



**FULL COUNCIL MEETING
DRAFT MINUTES**

Friday, May 27, 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

Ray Morris, Chairperson	John Black, Vice-Chairperson
Monica Cooper	Angelina James
David Copins	Andrew Robinson
Laura Love	Madeline Corzine
Bill McQueary	

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT VIA TELEPHONE

Traci Gruenberger	J.J. Rico
John Eckhardt	Tom Uno
Jamie Edgin	George Garcia
Melissa Van Hook	

COUNCIL MEMBER REGRETS

Charles Ryan

ADDPC STAFF PRESENT

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

GUESTS

Margaret Corcoran, *Division of Developmental Disabilities, DES*
Dave Daugherty, *Morrison Institute for Public Policy, ASU*
Terry McDermott, *NAMI Valley of the Sun*
Deb Roepke, *Coyote Crisis Collaborative*
Jason Snead, *Summit Law School*
Linda Tasco, *Division of Developmental Disabilities, DES*
Teri Traaen, *Traaen & Associates*
Susan Voirol, *Sonoran University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities, U of A*
Larry Wanger, *Arizona Statewide Independent Living Council*

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 and 16 Council members were present in person and by telephone, achieving quorum. Council members, ADDPC staff, and guests introduced themselves.

Consent Agenda

The Consent Agenda containing the January 22, 2016 Council meeting draft minutes, fiscal summary and new standing committee assignments were reviewed for approval.

- A motion was made by John Black to approve the consent agenda as submitted.
- The motion was seconded by Monica Cooper.
- 16 approving votes were cast with no additional discussion or opposing votes.
- The motion carried.

NAMI Valley of the Sun

Terry McDermott, Peer Program Coordinator for the National Alliance for Mental Illness (NAMI), Valley of the Sun Chapter, shared information on what the organization does in supporting persons with mental illness, their family members and other stakeholders. Terry spoke of 5 programs offered free of charge by NAMI including, (1) **NAMI Basics**, an educational program designed for parents and other caregivers of children and adolescents living with mental illness; (2) **NAMI Family Support Group** for family members/loved ones of individuals living with mental illness; (3) **NAMI Family to Family Education Program**, a free, 12 week course for family caregivers of individuals with mental illness; (4) **NAMI Connection**, a recovery support group program for adults living with mental illness; (5) **In Our Own Voice**, a presentation made by two individuals with mental illness as a means of providing hope for recovery to individuals with mental illness, family members, providers, doctors, nurses, churches, police officers and others.

Employment First

Susan Voirol with the Sonoran UCEDD along with Linda Tasco and Margaret Corcoran from DDD took turns providing a comprehensive update on the progress achieved with Employment First (EI). The EI core group has completed its strategic plan, mapping out the initiatives that will be followed in promoting the tenets of EI across Arizona. The 6 key directions were discussed and how they would be used to plan the next steps of the organization. It was noted that both Susan and Margaret are paid personnel who have responsibilities to implement EI. One of the exciting projects now underway is the creation of an EI website which will eventually have capacity to carry information on the project, initiatives and measurements of success. Finally, Susan shared information about the Memorandum of Understanding that is being signed by multiple stakeholders, pledging time and effort to facilitate the growth and sustainability of EI.

Community Forums

David Daugherty with the Morrison Institute provided information on the "Partners in Progress" tour consisting of numerous public forums held in 10 communities across the state, with a final meeting to be held on Wednesday, June 2nd. David spoke of the design of the forums which focused on the draft goals and objectives in three areas including Employment, Self-Determination/Self-Advocacy and Inclusion.

Several of the ideas captured for each goal area were shared: **Employment** – “Pair people with developmental disabilities with professionals in apprenticeship programs”, “Tap into local churches to provide jobs/skills training for persons with developmental disabilities”, “Establish a temporary employment agency to promote skill sets and find employment for persons with disabilities”. **Self-Determination** – “Teach parents how to let go of their child with special needs”, “Seek technical assistance from other states that have had success in establishing a self-advocacy organization led by individuals who have developmental disabilities”, “Develop a social media campaign that allows persons with developmental disabilities the opportunity to speak for themselves”. **Inclusion** – “Expose disability as a normal part of the community using social media”, Establish support groups for parents so they can share their issues and solutions with each other”, Volunteering brings kids out of themselves, so let’s teach them the value of volunteering using existing organizations such as AmeriCorps”.

