



**FULL COUNCIL MEETING  
DRAFT MINUTES**

Friday, December 4, 2015

9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

1740 West Adams Street, Suite 410, Phoenix, Arizona 85007

A meeting of the Arizona Developmental Disabilities Planning Council (ADDPC) was convened at the ADDPC offices. Notice having been duly given. Present and absent were the following members of the ADDPC, guests and staff.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT IN PERSON**

Ray Morris, Chairperson	Jamie Edgin
John Black, Vice-Chairperson	Matt McMahon
Monica Cooper	David Copins
Renaldo Fowler	Angelina James
George Garcia	Andrew Robinson
Bill McQueary	Melissa Van Hook

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT VIA TELEPHONE**

Joyce Millard Hoie	David Cutty
John Eckhardt	Tom Uno
Charles Ryan	

**COUNCIL MEMBER REGRETS**

Tim Martin

**COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT**

Madeline Corzine	Tracy Gruenberger
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**ADDPC STAFF PRESENT**

Larry Clausen	Lani St. Cyr
Marcella Crane	Michael Leyva

**GUESTS**

Lis Kosloff, *PLAN of Arizona*  
Jill Pleasant, *Arizona Technical Assistance Program (AzTAP)*  
David Daugherty, *Morrison Institute for Public Policy*  
Erica McFadden, *Morrison Institute for Public Policy*  
Maria Barajas, *Morrison Institute for Public Policy*  
B.J. Tatro, *Tatro Consulting*  
Teri Traaen, *Traaen & Associates*  
Denise Resnik, *DRA Strategic Communications*  
Lionel Delgado, *Member of the Public*

### **Call to Order**

Chairperson Ray Morris welcomed Council members, guests and the general public to the meeting. The meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m. Roll call was taken by Larry Clausen and 17 Council members were present in person and by telephone, achieving quorum. Council members, ADDPC staff, and guests introduced themselves. Members were reminded that no scheduled breaks were on the agenda and that they should be mindful of maintaining quorum. Chairperson Morris called for member conflict of interests and none were offered.

### **Consent Agenda**

The Consent Agenda containing the September 11, 2015 Council meeting draft minutes was reviewed for approval

- A motion was made by John Black to approve the minutes as written.
- The motion was seconded by Matt McMahon.
- 17 approving votes were cast with no additional discussion or opposing votes.
- The motion carried.

Lani St. Cyr, Fiscal Manager for the Council provided the fiscal summary noting that all of 2013 funds were liquidated with none being returned to the grantor. She also noted that of the 2014 grant award, all funds have been obligated with only \$257,485 remaining for liquidation. 2015 funds reflect \$258,740 to be obligated with \$1,003,769 left for liquidation. The final amount of the 2016 award has not yet been determined, but it's anticipated that the Council will be notified soon.

### **PLAN of Arizona**

Liz Kosloff, Executive Director with the Planned Lifetime Assistance Network (PLAN) presented information on her organization and its involvement with trust management and service coordination for persons with disabilities in Arizona. She explained that PLAN works with life planning, special needs trusts and support coordination to promote independence. Liz shared specific details of her organizations belief that planning needs to take place when a family member or other caregiver anticipates life changes for the person they're working with. The different types of trust accounts were described, including Self-Settled and Third Party accounts. Liz also described the fee for service ("Pay As You Go) services offered by PLAN which included advocacy, bill pay, housing options, moving, benefits analysis, personal shopping, companionship, monitoring, transportation, daily assistance and scheduling doctor appointments.

### **Arizona Technical Assistance Program (AzTAP)**

Jill Pleasant, Program Director with the Arizona Technical Assistance Program (AzTAP), shared information on the activities of her organization. Housed within the Institute of Human Development at NAU, AzTAP operates as part of the Administration on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities as authorized by the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act. AzTAP's mission is to connect people with disabilities with the assistive technology they need to participate as fully as possible in activities that matter to them. In carrying out their mission, AzTAP maintains an inventory of assistive technology devices that are used for demonstrations and consultations in helping individuals select (through purchase) devices that will be helpful. AzTap also does short-term device loans and also maintains an assistive technology equipment exchange and is a part of the AT and Durable Medical Equipment Reuse Coalition. Jill also spoke about the AzLAT & SEED loans that are offered to

qualifying individuals to finance the purchase of AT Devices and resources. Loan amounts range from \$500 to \$20,000, with low interest rates and flexible repayment terms (1-5 years). AzTap is hosting an Open House on Wednesday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at their office, located at 300 West Clarendon Avenue, Suite 475, Phoenix, AZ 85013.

