SUPPORTING EMPLOYMENT FIRST AD HOC COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes
Friday, February 21, 2020
12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Arizona Developmental Disabilities Planning Council
3839 North 3rd Street, Suite 306, Phoenix, Arizona 85012

An ad hoc committee meeting of the Arizona Developmental Disabilities Planning Council (ADDPC) was convened February 21, 2020 at the ADDPC Office, 3839 North 3rd Street, Suite 306, Phoenix, Arizona 85012. Notice having been duly given. Present were the following members of the Supporting Employment First Ad Hoc Committee, guests, and staff.

Committee Members Present

Melissa Van Hook, Chair, In-person
Traci Gruenberger, In-person
Scott Lindbloom Telephone
Jason Snead, Telephone

Guests/Staff	Committee Members Absent

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Erica McFadden, Executive Director	Monica Cooper
Marcella Crane, Grants Manager	George Garcia
Michael Leyva, Contracts/Grants Coordinator	Kristen Mackey
Lani St. Cyr, Fiscal Manager	

A. Welcome & Introductions

Chairperson Melissa Van Hook welcomed everyone to the Arizona Developmental Disabilities Planning Council (ADDPC or Council) Supporting Employment First Ad Hoc Committee meeting. The meeting was called to order at approximately 12:33 p.m. Roll call and participant introductions were completed.

B. Review of August 23, 2019 Committee Meeting Minutes

The Minutes from the August 23, 2019 Supporting Employment First Ad Hoc Committee meeting were reviewed. Corrections to the Minutes were requested. A motion was made to approve the corrected August 23, 2019 Meeting Minutes by Scott Lindbloom; seconded by Jason Snead. Motion carried.

C.   Arizona Summit on Community Schools & Family Engagement

Mike Leyva briefed Committee members on a project around raising expectations and increasing family engagement. The Council will allocate $25,000 for the project for the period July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021. The project as presented, will be a statewide summit that provides an opportunity for participants, including legislators, change agents, and different stakeholders to come together and develop an action plan for the state.

Committee members offered suggestions on what should be addressed and included to help move the project forward. A pre-planning committee will be formed with assistance from Employment First to ensure broad representation from diverse stakeholders. In addition to agencies and organizations serving the disability community, emphasis for pre-planning committee members will be placed on recruiting champions, leaders, and representatives from organizations that have not been included in the past, such as economic and workforce development, charter, private, trade schools, community colleges, and Vitalyst.

The Committee recommended ADDPC staff develop a Scope of Work and share with the Committee members. The goal is to have the Scope of Work completed by May, 2020.

Motion to approve the summit project and develop a Scope of Work was made by Jason Snead; seconded by Scott Lindbloom. Motion carried.

D.   Removing Barriers in SSI & SSDI

Mike Leyva briefed Committee members on activities Scott Lindbloom is involved in to help individuals obtain independent living skills. Scott also wanted Committee members to be aware of bipartisan legislation introduced at the federal level (H.R. 3993 S.255) to spur the employment of people with disabilities. The Disability Employment Incentive Act seeks to expand tax credits and deductions that are available to employers who hire and retain employees with disabilities.

E.   Call to the Public

Chairperson Melissa Van Hook issued a Call to the Public. No public members were in attendance.

F.   Adjourn

Chairperson Melissa Van Hook called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was made by Traci Gruenberger; seconded by Jason Snead. The Motion carried; meeting adjourned at approximately 1:29 p.m.

Draft of Meeting Minutes submitted February 21, 2020 by Arizona Developmental Disabilities Planning Council