



FULL COUNCIL MEETING

Friday, March 16, 2018

10:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

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

A meeting of the Arizona Developmental Disabilities Planning Council (ADDPC) was convened at the ADDPC office. Notice having been duly given. Present and absent were the following members of the ADDPC, guests and staff.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

John Black, Chairperson

Melissa Van Hook, Vice-Chair

Monica Cooper

Jamie Edgin (by phone)

Scott Lindbloom (by phone)

Ray Morris (by phone)

John Eckhardt (by phone)

J.J. Rico (by phone)

Katharine Levandowsky

Angelina James

Janna Murrell

Kristen Mackey (by phone)

Thomas Uno (by phone)

David Copins

Jason Snead

Maureen Casey (by phone)

George Garcia (by phone)

Andrew Robinson (by phone)

COUNCIL MEMBER REGRETS

Traci Gruenberger

Lori Masseur

Cindy Findley

Matthew Isiogu

GUESTS

Jacy Farkas (Picture of a Life Director/Sonoran UCEDD)

Kelly Roberts (IHD)

ADDPC STAFF PRESENT

Erica McFadden, Executive Director

Marcella Crane

Lani St. Cyr

Michael Leyva

Krystal Downie

Casey Paschall

Tracy Slauterbeck (Intern)

Welcome

Chairperson John Black welcomed Council members. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. Introductions of staff, Council members, and guests were made. John Black announced that Council member Dr. Jamie Edgin was awarded the Henry and Phyllis Koffler Prize from the University of Arizona for her contributions to public service in the area of developmental disabilities. Dr. Edgin appreciated that acknowledgment from the Council. Congratulations Jamie.

Minutes, 1.26.18

The Minutes from the last Council meeting were reviewed. A motion to pass minutes from the January 26, 2018 full Council meeting was made by Monica Cooper and seconded by Katharine Levandowsky. The motion carried.

Fiscal Summary

Lani St. Cyr provided a financial update, highlighting the remaining \$414,235 in FY 2017 funds to be obligated by September 30, 2018. She explained that previously identified projects and awards given through the RFI process will obligate the remaining FY 2017 funds. The plan is to also obligate a portion of FY 2018 funds through the RFI process.

The Council received its third award for FFY18, in the amount of \$242,416. Bringing the current FFY18 cumulative award to \$669,522. The Council is still estimating a total FFY 18 award of approximately \$1.4 million. The sporadic award letters are due to the multiple continuing resolutions the Council is funded under.

Finally, Lani St. Cyr gave an overview of the current projects funded by the Council and the formatting changes made reflecting the goal areas for each contract. She touched on the new contracts that have been added as well as the Morrison Institute contract that has been granted a no cost extension through June 30, 2018. She also explained that the NAU/IHD webinar contract for year two has expired and the year three renewal has been added. Also, the extension for the Sonoran UCEDD Picture of a Life program through December 31, 2017 has been realized and the final report and invoicing has been made. No action was taken on this item.

Contracts Update

Cronkite proposal – Erica McFadden stated that the Cronkite ISA is on hold. DES Procurement stated ADDPC doesn't have authority to sign inter-service agency agreements (ISAs) that it has always done, yet the AG's office representing ADDPC feels differently. Erica is waiting to receive clarification.

Economic Impact Analysis -- Erica McFadden shared that DES Procurement could not award the Economic Impact RFQ initially issued by the ADDPC. They stated the Council did not have the authority to do a RFQ; therefore, Marcy Crane is working with them to re-issue the exact same solicitation. Marcy stated we have done our own RFQs before but there have been some leadership changes and potentially some policy changes that prompted this.

Committees Reports

Executive – An Ad-Hoc Committee will be formed to do a more in-depth review of the RFI proposals that were submitted. There should be representation from all of the other committees on the Ad-Hoc Committee. It was reiterated that no awards would be made from the proposal submitted, but that the proposals would be used to determine future work plan and solicitation ideas. John Black will serve as the Chair of the RFI Ad-Hoc Committee and suggested that Council members who are interested in joining let Erica know. They will meet in 3 weekly sessions for 2 hours at a time. John is looking for about 5 members to serve on this group.

