



**PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE**

Thursday, May 10, 2018

2:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.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 Wednesday, May 10, 2018 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	George Garcia, Telephone
Jason Snead, In Person	Jamie Edgin, Telephone
Katharine Levandowsky, Telephone	

<b>Members Absent</b>
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Janna Murrell
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<b>Staff</b>	<b>Guests</b>
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Erica McFadden, Executive Director	
Marcella Crane, Staff	

**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 2:05 P.M. Roll call and participant introductions were completed.

**B. Review of Minutes**

The minutes from the May 10, 2018 Public Policy Standing Committee were reviewed. A motion was made by Jason Snead to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Kathy Levandowsky. The motion carried.

### **C. Recap of state legislation**

Marcella Crane stated the AZ legislature completed the session on May 4. The AZ Legislature was in session for 116 days. Below is brief outline:

- 1206 bills posted
- 369 bills passed
- 16 bills vetoed

HB2588 s/e: Prohibits the misrepresentation of an animal as a service animal and adds a civil penalty fee of \$250. Bill signed into law and disability community will be monitoring.

HB2228: AHCCCS; Annual Waiver; Applicability. Signed into law.

HB2317: Disability Plates; Permanent Placards. Signed into law.

HB2588: Relating to Service Animals; Misrepresentation; Fee. Signed into law

SB1162: Silver Alert Notification; Developmental Disability. Signed into law.

SB1198: Blind Persons' Rights; Adoption; Custody. Signed into law.

SB1218: Developmental Homes; Licensure; Investigations. Signed into law.

The AZ budget was the big takeaway this year, as AZ teachers walked out for 6 days demanding an increase in funding for teachers, support staff, supplies and facilities. The Governor and legislators provided a total increase of 20% over the next three years in teacher pay, without increasing taxes. The groups involved in the movement will continue to keep the pressure on the Governor and Legislators to fully fund Arizona's schools.

Also, the final budget for FY'19 grew by 5.7% to \$10.4 billion and it is projected to grow in FY'20 to \$10.8 billion; and in FY'21 to \$11.3 billion. A separate budget analysis will be compiled and sent to committee members.

### **D. Request for Service Animal Brief**

Erica stated that she has been in conversation with staff and other stakeholders on how the new service animal bill will impact persons with developmental disabilities. The Council has posted blogs, resource materials and did a previous webinar on this topic. However, with the passing of HB2588, it is time to update our materials for the public. If the committee has thoughts or ideas on this brief, email Erica. A group of stakeholders will be convened to review the brief before being published. A motion was made by Jason Snead to approve the writing/convening of a stakeholder group. The motion was seconded by Jamie Edgin. The motion carried.

### **E. Projects Update**

Erica provided an update on three internal projects that were started by interns and discussed next steps. 1) Becca Peterson researched what other state councils are doing to consider/implement Supported Decision Making. Her work culminated in a brief that Erica is editing before it is shared with the Council and posted. This work lays the foundation for the Council to convene a stakeholder group to implement changes in AZ. Supported Decision Making is the preferred process in 38 states, moving away from limited or full guardianship to allow a person make their own decision. 2) Ms. Peterson also worked on the Voting Rights

Project, where the effort is led by the Maricopa County Recorder's Office to help persons with developmental disabilities get registered to vote, to help them understand their right to vote. Last year, with assistance by the Maricopa County Recorder's Office, 39 individuals were registered to vote, however only 3 casted their ballot when it was time during an election due to it was a local election. In trying to understand the low number of those casted ballot 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 or 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 third update was the ADA Survey project undertaken by intern Casey Paschall. A survey to all 91 cities and towns in AZ were contacted about how they address ADA complaints and if the city or town has a FT ADA Coordinator. We received a 60% response rate, of that 56% stated they had no ADA complaint; 25% of the respondents stated they have an ADA Coordinator. More promising is that a third of the respondents want ADA training. This research document will also be edited by Erica before distribution.

#### **F. College Loan Assistance for Students with Disabilities**

Scott Lindbloom wanted to make the committee aware of the program offered by the U.S. Department of Education, referred to the Total and Permanent Disability (TPD). Some individuals, (must be verified and documented by ADE requirements) with physical or mental impairments can qualify for a TPD discharge of their federal student loans and/or TEACH Grant service obligation. There are specific requirements for an individual to qualify and information can be downloaded at [www.disabilitydischarge.com](http://www.disabilitydischarge.com) or by calling 1-888-303-7818. Individuals can also email their intent to [disabilityinformation@nelnet.org](mailto:disabilityinformation@nelnet.org). No action necessary on this item, it was only informational.

#### **G. Policy Conference Updates**

George Garcia provided an update on the Annual Disability Policy Leadership Forum, held in March 2018 in Washington D.C. Also attending on behalf of the Council were Janna Murrell, Michael Leyva and Krystal Downie, ADDPC staff, AZ Arc Chapter Ex. Director Jon Myers, SWI staff and students from UA LEND program. AZ's delegation was able to attend the various workshops and on the last day, Hill Day, afforded them to visit with their Congressional leaders and/or staff and share good things happening in Arizona, as well as to share policy concerns. The Annual NACDD/ITACC conference is for Council staff and Council members to attend to specifically met with AIDD staff, learn from other Councils and receive specific training and technical assistance on the DD Act and grant monies. This conference is coming up in July in Washington D.C. and attending is Scott Lindbloom, Erica McFadden, Lani St. Cyr and Krystal Downie.

**H. Call to the Public**

No public was present.

**I. Adjourn**

A motion was made by Jason Snead to adjourn. The motion was seconded by George Garcia. The motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 3:05pm.

Dated this 14th day of May, 2018  
Arizona Developmental Disabilities Planning Council