

FINAL MEETING MINUTES
DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES PLANNING COUNCIL
April 26, 2019, 9:00am-2:00pm
625 SILVER AVENUE SW (DDPC CONFERENCE ROOM)
ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO 87102

Members Present

Self-Advocates

Amira Rasheed
Sergio Resendiz
Judy Ann Sena
Hoskie Benally
Elisheva Levin (left at 10:25am)

Family Members

Sandy Skaar
C. Dianne Griego
Charlene Espinoza

Attendants

Jeanette Sena-Judy Ann's Assistant
Amanda Davis-Amira's Assistant

Agencies Present

Berna Chavez (DRNM) for Gary Housepian
Pat Osbourn (UNM-CDD)
Kathleen Hardy (CYFD)
Reyes Gonzales (DVR)
Jason Cornwell (DOH-DDSD)
Deborah Dominguez-Clark (PED/SEB)
Melanie Buenviaje (HSD)(by phone)

Public Guests

Mary Smith-Attorney
Senaída Padilla-Intern
Latasha Burbank-Intern
Brad Hill, Mi Via Advisory Council Chair

Staff Present for Reporting Purposes:

Barbara Ibáñez, Interim Executive Director/
Deputy Director
Mary Lou Poli, DDPC/OOG Attorney
Maria Bourassa, OOG Program Manager
Ana Callahan Segura, Federal Program
Management Analyst
Daniel Ekman, CSA Program Manager

Staff Present for Meeting Minute Purposes

Rachel Romero-Lovato, DDPC Office Manager

Assistant Attorney General

John Grubestic

Advocates Absent

None

Family Members Absent

None

Agencies Absent

Kyky Knowles (ALSTD)
Suzette Shije (IAD)

Call to Order/Introductions/Housekeeping

Roll Call completed with a quorum at: 9:15am. Amira Rasheed called the meeting to order. Introductions and housekeeping was completed.

Approval of Agenda – Action Item

Elisheva Levin moved to approve the agenda as written, Judy Ann Sena seconded. No discussion was held. No discussion. All Agreed. None opposed. None abstained. Motion carried.

Approval of January 11, 2019 Meeting Minutes – Action Item

Charlene Espinoza moved to approve the meeting January 11, 2019 minutes as written. Kathleen Hardy seconded. No discussion. Elisheva Levin abstained. All Agreed. None opposed. Motion carried.

Introduction of Guests – Amira Rasheed, Chair

Amira Rasheed introduced guests: Mary Smith-Attorney, Seinada Padilla-Intern, Latasha Burbank-Intern, Brad Hill, Mi Via Advisory Council Chair, and Amanda Davis-Amira Rasheed’s Attendant.

Public Comment(s)

Mary Smith alleged that DDPC Council members violated the Open Meetings Act by not listing specific names under “Limited Individual Personnel Matters”.

Action Item: There was a motion made by Sandy Skaar to remove “Limited Personnel Matters” from the Executive Session on the Agenda. C. Dianne Griego seconded. No discussion. None opposed. None abstained. All agreed. Motion carried.

Executive Session: pursuant to NMSA Sec. 10-1(H)(7)

a. Litigation: Cansino v. DDPC, D-202-CV-08570

Entry into Executive Session moved by Sandy Skaar seconded by Hoskie Benally, with roll-call as follows:

Amira Rasheed	Yes
Sergio Resendiz	Yes
Judy Ann Sena	Yes
Hoskie Benally	Yes
Elisheva Levin	Yes
Sandy Skaar	Yes
Berna Chavez	Yes
Pat Osbourn	Yes
Kathleen Hardy	Yes
Jason Cornwell	Yes
Reyes Gonzales	Yes
Deborah Dominguez-Clark	Yes
Melanie Buenviaje	Yes
C. Dianne Griego	Yes
Charlene Espinoza	Yes

The motion to enter into Executive Session carried. Let the record show that the New Mexico Developmental Disabilities Planning Council entered into Executive Session at 9:42 am. The recorder will now be turned off. Amira Rasheed asked all those who are not Council members or staff authorized to attend the Executive Session to leave the room.

Sandy Skaar moved that the New Mexico Developmental Disabilities Planning Council close the meeting to the public and enter into Executive Session to discuss the items listed under the Executive Session agenda item pursuant to NMSA 1978, Sections 10-15-1(H) (7) exceptions to the Open Meetings Act (NMSA 1978, Sections 10-15-1 to -4), in accordance with the New Mexico Attorney General's Open Meetings Act Compliance Guide. Seconded by C. Dianne Griego.

