



FULL COUNCIL MEETING

Friday, March 29, 2019

10:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

John Black, Chairperson

Melissa Van Hook, Vice-Chair

Michael Coen

Monica Cooper

David Copins

Adam Cruz

Kristen Mackey

John Eckhardt (by phone)

Katharine Levandowsky (by phone)

Lori Masseur (by phone)

Traci Gruenberger

Thomas Uno (by phone)

George Garcia (by phone)

Jason Snead

Matthew Isiogu (by phone)

Maureen Casey

J.J. Rico (by phone)

Scott Lindbloom (by phone)

COUNCIL MEMBER REGRETS

Janna Murrell

Angelina James

ADDPC STAFF PRESENT

Erica McFadden, Executive Director

Marcella Crane

Lani St. Cyr

Sarah Ruf

GUESTS

Anne Atkins

Wendy Fitzpatrick

Wendy Parent-Johnson (by phone)

Roberta Wilson

David Wetherow (by phone)

A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by John Black, chair of the ADDPC at 10:04 a.m. He welcomed all members, staff, and guests. All attendees proceeded to introduce themselves.

B. Minutes Approval - January 18, 2019

No changes were made to the minutes from the January 18 meeting. A motion was made by Michael Coen to approve the minutes, Jason Snead second the motion. Motion carried to approve the minutes as submitted.

C. Fiscal Summary and Update

ADDPC fiscal manager Lani St. Cyr gave a financial update showing approximately \$225,000 in FY 2017 funds to be liquidated and \$536,000 in FY 2018 funds to be obligated by September 30, 2019.

The Administration for Community Living (ACL) has approved a one-time special condition for FY 2019 that allows grantees to complete the work authorized by September 30, 2021 and obligate funds by September 30, 2020. However, the Council is striving to obligate approximately \$884,000 in FY 2019 funds by September 30, 2019 to align with the program period requirement, to be enforced with FY 2020 funding, requiring work to be completed within the first two years of the award.

Because of the new federal rule where Council must fund projects for two years and the third year is for liquidation of the federal award, the ADDPC has identified 17 projects to fund by July 1, 2019. As the full Council votes on the final approval of projects, some will be ready by May, and the remaining will be voted on in June. A new procedure was discussed where staff would be given the authorization to change spending levels without the prior approval of the Executive Committee, particularly due to the accelerated timelines. The Executive Committee voted to increase funding for up to 35% with the notification to the Council chairperson. Any changes made will be presented at the subsequent Executive Committee meeting for discussion.

ADDPC Chair John Black said this is unprecedented during his time on the Council. He said he wants to spend all the money ADDPC has received from the federal government here in Arizona to help people. Anyone who wants to serve as an evaluator on upcoming grant evaluation committees can contact Marcy Crane or Erica McFadden.

Lani St. Cyr also talked about budget recommendations for the upcoming fiscal year. The contract for a self-advocacy facilitator will not be continued. The facilitation will be done in-house by staffers. Lani shared that approximately one-third of the funds this year have been obligated. Lani said there is a lot of money to allot between now and July 1, 2019 - \$1.3 million. Executive director Erica McFadden acknowledged this is an aggressive timeline and an extra Council meeting in June will be necessary for Council members to make decisions on upcoming grant proposals by the deadline.

Grantee Southwest Institute for Families revised their budget slightly from \$60,000 to \$59,243, due to a change in staff. It also showed the Sonoran UCEDD did not invoice for December to mid-January for the Employment First Website. It was explained there were no expenses for that time frame and they have since submitted an invoice for year two of the contract. It was further explained that they were unable to fully expend their first year award of \$30,539 (which included a \$5,000 increase to include videos) as they ran into procurement issues with securing a vendor but were given another year of funding, to finish the website, with the unspent funding in year one used to increase the year two award. ASU Cronkite submitted a renewal proposal for year two in the amount of \$9,700. However, they have not submitted an invoice for year one, so it is unknown how much of the award has been expended.

D. Solicitations/Contracts for Approval

Marcy Crane briefly discussed a revision for a contract renewal with Arizona State University's National Center for Disability and Journalism. This contract would be for a third training session for media professionals – this time in southern Arizona around Tucson – on creating accessible content and stories. Due to the possibility of a venue fee, the proposed renewal has increased from \$7,500 to \$9,700. Community relations specialist Sarah Ruf briefly described the past trainings and explained this third session would likely be shorter and more focused based on feedback from the previous trainings. Staffers passed out copies of the latest edition of the NCDJ Style Guide used in the trainings.

E. 2020 Planning

Erica said the federal Administration on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities is asking for each council's plans for fiscal year 2020. In 2018, council members took a survey asking about their ideas and dreams for the future. Erica mentioned based on that survey feedback, the three Council goals and objectives need to be updated. For example, sexual abuse awareness and prevention among Arizonans with developmental disabilities currently appears as an objective under the goal of inclusion. Former Council member Jamie Edgin first brought up this important issue during her time on the Council more than a year ago, saying this topic kept popping up in her work with the Down syndrome community. Erica presented Council members with two options for updated text: including this sexual abuse awareness/prevention language under the self-advocacy goal as objective #4, or revising the stated inclusion goal to add that inclusion covers "freedom from discrimination, abuse and exploitation." Any changes to the ADDPC goals requires a formal public comment period, while objective language updates don't require a public comment period.

