



FULL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Friday, January 29, 2021

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

3839 North Third Street, Suite 306

Phoenix, Arizona 85012

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.01 (G), the Arizona Developmental Disabilities Planning Council and its standing and ad-hoc committees may obtain public comment if it so desires. A formal call to the public will take place at the end of the meeting. Members of the Board may not discuss items that are not specifically identified on the agenda. Meeting was conducted by teleconference.

Council Members Present

Michael Coen

Bianca Demara

Monica Cooper

Angelina James

Matthew Isiogu

Vanessa Felix

Mary Slaughter

Kelly Roberts

Wendy Parent-Johnson

Kristen Mackey

Janna Murrell

Traci Gruenberger

Steve Freeman

James Rivera

Kathy Levandowsky

Scott Lindbloom

Council Members Absent

Melissa Van Hook, Chair

Ray Morris

J.J. Rico

Meghan Cox

Sarah Ruf

Lani St. Cyr

Jason Snead

Council Staff

Erica McFadden, Executive Director

Marcella Crane

Member of the Public

Sherri Vance – Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD)

Tara Bartlett, Madison Rock, Kristi Tate from Center for the Future of Arizona, ASU

Lionel Delgado

A. Call to Order/Welcome and Introductions

Due to the Chairperson not being available the Council approved a motion for Monica Cooper to Chair the meeting. Motion was made by Mary Slaughter and seconded by Scott Lindbloom. Monica Cooper abstained; motion carried. Meeting started at 10:05 AM. Members introduced themselves and new members Vanessa Felix and Mary Slaughter were welcomed.

B. Minutes from November 20, 2020 Meeting:

Monica Cooper asked members if they had a chance to review the minutes and if there were any changes. No changes were requested. Monica asked for a motion to accept the minutes as is. Motion was made by Steve Freeman Second Scott Lindbloom. The motion carried.

C. Fiscal/Contract Update:

Lani St. Cyr gave an overview of the ADDPC Financial Update. For FY 2018 the Council was able to spend the entire award amount with the extension request approved by ACL. For FY 2019 the Council has fully obligated the award amount and there is approximately \$406,555 remaining to be spent by the end of September 2021. For FY 2020 the Council has fully obligated the funds by the September 2021 deadline. The work must also be completed by September 2021. The liquidation period is through September 2022. For FY 2021 there is approximately \$699,744 to obligate by September 2022. The Council has already identified projects for most of these funds; however, we are looking at contingency projects to cover contracts that extend beyond the September 2021 project period and to cover any awards that are not fully spent. Congress has increased FY 2021 funding for Councils on Developmental Disabilities as a whole. However, we have not received the distribution of the funding by State/Territory yet, so the budget still reflects an estimate. The Council has only received 1 allotment for FY 2021, in the amount of \$293,642. We still do not know what our full award amount will be.

Next, the Council Funded Project document highlighted the list of changes made to the budget including the addition of three second-year renewal projects voted on at the last meeting (NAU/IHD's Post-Secondary/Think-College project, Sonoran UCEDD's Job Developer/Coach Training, and NAU/IHD's Adaptive Recreation project) and the new Foster Care project proposed by Arizona Center for Disability Law. The following adjustments were also made to current contracts:

- The City of Tempe's-BEST Project-Budget was reduced from \$124,731 to \$112,731 due to the elimination of the external evaluator. She has been hired with the city of Tempe which has incorporated the evaluation piece of the project.

- NAU/IHD-RAZAP Project -Year 2 was offered a 12-month no-cost extension through Dec. 31, 2021.

Finally, the Budget Recommendation document showed items to be funded based on the workplan recommendations. RFGAs that are expected to be released in February are the abuse training for \$100,000 and the Formal Support of the Sexual Violence & I/DD Collaborative for \$90,000. There are a few projects in the budget set for renewal. The two new RFI projects the Council approved at the last Council meeting from 2021 funding and if the Council wants to renew leadership training and customized employment training, it can come out of 2022 funds.

D. Updates:

Monica Cooper asked Executive Director Erica McFadden to provide several updates.

1. Strategic Planning Update

The community forums have been scheduled for this week; Staff have been involved in some of the meetings. Meghan Velasquez and her team will bring back the findings to the ad hoc committee and they will start prioritizing goals and objectives. The Council members are welcome to participate. We need to have draft goals and objectives done around March/April to allow time for public comment and any revisions.

2. Update on Work with State Agencies

We continue to meet with AHCCCS and DDD to ensure our community's needs are being met. We met with the ADDN and AHCCCS in December. AHCCCS changed its requirement to affirm that DDD was requiring their support coordinators were seeing their members to ensure they were safe. Families were reporting that was indeed being done. We are also working to ensure member documents are written in plain language and abuse reporting posters are understood by self-advocates.