2016 Legislative Wrap-Up Review

Teri Traaen with Traaen and Associates provided a wrap-up of the 2016 legislative session, detailing the activities and important bills impacting persons with developmental disabilities and their families in the state. Terry noted that the legislature was in session for 117 days and of the 1247 Bills posted, 388 passed and 374 were signed by the Governor. Prior to and during the session, Teri and her staff met with 90 elected state officials on behalf of the Council. Issues of discussion included the ABLE Act, and employment. Several milestone laws that followed the legislature’s activity pertained to children’s health care, ABLE Act, Service Animals, Restoration of Dental Benefits for ALTCS beneficiaries and Empower Scholarships.

Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC)

The Council welcomed Larry Wanger, Executive Director with the Arizona SILC, as he provided the details of his organization. Structured as a Governor’s Advisory Council with members appointed by the Governor, the SILC operates as a non-profit organization while receiving federal flow through dollars to operate. Larry noted that every state is mandated to have a SILC under Title VII, section 705 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, amended in 1998. The Arizona SILC states as its mission the promotion of quality, inclusion, and choice for people with disabilities collaboration and policy change. Currently, the SILC is developing their new State Plan of Independent Living (SPIL) which is renewed every 3 years. A public hearing will be held on June 1st where comments will be received on the draft. Larry noted that the SPIL is based on extensive collaboration with the Arizona Independent Living Centers and the Arizona Rehabilitation Services Administration along with multiple other collaborators such as the ADDPC that share similar values and commitments to issues such as employment, housing, access to services and self-advocacy.

Summit Law School

Jason Snead introduced himself as an intern who’s been working with the Council since March. Graduating from Summit Law School in downtown Phoenix in December 2016, Jason used his time as an intern to research an important topic area that the Council will use as an educational tool. Jason has also participated in several meetings held by the Council, as well as one Community Forum. Jason made a presentation into his research on the applicability and utilization of public defender services in Arizona. The research grew from Council concerns on telephone calls received from family members of persons with ID/D jailed on charges where public defenders were not able to assist or support the accused in a manner that supported their individual rights. In some cases, persons with ID/D arrested were under the age of 21 but received no special education supports even though some of them were incarcerated for lengthy periods of time prior to a hearing/trial. Jason addressed these issues in his presentation and also indicated that even though his internship was finished, he’d still be working with the Council to finalize details on his report.

Coyote Crisis Collaborative

Deb Roepke, Executive Director of the Coyote Crisis Collaborative (CCC), talked about Arizona being a state where a variety of potential disasters endangering the lives of its citizens can occur at any time. The CCC was formed following 911 as a part of Scottsdale Healthcare to develop strategies to prepare for emergencies. While not a first responder, the CCC is a State Healthcare Coalition and works to integrate with multi-disciplinary sectors (including those involved with developmental and other disabilities) in a manner that's not duplicative. Deb spoke of the multiple conferences hosted by CCC (Lessons learned from specific disasters, National Pediatric Disaster Conference) and also showed an "active shooter" video that was developed specifically for schools to use in preparing for potential violent outbreaks.

Call to the Public

One member of the public present in person, thanked the Council for their work and also expressed appreciation that Council members and staff had participate in the Annual Disabilities Policy Seminar held in Washington, D.C. in June.

Adjournment

Prior to calling for a motion to adjourn, the Chairperson asked members to look at the new press release to be submitted by the Council and also reminded everyone of the next Council meeting date on Friday, September 16, 2016.

- Angelina made a motion to adjourn.
- The motion was seconded by Monica Cooper.
- Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 12:30 PM

Dated this 31st day of May, 2016
Arizona Developmental Disabilities Planning Council