



**PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE**

Friday, March 13, 2020

9:30 A.M. – 10:15 A.M.

3839 North 3rd Street, Suite 306, Phoenix, Arizona 85012

**DRAFT MINUTES**

The Public Policy Standing Committee meeting of the Arizona Developmental Disabilities Planning Council (ADDPC) was convened Friday, February 7, 2020 at the ADDPC Office, 3839 North 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Suite 306, Phoenix, Arizona 85012. Notice having been duly given. Present and absent were the following members of the ADDPC.

<b>Members Present</b>	
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Scott Lindbloom, Chairperson, Telephone
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Janna Murrell, Telephone
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Jason Snead, Telephone
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Wendy Parent-Johnson, Telephone
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George Garcia, Telephone
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<b>Members Absent</b>
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Katharine Levandowsky
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<b>Staff</b>	<b>Guests</b>
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Erica McFadden, Executive Director	
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Marcella Crane, Staff	
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Julie Whitaker, Staff	
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**A. Call to Order/Welcome**

Chairperson Scott Lindbloom welcomed everyone to the Arizona Developmental Disabilities Planning Council (ADDPC or Council) Public Policy Standing Committee meeting. The meeting was called to order at 9:38 A.M. Roll call and participant introductions were completed.

**B. Review of Minutes**

The minutes from the February 7, 2020 Public Policy Standing Committee were reviewed. A motion was made by George Garcia approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Janna Murrell. The motion carried.

### **C. Latest with 2020 Proposed Legislation:**

Marcella Crane provided an overview of where bills that are being monitored by the ADDPC. We've updated our website for listing the bills that still alive and moving those that died or did not have a hearing to the bottom. Staff will continue to monitor the list of bills and update our webpage as needed. A few points that Marcy stated:

- 1581 bills have been posted; 7 bills signed into law as of Friday, March 13.
- AZ Legislature passed an emergency funding to AZ Dept. of Health Services for the Covid-19 pandemic.
- AZ Legislature also notified the public that they will be limiting public activity during legislative hearings and are asking the public to call/email them instead of coming to the legislature to meet with them. There might be cancelations of hearings for the next week as well.
- Bills heard in Senate and House chambers have only 2 more weeks to hear/pass bills. However unsure what leadership will do if the Covid-19 pandemic stalls legislative work.
- Top bills that were discussed and listed on our webpage are the following:
  - SB1552: Developmental Disability Providers; Rates; Appropriations
  - SB1349: Appropriation; Students with Disabilities
  - SB1291: Emergency Assistance; Falls; Liability
  - SB1210: Assisted Living; Caregivers; Training
  - HB2769: Supported Decision Making; Guardianship – Need to ensure Senate Chair of Judiciary – Eddie Farnsworth – put this bill on his agenda. Staff will help spread the word on social media.
  - HB2540: Emotional Abuse; Vulnerable Adults – was amended on the House floor to now include that the vulnerable adult needs to be diagnosed by a medical doctor psychologist; defines emotional abuse. This amendment makes it more difficult for our population to be cared for. It is scheduled in Senate HHS this Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am.
  - HB2764: Mental Health Omnibus – Signed into Law – Good bill to support those that need medical coverage for mental health care. Multiple provisions.

### **D. Open Discussion**

- Erica stated we are developing and/or stealing from other Councils their Covid-19 Plain Language summaries to post on our website and social media accounts. Will be happy to share once that is completed.
- George stated that the next Supported Decision-Making taskforce group will be by teleconference only. Information on date/time will be sent by George. And he asked for help to get the bill heard in Senate Judiciary.
- Janna Murrell stated that Raising Special Kids has canceled all trainings until further notice. Email blasts to families have been sent out. They are still providing assistance via phone, teleconference and other ways to minimize group contacts.
- Erica stated that staff will be working from home as much as possible in the next two weeks; and to cancel all outside groups that use our conference room.
- Marcy stated the next meeting for Public Policy will be scheduled sometime in April. Notice will be sent via email.

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**E. Adjourn**

A motion was made by Janna Murrell to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Jason Snead  
The motion carried, meeting adjourned at 10:15 A.M.

Dated this 16th day of March, 2020  
Arizona Developmental Disabilities Planning Council