There were many questions and issues with getting the COVID-19 vaccine. We will be sending out follow-up information with shared resources and we will also be writing a letter to the county health departments to address concerns.

3. By-law Review Ad Hoc Committee Discussion

Erica McFadden said the some of the council bylaws need to be adjusted, including to provide a solution to situations where the Chairman and the Vice Chairman are unable to attend the Council meeting. To achieve this goal, the Council needs to create an ad hoc committee to go over the bylaws. The Council members were asked to please contact Erica they were interested in serving on the committee.

4 Upcoming solicitations

Two new competitive grant solicitations are expected to be released in February. They will focus on training for neglect/abuse & sexual abuse to wide groups, and the other is to seek a facilitator for the Sexual Violence & I/DD Collaborative.

E. Native Center: Inclusion in Workplan

Erica McFadden shared the additional information Jim Warne sent regarding the Native Center. She shared that he was addressing concerns about what specific activities would be completed in year 1 and how they would be hiring a tribal member to run the center. A concern was brought up that there needs to be more attention to connecting members to services and other resources. The Native Center would use Talking Circles to bring new and existing connections in the disability field together. These Circles would continue to highlight gaps and identify and leverage resources to identify these gaps.

Angelina James thought it was a good idea to do it, and she thought Jim Warne would be a recognized name by tribal leaders. There was concern that he was not in Arizona. Scott Lindbloom expressed concerns about the location of the center because he wanted to be inclusive of all the tribes in Arizona. Erica shared that Jim was from here, he knows the state and the tribes here, and would find someone in the state that can help engage the tribes.

Wendy Parent-Johnson also addressed some of those concerns. If the Council approves their funding proposal, they will start with a few tribal communities the first year. Mary Slaughter moved that we incorporate support of the Native Center into the 2021 work plan pending funding availability. The motion was seconded by Kristen Mackey. Wendy Parent-Johnson and Scott Lindbloom abstained; the motion carried.

F. School Inclusive Participatory Budgeting

Tara Bartlett, Madison Rock, and Kristi Tate from Center for the Future of Arizona at ASU did a presentation focusing on civic health particularly within the younger generation. School Participatory Budgeting consist of a five-step process which helps the students within the school become active members in deciding how the school uses its budget, as well as gives the student confidence moving forward to speak up and have a voice. The project is all about being inclusive. The project was implemented within the Phoenix Union High School District. Through this process, they were able to register 4,500 voters for Arizona elections since 2016.

About 40% of the students in the project had a documented disability in the first year of the program. In the second year of the project, they will focus entirely on students with disabilities at one school. The team working on the project performed a Kasp analysis of the data received from the project.

Monica Cooper asked if there were any comments from the Council and Steve Freeman mentioned how excited he was about the project. Erica wanted to know if they were able to present anything international in response to the international movement regarding the staffer on this project. The team was able to present on a webinar that was international.

G. COVID-19 Vaccination Plan & Letter

Sarah Ruf and Erica McFadden gave an update on the COVID-19 vaccine plans. The Arizona Developmental Disabilities Network (ADDN) held a Zoom call with 300 participants. On the call were representatives from the Arizona Department of Health and Human Services (ADHS) to filled questions about vaccines especially questions surrounding developmental disabilities. As a result of that call, ADDN decided to put together a frequently asked questions sheet in plain language, which will be sent out on the Council's social media pages. Also, the ADDN has prepared a letter to go out to each county encouraging them to prioritize individuals with developmental disabilities. Erica asked if the Council would like to sign on to that letter.

A motion was made by Traci Gruenberger to sign on and support the ADDN letter regarding prioritizing individuals with developmental disabilities. The motion was seconded by Steve Freeman.
Motion carried.

H. Legislative Priority Setting 2021/ Public Policy Committee

Scott Lindbloom asked Erica McFadden to explain the Request to Speak (RTS) system. Jason Snead was interviewed by KJZZ regarding an article John Myers and he wrote emphasizing the barriers of the RTS system. We finally figured out that the Secretary of State is in control of that system, so we have sent emails regarding this issue. Special thanks to Sarah and Jason.

The Council is tracking and posting introduced bills that pertain to the I/DD community on our website. In addition, The Council has created a space where organizations can get together to share legislative priorities around sexual violence & I/DD. An issue the group prioritized was increased funding for APS.

Over 1,300 bills have been dropped to date. The Council is tracking 117 bills to date. The Council cannot lobby, but we can educate the public on the bills. Also, the Council is tracking bills related to election procedures and requirements because we know that there are barriers to voting and certain new bills, if passed, will create more problems.

Scott Lindbloom mentioned ADA coordinator training starting in April.

I. Announcements

No announcements.

J. Call to the Public

No public comments.

K. Adjourn

Monica Cooper calls for motion to adjourn. Michael Coen makes a motion to adjourn and Steve Freeman second the motion. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 11:55 AM.