



Oregon Council on
Developmental Disabilities

Council Meeting Minutes

October 15, 2020

Link to meeting materials: <http://bit.ly/OCDDMeetingMaterials>

Present: Daniel Alrick, Rosa Belem Ochoa, Mack Beatty, Emily Braman, Julie Chick, Jake Cornett, Julie Farrell, Andee Joyce, Chris Knowles, Anna Lansky, Sarah Noack, Eddie Plourde, Noelle Siske, Jasper Smith, Nicola Spears, Lindsay Stephens, Daniel Tucker, Stephanie Utzman, Che Walker, Emilie Wylde Turner

Guests: Rhonda Eppelsheimer, Kendra Lodewick, Kaaren Londahl, Paulina Lorenas, Kelly McCauley, Kari Parsons, Catherine Roller White, Kirsten Smith

Interpreters: Joy Christian

Staff: Ava Bartley, Melinda Benson, Beth Kessler, Ryley Newport, Dominic Paz, Trish Roussel, Lynn Russell, Leslie Sutton

Absent: Monica Cox, Ben Hoffman, Heather Lindsay, Alice Miller, Ruth Morris, Caitlin Shockley, Sally Simich

Welcome and Introductions- Daniel Alrick called the meeting to order at 12:32 pm and reviewed the agenda. Quorum is met. Beth introduced new staff member, Ava Bartley, who is joining part time as Operations and Contracts Administrator. She also reminded the Council about their Group Agreements. Attendees introduced themselves.

Business Meeting- Daniel opened the business meeting. The Council observed a moment of silence for those impacted by wildfires. The Council also acknowledged the work Rosa has done on behalf of her community that was devastated by wildfires.

Family Caucus update- The Family Caucus has been focused in wildfire response and distance learning and their related challenges. The Caucus has shifted their meetings to the afternoon to accommodate changing needs. (Beth reported that

the Executive Committee has shifted their meeting to afternoons also.) Both the Family Caucus and the Self Advocate Caucus have been providing feedback to ODDS regarding service group hours and system changes.

Self-Advocate update- The Self-Advocate Caucus holds weekly check-ins on Wednesdays to support each other with COVID related issues as well as general member supports. They also review the Council agenda and prepare for the meeting. The Self-Advocate Caucus also wants to acknowledge their gratitude to Andee and Noelle's advocacy and support on behalf of the Council. They also welcome Kelly to the Council.

Executive Director Hiring Update- The Council was given an update regarding the Executive Director Hiring process. Daniel will call a special Council meeting, before the December Council meeting, for the finalists, if any, to interact with and be interviewed by the full membership.

Budget- Beth went over the proposed budget and asked, "Is this the right way to spend the money?" After the Council approved the 5-year plan last meeting, staff plugged in budget allocations based on that plan. This is an educated guess as the new budget begins October 1st, but September actuals are usually not available until sometimes in November.

There are two categories in the budget- estimated income (money coming in) and estimated expenses (money going out).

Income is in three categories: Federal grant (acknowledging that the rollover is due to COVID restrictions and must be spent by the end of the next budget year; Oregon DHS Match (in kind donations like HR, payroll, office space and equipment, etc.); and Interagency Agreements (Family Networks- which are ending 12/31/2020, Inclusive Partners (pass through grant), Autism Commission (OCASD- staff time will be reallocated to support the commission) and National Core Indicators Survey (NCI- one of the ways the State checks with those receiving DD Services. The Council administers the Child and Family Services portion.)

The estimated expenses are broken down into Salaries and Benefits, Operating expenses, Contracts and Professional Services and Interagency agreements. DSA stands for Designated State Agency which in the Council's case refers to the Office of Developmental Disabilities Services (ODDS).

The Operating Expenses consider that there will only be virtual meetings for the upcoming budget cycle.

Eddie moved to approve the October 2020-September 2021 budget as presented. Andee seconded the motion. 18 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 abstain. Motion to approve the budget carried.

Meeting Minutes- The Council was given time to go over the August meeting minutes. Eddie moved to approve the August 2020 meeting minutes without corrections. Sarah seconded the motion. 16 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstain. Motion to approve the August 2020 minutes carried.

Membership Updates- There are currently self-advocate and family member vacancies. If Council members know someone from underserved areas or marginalized communities, please consider reaching out to them. Consider new members from Eastern Oregon, NW Coastal communities and tribal members in recruiting.

Council staff are working on standardizing the process of recruiting, onboarding and supporting new members. Lynn will be reaching out to individuals who still need to fill out paperwork, finish the orientation process and/or have missing pieces of documentation to complete.

Break

Equity Committee- EC Meetings are monthly. If people are interested in joining the committee, please reach out to Dominic at Dominic.Paz@dhsosha.state.or.us.

Dominic offered a brief summary of Mr. Hanamura's report to the Council. (See full report, *Revised Final Report from Hanamura Consulting Submitted by Steve Hanamura, President October 1, 2020*)

5 Year Plan data analysis: Healthcare- In breakout groups, Kendra's team took notes as the Council discussed three questions concerning Healthcare and how it will be reflected in the next 5-year plan. The questions are:

- "What resonates with you?"
- "What's missing?"
- "Where do you still have questions or want clarified before making a decision?"

Recognition for Andee Joyce- Council members expressed their appreciation for Andee and all she has done for the Council during her 8-year tenure. The Council was treated to a concert by Andee to end the meeting.

Daniel adjourned the meeting at 4:45 pm.

Council Meeting Minutes

October 16, 2020

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Guests: Rhonda Eppelsheimer, Laura Estreich, Kendra Lodewick, Paulina Lorenas, Alicia Overstreet, Catherine Roller White, Kirsten Smith

Interpreters: Alicia, Becky, Joy

Staff: Ava Bartley, Melinda Benson, Beth Kessler, Ryley Newport, Dominic Paz, Trish Roussel, Lynn Russell, Leslie Sutton

Absent: Monica Cox, Ben Hoffman, Heather Lindsay, Alice Miller, Ruth Morris, Caitlin Shockley

Welcome- Daniel Alrick called the meeting to order at 12:36 pm. