



EMPOWERMENT THROUGH INFORMATION COMMITTEE
DRAFT MINUTES

June 23, 2014

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Arizona Developmental Disabilities Planning Council
1740 West Adams Street, Suite 410
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

A standing committee meeting of the Arizona Developmental Disabilities Planning Council (ADDPC) was convened on June 23, 2014 at the ADDPC, 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	
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Ray Morris, Chair, In-person Joyce Millard Hoie, Teleconference	Rosemarie Strout, Teleconference John Eckhardt, Teleconference
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Staff/Guest Present	Members Absent/Regrets
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Larry Clausen, Executive Director Marcella Crane, Contracts Manager Lani St. Cyr, Fiscal Manager Michael Leyva, Contracts Coordinator Jacy Farkas, Sonoran UCEDD Dan Davidson, IHD/NAU	Marv Lamer, Absent Larry Latham, Regrets Ed Myers, Regrets
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A. Call to Order:

Ray Morris was introduced as the new Chairperson for the Arizona Developmental Disabilities Planning Council (ADDPC) Empowerment through Information Standing Committee. Introductions and new expectations were made. Meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m.

B. Minutes Approval

The minutes from the April 18, 2014 Committee meeting and the May 6, 2014 Ad Hoc Committee were reviewed with no changes.

- Motion to accept the minutes made by Joyce Millard Hoie
- Motion seconded by John Eckhardt
- Motion carried

C. Picture of a Life-Year 3 Renewal Sonoran UCEDD- \$56,664

Lani St. Cyr gave a summary of the proposal including that the goal of the project is to better prepare youth with DD transitioning from foster care (ages 14-18) by offering a mechanism for them to make meaningful choices and knowledgeable decisions about their living arrangements, work life, social networks and services through utilizing a person centered planning process incorporating informal supports, community networks, and paid service provider. The desired outcomes are: a safe and stable home, self-determination and self-advocacy, framing a vision for their future, a support system to help with decision making, an ongoing circle of natural/informal support, and employment exploration and opportunities.

The tasks to be completed as part of year three include:

- Identify 10-15 individuals interested in becoming PCP facilitators throughout the state.
- Train new facilitators and provide a two-day training on “Essential Lifestyle Planning” (ELP) and “Picture of a Life”(POL)
- Train all facilitators to be able to support the youth and their circle of supports to create a Health Care Organizer. Two 1 hour trainings for returning facilitators will be held (one in Phoenix and one in Tucson) Trainings will be provided by the Office of Children with Special Health Care Needs.
- DDD will identify up to 10 youth to participate in the project with their current circle of support and have them attend a mandatory orientation session to become familiar with the project, expectations, and to complete initial paperwork.
- Develop 5 new Person-Centered Plans for foster youth with DD. Including information gathering, meetings and follow-up sessions within 3 months of plan completion.
- Have facilitators from years 1 and 2 complete new contracts and 2-3 follow up sessions with the first cohorts of youth in the program.
- Conduct monthly follow ups with facilitators to determine implementation effectiveness of carrying out the plan. Also be available for on-going support and resource.
- Work with staff from ABIL and DIRECT Center for Independence to take advantage of existing self-advocacy and self-determination curriculum.
- Examine and evaluate the activities, outputs and outcomes in the short and intermediate terms.

Jacy Farkas further expanded on the project and the potential changes that might occur with the new Department of Child Safety being established. There was further discussion and support for the project.

- A motion to fund the year 3 renewal of the Picture of a Life project in the amount of \$56,664 was made by Joyce Millard Hoie.

- Motion seconded by John Eckhardt
- Motion carried

D. Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports of Arizona (PBISAz) Year 3 IHD/NAU \$295,926

Lani St. Cyr summarized the proposal for the year 3 renewal of the 5 year PBIS project to support Local Education Agencies (LEAs) to train staff in Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) with the goal of creating positive school climates where the schools are able to make data based decisions about how to manage behavior and reduce the use of dangerous and unnecessary restraints and seclusion.

The continuation of the project will support the pilot LEAs to ensure that they receive sufficient training and the technical assistance required to implement PBIS. It will evaluate both implementation of the project and outcomes on students and put in place systems that will sustain these efforts after Council funding ends.

The tasks to be completed as part of year three are as follows:

- Data will continue to be collected from the LEAs and what has/is being collected will be used as a baseline, so that the effectiveness of the project can be measured.
- 3 full day meetings PBIS-AC meetings and 7 hour-long conference calls will be conducted
- The PBISAz website will continue to be maintained and updated as a means to share meeting information, resources and announcements
- Award and manage subcontracts to the LEAs selected and continue to train/coach both initial and new school this year.
- Monitor LEA implementation progress and student outcomes
- Continue to honor LEAs with high implementation scores
- Continue to pursue sustainability of PBISAz through formalizing partnerships with ADE, DES, and other early childhood stakeholders.
- Expand awareness of PBIS by conducting presentations at relevant state conferences
- Disseminate training materials to interested schools in varying formats.

There was further discussion and clarification provided by Dan Davidson surrounding the accomplishments that occurred in year 2 of the program and some of the barriers that were encountered. There was mention of getting information about PBIS to the parents and teachers to have them help push the movement within the schools. The importance of the program and the possibility of future legislation was also discussed prior to the motion being made.

- A Motion was made by Joyce Millard Hoie to fund year 3 of PBISAz in the amount of \$295,926.
- The Motion was seconded by John Eckhardt.
- The Motion carried.

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E. Call to the Public

No public members commented.

F. Adjourn

- A Motion to adjourn was made by John Eckhardt
- The Motion was seconded by Joyce Millard Hoie
- The Meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.