- Erica McFadden shared that she created an opportunity for Council members who have not submitted an RFI to share their project ideas. In the next week or two, Erica will be calling or emailing each Council member who has not submitted an RFI to gather thoughts.
- Erica McFadden discussed the status of self-advocacy and how best to help the movement here. Erica is weighing whether to continue funding projects as they come in or act as a coordinator for activities that are occurring and better support the movement. For example, she mentioned that Krystal Downie's position has self-advocacy built into it, so focusing more on self-advocacy by coordinating for activities between advocacy groups may prove useful moving forward.
- Erica McFadden also talked about expanding supported decision-making efforts in Arizona, especially when it comes to voting. She stated that we need to revise the work plan to include research on barriers to mail-in voting for people with I/DD. Last year, with assistance by the Maricopa County Recorder's Office, 39 individuals were registered to vote, however only 3 cast their ballots when it was time during an election due to it was a local election. In trying to understand the low number of cast ballots or push back by family members, some common themes (barriers) began to emerge to include parents or guardians do not want their children to vote, lack of accessible information/materials, lack of interest in the person's right to vote by family members/guardians, misinformation about whether a person can vote if under limited or full guardianship. The current work plan has set aside funding to do a small scale project, but it's evident that more research needs to be done on the barriers before any project can be funded. Erica is proposing to conduct a few focus groups with day program participants to understand their attitudes and experiences with voting so we better understand the problem, and the Council knows how to better leverage its funding. If anyone would like to be included in an advisory as we inform the process, please let Erica know. A discussion followed. Janna Murrell suggested creating an FAQ for families, where guardianship or limited guardianship is present.

Grants/Contracts – Lani St. Cyr discussed the Cochise County RFGA. They are allowing the Community Options 'Meaningful Day' project to move discussed. The project is focused on the city of Douglas and would consist of daily, two hour classes held over a course of 40 weeks, at the public library. It would require the hiring of two part-time Community Integration Counselors to lead classes with approximately 20-30 adults with disabilities and their caregivers. The proposal did a good job of identifying the demographics of the Douglas population and the potential barriers, specifically: a majority Spanish speaking population and transportation. Lani added that there were additional barriers with the time commitment that would be required to participate in the program. The Grants Committee will meet on 3/23 to discuss the responses by Community Options to the list of questions/concerns about the application and make a decision on funding.

- Lani provided an update on the ASU/Morrison Institute contract. She announced the contract has been extended to June 30, 2018 for MI to complete the Employment Provider Survey. She said that Matt Isiogu would like to see extensions set on a quarterly basis to ease the administrative burden of managing contracts.

PR/Marketing – Ray Morris said that Sarah Ruf was doing a great job of taking an active role in the committee. He discussed creating a first responder flipchart that first responders can refer to when interacting with people with disabilities in crisis. A brief discussion followed.

Public Policy – Marcy Crane provided a legislative update. Staff will continue to monitor state legislation. Below is brief outline of the Arizona bills that could impact people with disabilities:

AZ SB1040: Prohibits the misrepresentation of an animal as a service animal and adds a civil penalty fee of \$250. Bill was heard in Senate and passed, but stalled thereafter.

AZ SB1162: The silver alert notification system may be used to issue/coordinate alerts for missing persons with DD. Passed Senate; Referred to House Government where it passed; awaiting third reading for final vote.

AZ SB1198: Prohibits the restriction of custody, adoption, guardianship & fostering of a child who is visually blind. Pass Senate; referred to House Federalism, Property Rights & Public Policy.

AZ SB1218: Third party inspection of I/DD homes, addressing licensure & investigations. Passed Senate; referred to House Health.

AZ SB1254: Appropriates funding for the cost study for special education. Passed Senate; Referred to House Education and Approp.

AZ SB1290: Procurement exemption for VR. Passed Senate; referred to House Health.

AZ HB2087: Family caregiver income tax credit. Passed House; referred to Senate Finance & Approp.

AZ HB2395: ID cards for service animals. Failed in the House.

AZ SCR1016: Senate Concurrent Resolution to repeal voter approved Prop. 206 regarding minimum wage and sick time. Passed Senate Commerce & Public Safety. No other movement in the Senate.

The following is a recap of federal legislation:

House members in Congress drafted H.R. 620, a bill to amend the federal ADA Act of 1990 to “promote compliance through education, to clarify the requirements for demand letters, to provide for a notice and cure period before the commencement of a private civil action, and for other purposes.” The ADA is a fundamental civil rights law that ensures the right of people with disabilities to access all public businesses. As currently drafted, the bill amends the ADA by providing business who do not currently comply with the ADA law to now have a ‘wait and see’ attitude, until they happen to be sued or sent a notice letter. Amended provisions state business owners would have 60 days to even acknowledge that there is a problem, and then another 120 days to begin to fix the problem. In addition, businesses would not even face any consequence for violating the ADA. The bill currently passed the House and was sent to the Senate on 2/26/18. Staff will monitor the bill and provide updates as necessary.

Also being monitored is how Congress and the President will negotiate the development of the federal appropriations bills. The release of the president budget for FFY 19 proposed many cuts and changes to Medicare, Medicaid, SSI, SSDI, SNAP and housing vouchers. Congress also has to contend with a looming concurrent resolution that only funded the federal government until March 23.

