



System Access and Navigation Committee MEETING MINUTES

August 18, 2022

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

3839 North Third Street, Suite 306

Phoenix, Arizona 85012

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Members present

Mary Slaughter, Chairperson
Bianca Demara
Janna Murrell
Vijette Saari

Staff

Steve Freeman, Staff Lead
Jon Meyers, Executive Director

Committee members absent

Kathy Levendawsky
Kin Counts

Guests

Holy Hulen
Amber Owens
Barb Piccone
Yumi Shirai

A. Welcome and Introductions

Chairperson Mary Slaughter, welcomed everyone to the meeting. Each person introduced themselves. The meeting was called to order at 11:02 am.

B. Minutes of May, 16, 2022 Chairperson, Mary Slaughter asked Steve to share the minutes on the screen so that we may look at them. No changes were requested. Janna Murrell moved to approve. They were seconded by Bianca Demara. The motion carried.

C. 2022 work plan for Systems Access & Navigation Committee

Steve reviewed the ADDPC Work Plan for this committee. There were no questions.

D. Demonstration & review of “Getting Started Guide”

Amber Owens gave a demonstration of the “Getting Started” guide that she developed.

Janna said that if Amber shared the document with her over the next week or so she would be happy to provide her feedback. She will also be able to share with other families, too. The “Getting Started” guide is focused on early intervention and youth transition. Janna suggested that Amber include questions about puberty, sexuality, etc. because individuals with I/DD are at greater risk of exploitation and having the conversation earlier in life really decreases that risk. Perhaps the questions can be included in the elementary section of the Guide along with resources for families of who they can reach out to in having those conversations?

Steve asked if there are any questions around person Centered Planning included in the Guide?

Amber’s [“Getting Started Guide”](#)

The State of Arizona Transition Slide Guide that was discussed and how we can complement the work that has already been created. The link is as follows:

<https://www.azed.gov/sites/default/files/specialeducation/files/2019/03/RSA-1287A-Transition-Slide-Guide-accessible.pdf>

Barb Picconne stated that one of the issues that we brought up in the beginning was to keep in mind that we want to be sure that we are sharing this information to families far and wide.

Janna Murrell said that she wanted us to be mindful of printing Amber’s document especially with all of the links to resources for families to access. It will be difficult for families to navigate to the links if they are on paper. Janna also said that she hopes that whatever the end result of the resource looks like we will want to be sure that it is translated into Spanish. We may have some resources that are unique to Spanish speaking families that we will want to include.

Mary asked Amber how much more time does the committee have with you? Amber said that she is not sure, probably another month or two.

Yumi let the committee know that if we take the link to Amber’s resource and place it on a bookmark or something along those lines we would have a much better chance of distributing it through the clinic and other outlets. We then would not need to print it.

E. Elder Transition

Chairperson Mary Slaughter said that she recently met with Steve and Jon to discuss moving forward with having access to some of those funds to form focus groups related to the elder transition around the state. She then asked Executive Director, Jon Meyers if he had any updates to share with us in regards to the next steps in obtaining these funds.

Jon Meyers said that, yes he does have an update and it is positive. Like Steve said earlier that the Council received a sum of money about \$95,000 the focus of which needs to be around public health workforce development related to people with I/DD. It can be a way that the public health workforce interacts with people who have I/DD. Jon and Steve met with representatives of U of A College of Public Health and the Western Arizona Health Equity Alliance or WAHEC about a week and a half ago. The meeting was held to gauge interest in the project. We potentially have what I think is an exciting opportunity to partner with the U of A College of Public Health and the Western Arizona Health Equity Alliance or WAHEC. We would be looking at the aging I/DD population as they reach the transition phase of life. Their needs change once they reach 50, 60, or 70. Over time how will their service needs change and the relationship that they have with public health?

As public health professionals the U of A College of Public Health and WAHEC are interested in moving forward with the outline of the project that we provided to them. We did let them know that we wanted this to be as broad based as possible and that we wanted to include representatives of the Hispanic/Latino community and as much as possible we want this to include focus groups from the rural community. We will focus on the aging and I/DD population. Basically everyone is enthusiastic about moving forward with the basic premise of the work. Mary, we need to bring you into the conversation with them because you've got some perspectives that Steve and I potentially don't have. We want to keep you informed of where things stand. A couple of days ago Jon got a call back from the people at U of A College of Public Health to make sure that we are on the same page for the project. We would like to schedule another call with them once we have the scope of work developed.

E. Schedule next meeting. After discussion the date of September 29th at 11:00 am was selected.

F. Adjourn Vijette Saari moved for adjournment. Chairperson Mary Slaughter adjourned the meeting at 11:58 am.