



FULL COUNCIL MEETING

DRAFT MINUTES

Friday, September 11, 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

John Black, Chairperson	John Eckhardt
Monica Cooper	David Copins
Renaldo Fowler	Angelina James
Tracy Gruenberger	Andrew Robinson
Bill McQueary	Melissa Van Hook

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT VIA TELEPHONE

George Garcia	Tim Martin
Jamie Edgin	Tom Uno

COUNCIL MEMBER REGRETS

Joyce Millard Hoie	Ray Morris
David Cutty	

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT

Madeline Corzine	Matt McMahon
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ADDPC STAFF PRESENT

Larry Clausen	Lani St. Cyr
Marcella Crane	Michael Leyva

GUESTS

Cheryl Adams, *Arizona Department of Economic Security, Human Resources*
Brett Bernstein, *Motivating and Orchestrating Respectful Interpersonal Achievements & Harmony (MORIAH)*
Barbara Ficker, *SEEK Arizona*
Amy Hummell, *Council for Jews with Special Needs*
Timothy Jeffries, *Director, Department of Economic Security*
Sherri Lerner, *Council for Jews with Special Needs*
Ralph Serpico, *Untapped Arizona*

Call to Order

Vice-Chairperson John Black 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 14 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. Vice-Chairperson Black called for member conflict of interests and none were offered. The public was reminded of Open Meeting Law and to please save their statements for the end of the agenda during the Call to the Public. Council members were advised that two new publications were in the folders: The 2014 Annual Report and the *Self-Employment for Workers with Disabilities: An Underutilized, but Viable Option* report developed in partnership with the Morrison Institute for Public Policy.

Consent Agenda

The Consent Agenda containing the May 1, 2015 Council meeting draft minutes and the current fiscal summary was presented by Lani St. Cyr, Fiscal Manager, to the Council for consideration.

- A motion was made by Monica Cooper to approve the minutes and fiscal summary as written.
- The motion was seconded by Melissa Van Hook.
- 14 approving votes were cast with no additional discussion or opposing votes.
- The motion carried.

Untapped Arizona

Ralph Serpico, President and CEO of Untapped Arizona shared updated information on the project in its 4th year of funding by the Council. Ralph reviewed the key accomplishments in year 3 (see Power Point for details) and also discussed the Business Needs Assessment Survey which resulted in 549 respondents sharing their opinions. Time was spent discussing employment patterns that emerged from the survey analysis for small, medium and large companies. Finally, Ralph spoke to the sustainability plan being implemented and shared priorities and outcomes for the current operating year.

Department of Economic Security

Timothy Jeffries, Director of the Arizona Department of Economic Security (DES), met with the Council to introduce himself and the "new" DES. In shaping DES, Director Jeffries spoke of his expectations that the organization be responsive to the persons served and also spoke of the various changes he's overseeing. The Director detailed the numerous town halls held throughout the state and the number of DES employees he's spoken to. The Mr. Jeffries responded to questions raised by Council members regarding his perception of needs for persons with autism and his vision for future partnering with the Council.

MORIAH Presentation

Brett Bernstein, Executive Director of Motivating and Orchestrating Respectful Interpersonal Achievements and Harmony (MORIAH), shared information on the organization which provides services and supports for children and families with developmental disabilities. MORIAH directs it activities towards 3 areas: Outreach and Inclusion Methodology, Scholarships and Navigation. Brett also discussed opportunities for persons interested in working with MORIAH, which is available to children, ages 6-18, and volunteering to support the organization with options for peer mentors, adult volunteers, and serving on the advisory board and board of directors.

Council for Jews with Special Needs

Amy Hummell, Executive Director and Sherri Lerner, Program Coordinator presented information on the Council for Jews with Special Needs. The organization was founded in 1985 with the intent to provide various supports to children with special needs. Programs offered today center around the concepts of education/inclusion, social groups and cultural/religious focus. Some of the programs include training on a variety of topics (Bullying, Learning through Play, Practical Teaching Tips), residential services, Classroom Support, Sign-Language Interpreters, and Community Resource & Referral.

SEEK Arizona

Barbara Ficker, Operations Manager for Specializing in the Education of Exceptional Kids (SEEK), provided information on the Positive Behavior Support Two-Day Workshops, funded by the Council. The workshops were held in Chandler, Flagstaff, Tempe, Litchfield Park, Buckeye, Sacaton, Surprise, Safford, Tucson and Gilbert. A combined total of 70 persons attended and included traditional 2 parent families, adoptive parents, foster parents, single parents, grandparents, and a sibling. The training focused on a number of issues including reinforcement, communication skills and setting expectations and creation of behavioral contracts.

DES Human Resources

Cheryl Adams, Human Resources Manager, talked about the supports offered by DES Human Resources, to the Council as part of the Memorandum of Understanding establishing DES as the Designated State Agency. Included in Cheryl's description was information pertaining to hiring/recruitment, employee benefits and personnel management.

Open Discussion

Council members expressed their approval of the 2014 Annual Report which was distributed prior to the meeting and encourage staff to widely distribute.

It was requested that AzTAP be invited to present at the upcoming December 4th Council meeting to discuss activities and share examples of new technology that is currently being used.

The Evidence-Based Conference on Disability Disciplines will be held at the Black Canyon Conference Center, Phoenix, October 26-27.

Call to the Public

Members of the Public attending the meeting were invited to share comments on agenda items. No comments were received.

Adjournment

- Motion made by Tracy Gruenberger to adjourn
- The motion was seconded by Monica Cooper
- Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 12:15 PM