- J.J. Rico updated the Council that a large portion of the business community signed a letter to the US Senate in support of H.R. 620. He stated it is important that the disability community, including advocacy groups, have their voices heard on this bill, as well. Scott Lindbloom asked if people with disabilities are effected by the added work requirement under the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). Kristen Mackey said people with disabilities are exempted from the work requirement.

Supporting Employment First – Vice-Chair Melissa Van Hook delivered the following remarks about the Supporting Employment First Ad Hoc Committee:

- An ad hoc group was created last month to share ideas on design and content for the new Employment First Website. In addition to Employment First folks, ASU has volunteered 2 student teams – one team will develop ideas for a desktop website and another team will develop ideas for a mobile website. Another example of the Council’s outreach to groups and creating synergy and collaboration. We’re going to have a great website!

- The Morrison Institute is coordinating the Arizona Employment Provider Inventory project and has closed the survey after 4 rounds of reminders. The survey went to 99 DDD providers and 205 RSA-VR providers. So far, there have been 214 total responses, which represents a 70% response rate! However, not all of these 214 completed their survey, and Morrison is reaching out to providers that only partially completed their survey in order to obtain complete results. This information will help the Council better understand the employment provider landscape (e.g., what they offer and how many benefit).
- We are partnering with Southwest Autism Research & Resource Center (SARRC) to expand opportunities for 5 young adults with autism to attend the 2018 Tech Camp sponsored and taught by the University of Advancing Technology (UAT) July 22 – 28, 2018, at UAT's Tempe campus. This innovative program is designed to simulate the college experience for young adults and provides an opportunity to live in dorms, play games, meet new people, take classes, complete a group project and enjoy the campus life. Participants will be enrolled in classes and placed in a cohort to encourage new friendships and learning. The Council would like to provide 3 – 5 volunteers to help during that week - July 22 – 28, 2018. If you are interested please see Mike and he will provide details and logistics.
- Andrew Robinson and Mike are working with a Yuma ad hoc group to develop a model training curriculum in self-employment for Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) counselors. Yuma has an unemployment rate of 26%, when you include individuals with disabilities that rate is much higher. Currently the Yuma Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) office serves two to three self-employment referrals from each VR counselor per year. That implies there are 12 to 18 self-employment opportunities a year in Yuma. The Yuma RSA has yet to see a self-employment referral through to a successful completion, which is what this current project aims to address and change.
- Council staff are working on a solicitation for a model train-to-hire program. It's been renamed *creating a Diverse Workforce for People with Developmental Disabilities*. The expectation is that the organization selected will be better equipped to recruit, hire, and retain employees with significant disabilities in various positions as part of their diversity initiatives, and most importantly, they will be willing to share what they learned with peers.
- Council staff are working on a solicitation for a systems change project with VR, DDD and providers on training for job coaches, job developers and agency staff responsible for employment support services.

Wrap Up for “Picture of a Life” for Transitioning Youth with DD in Foster Care

Project Director, Jacy Farkas, from Sonoran UCEDD gave a presentation on the Picture of a Life project, which included the history of its inception, the project's goals, implementation, highlights and successes. She touted that the project's participants were very diverse in terms of race/ethnicity, disability, gender identity, and behavioral diagnosis. The participants learned about self-advocacy and ways to succeed in the community after services end. Youth with their support team created a person centered plan to help each youth find their interest, next steps for school, housing, and employment. Overall, Jacy stated that youth felt person-centered planning enabled them to do what they wanted. Youth also said they were satisfied with the program and that it gave them more choice and control. Jacy also identified some challenges. For example, she said it's hard to get young adults refocused after they age out of foster care. She emphasized starting earlier in a foster child's life, as a result. A discussion followed. The Council thanked Jacy for her invaluable work over the five years.

Announcements:

- Scott Lindbloom reiterated that transportation was still an issue all across the state, but particularly in rural areas, like Show Low.
- Jason Snead announced Arizona ABLE accounts have officially launched. ABLE accounts allow individuals with disabilities to save up to \$15,000 a year tax free and without affecting their public benefits.
- Erica McFadden added that there will be an ABLE outreach training for all members of the public at the ADDPC office on March 21st from 4:30 pm – 6:00 pm.
- Tom Uno said the IHD annual conference will be held on July 8-10, 2018 at We-Ko-Pa Resort and Conference Center in Fountain Hills near Scottsdale.
- Kristen Mackey announced effective March 24th, VR will be instituting pay raises, through a tiered system for all employees, based on education and experience.
- Angelina James announced the American Indian Disability Summit will be held at the Desert Willow Conference Center in Phoenix on March 23, 2018.

Call to the Public:

No comments were made.

Adjournment

Motion made by Angelina James to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Melissa Van Hook. The motion unanimously carried. Meeting adjourned at 12:05 PM.