



**FULL COUNCIL MEETING
DRAFT MINUTES**

Friday, January 22, 2016
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, Vice-Chairperson	David Copins
Monica Cooper	Angelina James
J.J. Rico	Andrew Robinson
Melissa Van Hook	

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT VIA TELEPHONE

Traci Gruenberger	Tim Martin
John Eckhardt	Tom Uno
Jamie Edgin	George Garcia

COUNCIL MEMBER REGRETS

Ray Morris
Bill McQueary
Charles Ryan
Matt McMahon

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT

Madeline Corzine

ADDPC STAFF PRESENT

Larry Clausen	Lani St. Cyr
Marcella Crane	Michael Leyva
Sarah Ruf	

GUESTS

B.J. Tatro, *Tatro Consulting*
Teri Traaen, *Traaen & Associates*
Beca Bailey, *Arizona Commission for the Deaf & Hard of Hearing*
Vicki Bond, *Arizona Commission for the Deaf & Hard of Hearing*
Susan Voirol, *Arizona Department of Education*

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 John, and 13 Council members were present in person and by telephone, achieving quorum. Council members, ADDPC staff, and guests introduced themselves. Sarah Ruf, the new Community Relations Specialist for the Council shared details about her background and job to acquaint members with the activities she'll be undertaking as a staff member.

Consent Agenda

The Consent Agenda containing the December 4, 2015 Council meeting draft minutes was reviewed for approval

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

Arizona Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

Beca Bailey, Deaf Specialist and Vicki Bond, Interpreter Outreach and Development Coordinator, presented information on the Arizona Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (ACDHH). The Commission exists to partner with the public and private sector in creating accessibility for the deaf and hard of hearing to improve their quality of life. ACDHH as a public body, is governed by 14 Commissioners who are supported by 16 ACDHH staff. Commissioners are appointed by the Governor. Data was shared on the prevalence of hearing loss in Arizona. It was noted that 1.1 million people in the state are hard of hearing, including 739,000 Arizonians over the age of 60. Youth are also included in the data, with 20% of teenagers having some degree of hearing loss. Beca provided an overview of services offered by ACDHH, listing information & referral, outreach & education, interpreter licensure, and involvement with systems such as the Arizona Relay Service and the Arizona Telecommunications Equipment Distribution Program. Further information on ACDHH can be found at www.acdhh.org.

State Plan Development

B.J. Tatro of Tatro Consulting, led Council members through the process that's being used to develop the 2017-22 State Plan that will become effective October 1, 2016. She described the development of the 3 draft goals which include integrated, competitive employment; self-determination; and building capacity related to inclusion throughout the lifespan. So far, the first two goals have been developed to include objectives. B.J. spent time explaining the criteria being used to judge the quality of the goals and also emphasized the importance of cultural diversity, collaboration and quality of life as key components of the overall plan. The workgroup developing the plan represents a wide array of stakeholders and has two more meetings to finish-up their recommendations. The entire draft plan will be presented at the Annual Council Retreat, scheduled for February 26th. The Council will be asked to approve the draft so that it can then be communicated to the general public in a series of community forums and meetings which be used to obtain feedback on the content of the plan.

Employment First - Update

Susan Voirol and Michael Leyva presented an update on the Employment First (EF) initiative. The work of EF has been propelled by the establishment of a membership and core group of members who've devoted time and energy to seek public input, distribute information on the value of EF principles and develop a strategic plan for implementing key components of EF as a unique Arizona platform for improving access to employment for all persons. Susan and Michael spoke to information received from various stakeholders with an interest in competitive, integrated employment, including consumers, family members, educators, providers and others. This data was used to develop a strategic plan. The 6 key directions of the plan were explained along with ongoing activities related to implementation. It's anticipated that in 2016, strides in moving an EF philosophy forward in Arizona will meet with success.

2016 Legislative Update

Teri Traaen of Traaen & Associates provided information on legislative activities occurring during the 3rd week of the 2016 session. A large number of bills have been dropped so far, and over 35 of them which pertain to disabilities are being monitored. A weekly legislative report is created by Teri and then posted on the Council website. Several legislators who've requested the report are e-mail each update on a weekly basis. Teri shared details of the Governor's budget proposal which among other things proposes re-funding of preventative dental services for AHCCCS recipients. Teri also spoke of her ongoing contacts with legislators, noting that since September of 2015, she has met with most of them at least once and is developing productive relationships with many. Finally, Teri shared information on HB 2388 sponsored by Representative John Allen. The bill pertains to the Achieving Better Life Experiences (ABLE) Act, a federal law passed in late 2014. The Act authorizes use of Section 529 of the Internal Revenue Service Code to allow persons with disabilities receiving public benefits, to open savings accounts without losing eligibility. While the federal law created the framework for the ABLE Act, each state is responsible for crafting its own legislation to implement the law. As a result, Representative Allen has been intimately involved with stakeholders over the spring & summer of 2015 in creating bill language and has successfully garnered strong support among his colleagues to move the bill forward. It's hoped that the bill will be successful in becoming law in 2016.

ADDPC 2016 Communication Plan Update

Sarah Ruf, Community Relations Specialist for the Council presented an updated communication plan that will be implemented in 2016. The plan builds on the previous framework developed by Urias Communications, a state contractor that assisted the Council in 2014-15. Sarah explained that the Plan will be used as a tool to boost awareness of the Council across the state, enhance communications with consumers, provide education on current issues as well as circulate more effectively the research and information created by the Council. Sarah will be focusing on multiple modes of communication including printed/electronic media such as newspapers, magazines and journals. Because the Council has not been successful in obtaining exposure within broadcast media, emphasis will be placed on working with television and radio to create awareness. Online activities will continue and be enhanced including use of videos, webinars and the Council website. Work will continue with social media and an effort will be made to create a Council YouTube channel. Consistency of communication will also be a focus as a style guide will be created for all media content to ensure that the Council brand is displayed with consistency all platforms. Finally, Sarah will collaborate with other partners including the Institute for Human Development and the Morrison Institute on Public Policy interact with their resources to enhance communication outreach.

Updates/Information Sharing

Nothing was shared by Council members.

Call to the Public

No comments or responses were received from the public

Meeting Dates

Larry reminded Council members that the Annual Council retreat is scheduled for Friday, February 26th. It is important that quorum be achieved (13 Council members), and that for this specific meeting, members must attend in person. Larry will be sending out additional details within the next week. The next regular Council meeting will be held on Friday, May 27th.

Adjournment

- Melissa Van Hook made a motion to adjourn.
- The motion was seconded by Angelina James.
- Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 12:30 PM

Dated this 27th day of January, 2016
Arizona Developmental Disabilities Planning Council