



FIVE YEAR PLANNING MEETING

FULL COUNCIL MINUTES

Friday, June 25, 2021

2:00 – 3:30 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

Melissa Van Hook, Chair

Bianca Demara

Monica Cooper

Mary Slaughter

Vanessa Felix

Michael Coen

Kelly Roberts

Wendy Parent-Johnson

Scott Lindbloom

Kathy Levandowsky

Meghan Cox

Traci Gruenberger

Council Members Absent

J.J. Rico, Vice Chair

Ray Morris

Janna Murrell

Angelina James

Kristen Mackey

James Rivera

Council Staff

Erica McFadden, Executive Director

Marcella Crane

Michael Leyva

Lani St. Cyr

Jason Snead

Chellis Hall

Member of the Public

Anya Chernaskaya

Meghan Velasquez - Improvement Assurance Group

Zane Garcia Ramadan- DDD Assistant Director

A. Call to Order/Welcome and Introductions

Chairperson Melissa Van Hook welcomed everyone to the Arizona Developmental Disabilities Planning Council (ADDPC or Council) Meeting started at 2 28 PM. Roll call and participant introductions were completed.

B. Minutes from May 21 Meeting:

Chairperson Melissa Van Hook tabled the May 21 minutes until the next full Council meeting.

C. 2022-2026 Activities:

Meghan Velasquez from Improvement Assurances Group give a brief update about the progress that has been done on the Five-Year Plan and the process that is going to be completed today. The Council is going to look at the final two goals (potential activities) which are (Safety and System Access & Navigation) and approve the whole Five-Year Plan. Below are the suggested changes: (IN RED).

Safety Objective A:

Support training for law enforcement around that **includes individuals with IDD** how to work with folks who have I/DD and for folks with I/DD around the role of law enforcement and how to interact with them.

Suggestion made by Mary Slaughter

Safety Objective B:

Collaborate with other border states to understand existing and previous approaches to support unaccompanied minors with IDD. Suggestion made by Marcy Crane

Safety Objective C:

Work with state agencies to augment the "placement packet" for resource parents supporting a person with I/DD in **foster care/kinship placements**. Consider including specific information about special needs, such as case managers, the role DDD, etc., and information about getting assistance with respite care, specialized medical/care equipment, and supplies, and connecting to services. **Specifically, to address content related to the needs and available services to support individuals with autism.** Suggestion made by Scott Lindbloom.

Promote trauma informed providers. *

- **Maintain an update a resource directory to identify providers who have training in trauma informed approaches.**
- **Advocate that providers working with individuals with IDD continue their development and training related to trauma informed approach.** Suggestion made by Kathy Levandowsky and Melissa Van Hook

Motion: Chairperson Melissa Van Hook calls for a motion to approve the activities specifically around the Goal of Safety for the 2022-2026 Five-Year Strategic Plan. Scott Lindbloom made a motion, seconded by Kathy Levandowsky. The motion carried.

System Access and Navigation Objective A:

Expand information about, access to and advocacy for wide variety of search of unique services needed for individuals with IDD as they transition into ALTCS as elders. Mary Slaughter gave the background and told the story of Ann Mills.

- **Partner with Agency on Aging.** Suggestion made by Scott Lindbloom.

Expand the parent support line that is staffed by parents of children with disabilities to provide mentorship and support for parents.

New communications PO to replace On Advertising-TBD (**TAKEN OUT**)

- **Work with state agencies and key partners to ensure DDD Support Coordinators, OFA staff, case managers, nursing service providers and other points of contact have current and accurate information related to transition to share with families.**

Work with cultural brokers in the community to develop and disseminate information to members **whose primary language is not English** related to service eligibility and service provision including community-based service agencies. Suggestions made by Erica McFadden.

Develop a “how to guide” for navigating Arizona’s service system for families and individuals moving to Arizona from out of state. **Specifically address unique processes, resources, and protocols related to Autism, deaf/hard of hearing, down syndrome, and other specific disabilities/diagnosis.** Suggestion made by Melissa Van Hook.

Support identifying gaps in services and specific needs related to these transition points. (Suggestion made related to out-of-state residents). Suggestion made by Scott Lindbloom

System Access and Navigation Objective B:

Advocate for inter-state agreements that would allow AHCCCS to be utilized in neighboring states (e.g., St. George, UT **Iowa, and Nebraska**). Suggestion made by Scott Lindbloom.

Work with U of A Center for Rural Health to address mobile clinics, provider shortages, and other broad reaching issues to support collaboration and connection to enhance advocacy and funding **in other rural areas**. Suggestion made by Mary Slaughter

Advocate for funding to support systemic **Continuous Quality Improvements (CQI)** projects that increase access to **services for** refugees. Corrections made by Meghan Velasquez.

System Access and Navigation Objective C:

Partner with others to advocate for the establishment of a local day program and **other services (e.g., employment)** on tribal land. Suggestion made by Erica McFadden.

Motion: Chairperson Melissa Van Hook calls for a motion to approve the activities specifically around the Goal of System Access and Navigation for the 2022-2026 Five-Year Strategic Plan. Monica Cooper made a motion, seconded by Michael Coen. The motion carried.

Motion: Chairperson Melissa Van Hook calls for a motion to approve all the activities in the 2022-2026 Five-Year Strategic Plan. Scott Lindbloom made a motion, seconded by Kathy Levandowsky. The motion carried.

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Vanessa Felix asked the question about whether the Council next meeting is going to be in person or virtual.

Erica McFadden and Melissa Van Hook must discuss and will get back to the Council before the next meeting.

D. Call to the Public

No public Comments

D. Adjourn

Chairperson Melissa Van Hook calls for a motion to adjourn. Monica Cooper made a motion, seconded by Vanessa Felix. Motion carried, meeting adjourned.