ARIZONA DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES PLANNING COUNCIL℠

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
January 26, 2016
9:00 – 9:30 A.M.
1740 West Adams Street, Suite 410, Phoenix, Arizona 85007
DRAFT MINUTES

An Executive Standing Committee meeting of the Arizona Developmental Disabilities Planning Council (ADDPC) was convened on Tuesday, January 26, 2016 at the ADDPC Office, 1740 West Adams, Suite 410, Phoenix, Arizona 85007. Notice having been duly given. Present and absent were the following members of the ADDPC.

Members Present	
John Black, Vice-Chairperson	Tom Uno, Telephone
Melissa Van Hook, Telephone	Andrew Robinson, Telephone
Monica Cooper, Telephone	

Members Absent
Ray Morris

Staff/Guests	Guests
Larry Clausen, ADDPC	Erica McFadden
Marcella Crane, ADDPC	
Lani St. Cyr, ADDPC	
Michael Leyva, ADDPC	

A. Call to Order

Vice -Chairperson John Black welcomed everyone to the Arizona Developmental Disabilities Planning Council (ADDPC or Council) Executive Standing Committee meeting. The meeting was called to order at 9:05 A.M. Roll call and participant introductions were completed.

B. Approval of Meeting Minutes

The minutes from the December 8, 2015 Executive Committee meeting were reviewed.

- A motion was made by Tom Uno to approve the December 8, 2015, Executive Committee Meeting Minutes.
- The motion was seconded by Melissa Van Hook.
- The motion carried.

C. Morrison Institute Contract Renewal - $157,472

Larry Clausen brought forward the recommendation made by the Empowerment through Information Standing Committee that funding for the Morrison Institute (MI) Contract Renewal be approved in the amount of $157,472.

Larry provided details on the Scope of Work (SOW) to be followed in the coming year. MI will continue to provide service in the area of research, reports, and support services. As in previous years, activities will include identification of important issues, research on the topics and publication of written materials designed to be understandable and useful to consumers and the general public. A critical function contained within the SOW includes MI scheduling of events/activities to gather public comment on the new state plan draft currently under development by the Council. MI will also be developing a new community inclusion index designed to develop indicators and measurements that describe conditions, simplify complex data, measure progress over multiple domains. Finally, MI will be working to build collaborations with the Hispanic community by convening carefully designed groups to obtain information and learn of specific issues and needs.
It was suggested that in gathering data, sorting and refinement to detail should be a priority. A question was asked about gathering information by Arizona legislative districts; however it was noted that data attribution cannot yet be sorted to that detail, but as an alternative, Congressional districts will be used. It was also suggested that within the SOW a statement be added that services and activities would incorporate unserved/underserved populations throughout the state.

- A motion was made by Monica Cooper to approve funding in the amount of $157,472 as a contract renewal with the Morrison Institute with the modifications listed above to be made in the Scope of Work.
- The motion was seconded by Tom Uno.
- The motion carried.

D. Council Position: Achieving Better Life Experiences (ABLE) Act

Larry Clausen provided an update on the progress of House Bill 2388 currently making its way through the legislative process. The Bill appears to have solid support and it's hoped that it will become law by the end of the legislative session. The Committee discussed the importance of the ABLE Act being an accessible financial tool for persons with developmental disabilities. To that end the following position statement was drafted:
"The Arizona Developmental Disabilities Planning Council strongly supports the development and implementation of the Achieving Better Life Experience (ABLE) Act as a necessary financial tool for persons with developmental disabilities to achieve independence, improved quality of life, and attainment of the fullest degree of community inclusion possible". One member felt that the position statement wasn't strident enough. Discussion was held and the original statement was set forth for voting.

- A motion was made by Melissa Van Hook to approve the position statement as detailed.
- The motion was seconded by John Black.
- 4 members voted in favor of the position statement.

- 1 member voted against the position statement
- The motion carried.

E. Council Position: Service Animals

Larry Clausen provided background on Senate Bills 1166 & 67, both of which seek to curtail rights provided to users of service animals under current state and federal (ADA) law. Concern was expressed regarding outcomes if the Bills were passed, including the additional costs that would burden service animals users with limited income. Concerns were also raised regarding business owners who could be held liable for civil penalties under the ADA if they elected to follow the provisions of the proposed Bills. In response, the Council drafted the following language as the position it would assume on the issue of service animals: "The Arizona Developmental Disabilities Planning Council strongly supports the use of service animals in strict accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, Title III, and existing Arizona State Statutes, Revised. These laws are essential for ensuring that persons with developmental disabilities relying on service animals for approved support needs are granted full access to service animal use at home and in the community without being unduly restricted by policies or laws that violate existing federal statutory requirements."

- A motion was made by Monica Cooper to approve the position statement as written.
- The motion was seconded by Melissa Van Hook.
- The motion carried under unanimous approval.

F. Call to the Public

Members of the public had no comments.

E. Adjourn

- A motion was made by Tom Uno to adjourn the meeting.
- The motion was seconded by Monica Cooper..
- The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 9:40 A.M.

Dated this 29th day of January, 2016
Arizona Developmental Disabilities Planning Council