Amira Rasheed shared that matters discussed in Executive Session limited to those specified in motion for closure. Let the records show that the New Mexico Developmental Disabilities Planning Council is back in open session and the recorder is back on. The time is 10:08 am. Pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1(J), let the record also show that the matters discussed in the closed Executive Session were limited only to those specified in the motion for closure.

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Executive Committee / Chair Report – Amira Rasheed, Chair

Amira Rasheed shared that she is continuing to be in communication with DDPC Interim Executive Director, as needed.

Executive Director's Report – Barbara Ibáñez

Barbara Ibanez announced State Employees will be receiving a 4% increase and a 1% increase for those who make less than \$25,000.00 effective July 1, 2019. Ms. Ibanez shared that Kathleen Coates, CFO, will not be available to share the Financial Report so she will review the Report and the FY20 Operating Budget (Ms. Coates prepared) and the FY20 Federal Project Contractors (Prepared by Program Committee) for Council review and discussion.

a. Financial Report/FY20 Operating Budget - *Action Item*

Sergio Resendiz moved to approve the FY20 Operating Budget, including the FY20 Federal Project Contractors, as written, Reyes Gonzales seconded. No further discussion. Berna Chavez (DRNM) abstained. All agreed. None opposed Motion carried.

b. Executive Director Updates – Barbara Ibanez introduced the DDPC staff to present program updates at her request. Maria Bourassa, Program Manager, DDPC/Office of Guardianship (OOG), provided the OOG Update. Ana Callahan-Segura, Federal Program Management Analyst, provided the Federal Program Update and Daniel Ekman, DDPC/Center for Self Advocacy (CSA) provided the CSA Update.

c. DDPC Program Updates

- 1) Office of Guardianship - Maria Bourassa spoke on Guardianship FY19 Protected Person Welfare Visits (PPWV) interviews. She stated that OOG had only one (1) complaint that was submitted to Monaco Armijo, Compliance Officer this quarter. OOG conducted one (1) emergency visit this quarter. Holly Gonzales, Social Worker, is currently going to visit five (5) protected persons a week. OOG is developing improvement plans to response to Comprehensive Service Reviews (CSRs) conducted. To reduce the wait list, there were twenty-five (25) cases assigned since the last Council meeting in January. Office of Guardianship Waiting list currently has 65 people on it. OOG is now serving 920 people.
- 2) Federal Program – Ana Callahan-Segura reviewed an update on the 5-Year State Plan for DDPC, DDPC is developing Federal Program Procedures, and contract monitoring.
- 3) Center for Self Advocacy – Daniel Ekman reviewed an update of the Advocate Leadership Academy graduation held before the Family Leadership conference at Embassy Suites on April 17, 2019. This was a nice celebration of the advocates who enjoyed themselves as they designed the entire event which was big success. He talked about CSA facilitating “Safe Place” on every other Friday from 1:00pm-2:00pm at DDPC for people with disabilities to discuss disability issues with the confidential support of their peers.

Disability Rights New Mexico (DRNM – DD Network Partner) Report – Berna Chavez

Berna Chavez (DRNM) shared an update regarding Disability Rights New Mexico (DRNM).

Working Lunch @ 12:00pm

Center for Development and Disabilities (UNM/CDD – DD Network Partner) Report – Pat Osbourn, LISW

Pat Osbourn spoke on Partners for Policy Making regarding “What happens after graduation” She attended the “Imagine” Conference in April, and it was very beneficial as they went over how mindfulness and wellness impact Autism.

Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) Report – Reyes Gonzales

Reyes Gonzales spoke on DVR services that individuals with disabilities need to find and keep a job. Due to the limited funds and resources, the services are limited for individuals with disabilities.

Department of Health/Developmental Disabilities Supports Division Report (DOH/DDSD) – Jason Cornwell

Jason Cornwell shared an update regarding Department of Health/Developmental Disabilities Supports Division (DOH/DDSD).

Member Announcements

Reyes Gonzales took Ellen Carpenter’s place until further notice. Jason Cornwell took Jim Copeland’s place until further notice.

Meeting Evaluations

Members completed the meeting evaluations.

Next Meeting in August

The next meeting was scheduled for Friday August 23, 2019, 9:00am-4:00pm at DDPC. The FY21 Budget Request will be on the Agenda.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00pm.