



**SELF-ADVOCACY STANDING COMMITTEE  
DRAFT MINUTES  
September 22, 2015  
9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.  
Arizona Developmental Disabilities Planning Council  
1740 West Adams Street, Suite 410  
Phoenix, Arizona 85007**

A standing committee meeting of the Arizona Developmental Disabilities Planning Council (ADDPC) was convened on September 22, 2015 at the ADDPC, 1740 West Adams, Suite 410, Phoenix, Arizona 85007. Notice having been duly given. Present and absent were the following members of the ADDPC.

<b>Members Present</b>
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Tom Uno, Chair, teleconference  
Monica Cooper, teleconference

George Garcia, teleconference  
Angelina James, in person

<b>Staff/Members of the Public</b>	<b>Members Regrets or Absent</b>
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Marcella Crane, Contracts Manager  
Larry Clausen, Executive Director,  
Teleconference  
Michael Leyva, Grants Coordinator  
Lani St. Cyr, Fiscal Manager

Absent, Madeline Corzine  
Regret, David Copins  
Absent, Tim Martin

**A. Call to Order:**

Tom Uno welcomed everyone to the Arizona Developmental Disabilities Planning Council (ADDPC) Self-Advocacy standing committee meeting. Meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. and introductions were made.

**B. Minutes Approval**

The Minutes from the June 12, 2015 committee meeting were approved with no changes.

- Motion by George Garcia to accept the Minutes.
- Motion was seconded by Monica Cooper.
- Motion carried.

**C. RFGA Renewal Status Update:**

Marcella Crane, Contracts Manager, discussed the renewal process for several current applicants that are applying for second year funding, awarded through the competitive RFGA Promoting Self-Advocacy and Empowerment through Information. The current contract period ends on November 30, 2015. The following are eligible to apply for a year 2: Alzheimer's Association, Desert SW Chapter, Native American Disability Law Center, Pilot Parents of S. Arizona, and Southwest Autism Resource & Research Center.

Applicants are required to submit a detail renewal application by October 5, 2015, that includes a budget and match support. In addition, applicants are required to address specific activities that will support the Council's current Self-Advocacy Objective #5, Capacity for Community Inclusion, and applicants shall incorporate one of the Self-Advocacy elements, either Enhance Leadership Training, or Participation in Diverse Leadership Coalitions.

Each application submitted for renewal will first be reviewed by the Council staff to ensure compliance with the application requirements. The Self-Advocacy standing committee members will then review the applications and will make a final a final recommendation to the Executive committee.

**D. Community Capacity for Inclusion, Update on Objective**

Staff reviewed all the current contracts and if the program aligns with the Community Capacity for Inclusion and developed a spreadsheet for the committee members to review. The Council is defining Community Inclusion as the process whereby every person (irrespective of age, disability, gender, religion, etc.) who wishes to, can access and participate fully in all aspects of an activity or service in the same way as any other member of the community. Inclusion requires time, space, effort and resources but it creates a society which is fairer, more cohesive and richer.

Persons with developmental disabilities are living and participating in communities as full citizens; and they have full control and choice in the activities of their lives; and they are able to participate with other citizens in ordinary life activities of working, socializing, and conducting daily affairs.

As stated in agenda item C, renewal applications must address how their programs will develop specific activities that support Community Capacity for Inclusion. The Chair, Tom Uno, stated he would like have a broader discussion to include how local communities can support persons with developmental disabilities to fully participate in all facets of daily living. Larry Clausen suggested a teleconference call with Sheryl Matney, technical advisor to Councils, to learn what best practices other state councils have developed. Members of the standing committee are invited to participate in the teleconference.

#### **E. Review Self-Advocacy Project Data**

Marcella Crane reviewed the final data received by the grantees that ended on June 30, 2015. Final reports from Pilot Parents of Southern AZ (PPSA), Project LEAP and Direct Center for Independence, Project Say So of Southern AZ briefly reviewed.

Project LEAP is a Leadership Education Advocacy Program with the goal of providing financial support for self-advocates and guardians of children/adults with developmental disabilities to participate in valuable learning opportunities through participation in conferences, workshops or other trainings that will increase their knowledge of disability issues that directly impacts them, to be better advocates, and to make better informed choices as consumers.

PPSA utilized the Short Term and Intermediate Term Surveys during the fourth year contract period. Data collected shows that the majority of recipients of a LEAP scholarship either Agree or Strongly Agree that by attending an event, participants felt confident that their advocacy and leadership skills improved, they learned new knowledge and that post 3 months of attending an event, participants confidently stated they were able to make better and informed choices for their family and/or for themselves.

Direct Center for Independence program, Say So of Southern Arizona – Advocacy in Action, aims to improve the sustainability of self-advocacy groups for people with developmental disabilities in Pima, Santa Cruz and Graham counties. Members of the community are identified for their ongoing support and training, however all self-advocacy groups are led by persons with developmental disabilities and their group members.

In Direct Center's final report, they reported modest gains in identifying local self-advocates in the communities of Tucson and Nogales. The program coordinator was also successful in reaching out to a local high school to create a self-advocacy group. The Sonoran UCEDD, as a consultant to the project, developed and conducted several surveys as the self-advocacy groups gained a stronghold in their work. However, due to the various stages of development that several of the self-advocacy groups are in, it wasn't possible to obtain any meaningful outcome data.

Direct Center's request for year 2 continues to work with each of the four self-advocacy groups. The program coordinator will meet with each group on an ongoing basis to identify their own support and training needs. Training and technical support will continue with consultant 501 Navigation. In addition, the program coordinator will continue to visit Graham County to determine their level of interest in forming a self-advocacy group. If progress hasn't been made with the first several visits, resources will be diverted to work with several communities in Cochise County. Committee member George Garcia stated that any training to Spanish speaking self-advocates be conducted in their native language, and for Council written Spanish speaking material be sent to the Project Director.

#### **F. AIDD Requirements for Self-Advocacy**

In the next few months, Council members will be developing the 2016-2021 Five Year State Plan which will incorporate new goals, objectives and corresponding performance measures. The Self-Advocacy standing committee will be charged with how best they can meet the federal requirements of the DD Act, specifically pertaining to Self-Advocacy. AIDD will be closely monitoring all Councils in their effort to meet this important mandate.

Recently staff attended the 2015 summer Training and Technical Assistance held by AIDD and ITACC staff, and learned the new requirements that Councils must address in the upcoming state plan. Councils must develop 1-3 goals or objectives pertaining to Self-Advocacy and must address the following elements:

- a. Establish or strengthen a program for the direct funding of a state self-advocacy organization led by individuals with developmental disabilities; and
- b. Support opportunities for individuals with developmental disabilities who are considered leaders to provide leadership training to individuals with developmental disabilities who may become leaders; and
- c. Support and expand participation of individuals with developmental disabilities in cross-disability and culturally diverse leadership coalitions.

As further information is provided to the Council staff from AIDD on meeting the Self-Advocacy mandate, Council members will be informed.

#### **G. Call to the Public**

No public attended the meeting.

#### **H. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

- Motion by Monica Cooper to adjourn the meeting.
- Motion was seconded by George Garcia.
- Motion carried.

Dated this 25th day of September, 2015  
Arizona Developmental Disabilities Planning Council