Council member J.J. Rico said he agreed the text needs an update since abuse is such an important issue. He said a loss of momentum, as well as pushback from some provider agencies, is already starting in the wake of Hacienda HealthCare investigations. J.J. said providers are telling the Arizona Center for Disability Law they already train staff, so no new training is needed to prevent and report abuse. Council member Maureen Casey said momentum has not ended and that the Governor's Office will soon begin five workgroups to collect information and experiences on different aspects of recognizing, reporting and preventing sexual abuse of people with disabilities. Council member Adam Cruz said he supported revising the inclusion goal. Council member Traci Gruenberger said she also supports the language of the inclusion goal because it includes people who can't advocate for themselves.

Council member Ray Morris suggested making both changes instead of picking one over the other. Many other council members agreed. Council vice-chair Melissa Van Hook asked how to prevent abuse from special education staff and among foster care providers? Maureen said the word "neglect" needs to appear in the text, too, especially in light of people who reside in group homes. She said the phrase "having your voices heard" is not strong enough; rather, language needs to be included showing that those voices are actually acted upon. Council member Kathy Levandowsky mentioned everyone needs to think how these goals and objectives can be measured for outcomes. She liked the revised inclusion goal option.

Erica said Council members will receive an evaluation survey and have 7-10 days to pick their preferred option anonymously. If anyone prefers filling out a hard copy, copies were made available – Lani St. Cyr will collect the responses.

F. PR/Marketing Committee Update

Sarah Ruf briefly talked about two upcoming videos approved by the PR/Marketing Committee. She said later that day filming would begin on a 10-Year Anniversary video with current and former council members. The second video will provide information for individuals and families about recognizing and reporting sexual abuse as a follow-up resource to the ADDPC published report "Sexual Abuse of Arizonans with Developmental and Other Disabilities." Sarah also thanked council members for completing the SurveyMonkey survey with tips and suggestions for a new ADDPC website. Fourteen people filled it out. Next year will be the 30th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the council will work with other disability organizations to celebrate. Council members then watched a video just released and created by the team at the State of Reform Health Policy Conferences. The video featured an interview with Erica.

G. Public Policy Committee Update

Contracts manager Marcella Crane shared legislative updates from the Public Policy Committee. Marcy shared local bills that are still alive that deal with disability issues: SB 1211 and SB1538. On the federal level, President Donald Trump released his FY2020 proposed budget, which included a 29% cut to state councils on developmental disabilities and a 20% cut to university centers for excellence on developmental disabilities. Congress has the final say on the budget and isn't likely to align with the President's proposal in these areas. Council member Monica Cooper and two ADDPC staff will attend the 2019 Disability Policy Seminar in April in Washington, D.C. Committee chair Scott Lindbloom mentioned the disability advisory council he serves on under Rep. Tom O'Halleran's office and his own quest to instill an ADA coordinator in every Arizona town and city. Erica said the ADDPC study conducted in 2018 with data from each of the state's 91 municipalities is available on the council's website.

H. ADDPC 10-Year Anniversary Ad-Hoc Committee Update

Council chair John Black reported on the first Ad-Hoc committee meeting. The aim is to plan a celebratory event of the Council's 10-year birthday milestone. Since other partner organizations are also celebrating big milestones this year, October will be the best month to hold the ADDPC event. A set of three awards for a self-advocate, family member and agency staffer will be handed out – disability champion awards. The event will also serve as a kick-off for the next five-year state plan process. The next Ad-Hoc committee to plan the event will take place from 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. on April 17, 2019.

I. Supporting Employment First Ad-Hoc Committee Update

Committee chair Melissa Van Hook shared the committee's priorities. They are looking at projects focused on best practices of transition planning for youth with developmental disabilities. Supporting local businesses helping with diversity initiatives is another goal. Other partners are working with area community colleges on programs. A customized employment/credentialing program is also on the committee's radar. The committee also supports training for job coaches and job developers.

J. Announcements

John Black stated that there is a good write up in the latest Phoenix Magazine about the Hacienda ICF fiasco and the ADDPC is mentioned in the article.

K. Call to the Public

Wendy Fitzpatrick shared she wanted to learn more about the Council. She works for A Caring Heart of Arizona, an HCBS provider, and is interested in learning about community resources for the families she serves.

Roberta Wilson is a parent of a young child with a disability and a practicing attorney who volunteers at Community Legal Services helping families do guardianship filings. She wanted to learn about how she can combine her interest in disabilities and an attorney in the criminal justice realm, particularly for defendants with disabilities.

Anne Atkins is a leader of a family support group at Hacienda HealthCare. Her sister has lived in the ICF there for three years and the ongoing rape investigation has devastated her. She is also a survivor. She requested more public forums for the community to update everyone on the work the Council and the Governor's office and others are doing to prevent abuse from happening in facilities.

David Wetherow is a researcher in British Columbia who focuses on customized safety planning for individuals with DD.

L. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Traci Gruenberger. Monica Cooper seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 11:56 a.m.

Dated this third day of April 2019
Arizona Developmental Disabilities Planning Council