motion carried.*

### **Program Committee Report –Deb Hambel**

Some programs should be moved back to DDPC; CDD’s transition initiative needs additional funding. The Program Committee is requesting suggestions for possible venues for the Spring Retreat (within 100 miles of Albuquerque).

- **Action Item – Determine FY 2015 Projects/Programs**

*Cate moved to adopt the FY15 projects/programs including \$25,900 for transition, Jemez VR; legislative reminder, and DD waiver waitlist campaign; Judy seconded. Motion carried with Jim, Cate, Vicki, Sergio, and Amira abstaining.*

### **Membership Committee Report – Doris Roberts, Chair**

Doris stated the Council needs more state-wide representation from families and self-advocates; we currently have 23 members with slots for 26; there will be no new appointments until after the first of the year. HSD has not been attending the meetings (having now missed three). Is it time to send them a letter? The Bylaws may need clarification.

### **Policy Committee Report/Issues—Jim Jackson, Chair**

Members of the Policy and Bylaws committees are the same (coterminous); the Bylaws will need to be amended to reflect this. ABLE Act addresses resource limitations with respect to SSI; proposes a significant increase in resources (up to \$100,000). The majority of New Mexico’s federal delegation supports ABLE. The Policy Committee requests a presentation on SIS and how to appeal; agenda should allow time to examine this type of issue. The total on the DD Waiver waiting list is about 6,000. Centennial Care coordination of services is problematic. New Mexico now has a two-tiered Medicaid program. The alternative package is lacking long-term services. The exemption process needs to be scrutinized.

### **Bylaws Committee Report: Funding Policy—Sandy Skaar, Chair**

Joshua said agenda needs to be published 72 hours before a meeting; need consistency in language regarding unexcused absences; a quorum should be defined in terms of the number of members serving.

- **Action Item** – *Review suggested changes to the Bylaws*

*Charlene moved to approve changes recommended by the Bylaws Committee; Doris seconded.  
Motion carried.*

### **Center for Development and Disability (UCEDD) Report – Dr. Cate McClain**

Project Search is moving forward. Partners in Policy Making has 27 participants in the class. CDD thanked DDPC for substantial funding. Autism CARES provides funding for LEND. The LEND program has started with 21 participants. Medically Fragile program is working with Centennial Care to improve access. Webinars on early learning are being developed.

### **Member Topics Discussion**

Charlene reported on remodeling project; new company, GENO, helps to identify homes that can be converted into group homes.

### **Public Comment**

There were no comments.

### **Meeting Evaluation**

Council members completed their evaluation forms. The next Council meetings are scheduled for Friday, October 17, 2014 and Friday, January 9, 2015.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 2:50 pm.