



FULL COUNCIL MEETING

Friday, November 16, 2018

10:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

ADDPC Office, 3839 N. 3rd Street, Suite 306, Phoenix, AZ 85012

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

John Black, Chairperson
Melissa Van Hook, Vice-Chair
Michael Coen
Monica Cooper
David Copins
Adam Cruz
Scott Lindbloom (by phone)
John Eckhardt (by phone)
Katharine Levandowsky
Angelina James (by phone)

Lori Masseur (by phone)
Traci Gruenberger
Thomas Uno (by phone)
George Garcia
Jason Snead (by phone)
Matthew Isiogu

COUNCIL MEMBER REGRETS

Maureen Casey
Kristen Mackey
Ray Morris
Janna Murrell
J.J. Rico

ADDPC STAFF PRESENT

Erica McFadden, Executive Director
Marcella Crane
Lani St. Cyr
Sarah Ruf
Julie Whitaker

GUESTS

Maureen Russell, NAU/IHD Presenter
Sey In, ACDL Law Clerk

A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by John Black, chair of the ADDPC at 10:05 a.m. He welcomed all members, staff, and guests. All attendees proceeded to introduce themselves. The Council welcomed two new members, Adam Cruz and Michael Cohen. Adam Cruz moved to Arizona after he was recruited for wheelchair basketball at UA. He was a communication major with a minor in theater, and currently works as an independent life coach- in bus training, cooking and nutrition, at the Center for Independent Living in Tucson. Michael Coen joins the council from the DES. He is the Aging and Adult Services manager. He is a native of Indiana and will be a part of the grants committee moving forward.

B. Minutes Approval: 9.21.18

No changes were made to the minutes from the 9.21.18 meeting. Kathy Levandowsky motioned to approve and it was seconded by Jason Snead. Everyone voted in favor of approving the minutes. Minutes approved as submitted.

C. Fiscal Summary & Update

Lani St. Cyr gave an overview of three financial documents. The ADDPC Financial Update showed FY 2016 funds were fully liquidated and FY 2017 funds were fully obligated. The FY 2019 revenue of \$1,446,620 is an estimate and the first award was received in the amount of \$118,906. It also reflected \$133,742 obligated in FY 2018. This amount was underrepresented due to the transition of a new state procurement system which has delayed some projects from being obligated.

The Council Funded Project document highlighted the current contracts by goal area. The status of the ISA contract with the Department of Education was discussed. Also, the Tempe BEST project will be moved under the employment goal area. The money awarded will remain the same for ADE, but the end date will go past 9/30/19 for the project.

Finally, the Budget Recommendation document highlighted the items to be funded in the next year with FY 2018 and FY 2019 funds. There was discussion of the availability of undedicated funds to go towards the Request for Information proposals to be reviewed later in the agenda. It showed the projects that had already been budgeted for and incorporated in the Council workplans. No action was taken on this item. It is estimated that there will be anywhere between \$100,000-\$200,000 of additional funds to obligate.

D. Solicitations/Contracts for Approval

Maureen Russell from IHD gave a summary of the PLAY (Play and Language for Autistic Youngsters) proposal submitted by Northern Arizona University's Institute for Human Development. PLAY is an evidence-based intervention that increases positive interactions, reduces negative behaviors, and integrates students in appropriate interactions with their peers.

The Teaching PLAY intervention will be implemented in preschools in two school districts on the Navajo Nation: Tuba City and Chinle Unified School District. The intervention will consist of 6 half-day classroom visits by the Project Consultants, 3 in the Spring semester and 3 in the Fall semester. Additionally, the Project Consultants will meet with parents of the children in the intervention 1 to 2 times over the summer. Various assessments will be conducted as well as a satisfaction survey. There was a question to the number of students with Autism Spectrum Disorder that will be served under the program, which will be followed up on in the future.

The Committee felt the project had already received Council approval. The proposal was reviewed only to provide additional information. The proposal moved forward for funding in the amount of \$45,483. Monica Cooper motioned to approve the contract. Traci Gruenberger seconded. All were in favor, with

Tom Uno abstaining.

D. Request for Information Status

The ADDPC has two years' worth of funding to encumber next fiscal year. Because of this, we needed an influx of new ideas for future grants. We held a month-long, online Request for Information (RFI) to solicit ideas for future grant projects in the future. It was shared on our website and social media. The response was positive. ADDPC had 34 responses, up from 23 in 2017 (which saw 6 from the same organization). This was encouraging because it reinforced that our workplan is consistent with the needs in the community. We received project and training ideas, some relating to post-secondary education and others with employment for people with disabilities. The ADDPC staff reached out to each of the people who submitted an idea to explain why we may have tabled their idea for now or to watch out for an upcoming RFGA that fits in with their idea.

This new way of doing the RFI was able to get new partners to the table. One of the ideas submitted did not have a disability connection which is a sign that individuals outside the disability world are hearing of the ADDPC. Another new player, AI Jones, was a private company that wants to design video games for people with disabilities. Melissa was excited by the RFI process because it is making us more relevant and visible in the community. Marcy, Sarah, Lani, Erica, and Matthew were the staff and council members who were commended for their contributions to get this RFI off the ground.

F. PR/Marketing Committee

The PR and Marketing Committee shared some of their recent accomplishments with the staff. Sarah Ruf's article about a Council self-advocacy project success story at Greyhills Academy in Tuba City was featured in the *Navajo-Hopi Observer* newspaper. The staff at the council will be using a new online intake document to help track the calls the public is making to the council including demographic data, reason for the call, and how we addressed their particular issue. The staff hopes to paint a clearer picture of the kind of support that is needed in our communities and hopefully track some success stories of people that we helped direct to the right resources.

The word is getting out about the ADDPC- a South Phoenix mosque reached out to us to attend an health information fair they were hosting and our ASU MSW intern, Annie Eldon, organized a Spanish-speaking autism parent group for West Valley families. Finally, the PR and Marketing committee unveiled their new project: improving the ADDPC website. Council members and staff shared ideas for improvements to the websites (Sarah Ruf has the complete list of suggestions and ideas). Solutions that the group agreed to are: improving the accessibility tools by making them more visible and user friendly, having bigger font, increasing the contrast between backgrounds and letters, using icons to entice people to click on reports, and increasing the number of videos.

G. New ACDL Program, Protection & Advocacy for Beneficiaries with a Representative Payee

Sey In, Arizona Center for Disability Law (ACDL) law clerk, presented the new partnership between Social Security Administration (SSA) and ACDL whose goal is to protect beneficiaries with a representative payee. In its essence, this partnership allows ACDL to oversee representative payee and investigate any suspicious activity flagged by SSA. If the SSA suspects misconduct, they will call on the ACDL to investigate further. This will also protect people under guardianship that are receiving SSA.

H. Announcements

Dr. Charles Green, the new head of Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD), was not able to come to the council meeting today but will be at a future meeting to introduce himself. Maureen Casey is staying on the council though she will be serving as a parent. John Black thanked everyone for their contributions during the year and wished everyone happy holidays!

I. Call to the Public

There were no calls from the public

J. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was brought forward by Scott Lindbloom. Monica Cooper seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.