#### **Update: 2016 State Plan Development**

Larry Clausen and B.J. Tatro introduced the beginning of the presentation on the Council's State Plan that is currently being developed for submittal by August 15, 2016. Details of how the Strategic Workgroup is working to build goals and objectives with data taken from the Comprehensive Review and Analysis (CRA) were shared. David Daugherty, Erica McFadden and Maria Barajas with the Morrison Institute for Public Policy shared the outcomes of research they've undertaken to measure the needs of persons with developmental disabilities across Arizona. Research design was presented and then information related to demographics, education, employment and cultural diversity were distributed. Council members asked a variety of questions related to some of the unexpected findings and were assured that the Workgroup will be considering all important elements of the research in producing goals and objectives for the new plan. The final draft of the 2016 State Plan will be presented at the Annual Retreat to be held on Friday, February 26, 2016.

#### **2016 Legislative Strategies**

Teri Traaen of Traaen & Associates provided updated information as the Government Affairs Liaison consultant for the Council. In her role, Teri has been meeting with Arizona legislative officials on both the House and Senate sides since September. The meetings have been scheduled to renew relationships that were built during the last legislative session and inform legislators of important issues that have been identified by the Council. These topic areas included information on the ABLE Act, to which several legislators have responded positively. In her weekly reports to the Council, Teri has identified those elected officials who may be supportive of a bill during the 2016 session which in turn has been forwarded on to the ABLE Act workgroup coordinated by Goodman & Schwarz, a public affairs group. It's hoped that Goodman & Schwarz will be able to work with legislators to co-sponsor a bill that will establish the ABLE Act in Arizona allowing persons with disabilities to take full advantage of the options contained within the Act. Teri also reported on her contacts and relationship building with the Congressional delegation from Arizona, directing all of her work to the Arizona offices of Senators and Representatives. Overall, Teri reflected a growing trend of positive interactions with elected officials and will work diligently during the upcoming legislative session to provide weekly updates on activities that will be useful to constituents and the general public.

#### **FirstPlace**

Denise Resnik of DRA Strategic Communications, presented details on the FirstPlace concept, a transformational community development project. The project centers on independent living and residential options for adults with autism and other special abilities. Denise shared the 4 primary goals of FirstPlace linked to the extensive market research that has been conducted to support their plan to construct apartments, a transition academy and leadership institute, centered in a Phoenix location that is within a hub of necessary services. The project is a collaborative effort that is drawing upon the resources of leadership locally and nationally. Denise spent time reviewing the importance of building not only residential services but other collaborative supports that lead to inclusiveness, independence and success in community living. The Council was presented with a proposed timeline of development and information on existing programs that have been initiated.

**Developmental Disabilities Advisory Council (DDAC)**

On behalf of David Cutty, the current appointed member of the Developmental Disabilities Advisory Council (DDAC), Larry Clausen shared information on the DDAC as a statutory entity. The DDAC exists to provide a linkage between the community and the Division of Developmental Disabilities and meets quarterly. Members are appointed by the Governor, and a member of the ADDPC is mandated to serve on the Council. David Cutty has been the ADDPC appointed member, but with his term is expiring in January 2016, David has indicated that he'll not be seeking reappointment. Larry shared the details of what's involved in DDAC membership and encouraged any Council members interested in serving to notify him so that he can assist them in applying to the Governor's Office of Boards and Commissions.

**Call to the Public**

No comments or responses were received from the public.

**Adjournment**

- John Black made a motion to adjourn.
- The motion was seconded by Matt McMahon
- Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 12:30 PM

Dated this 8<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2015  
Arizona Developmental Disabilities Planning Council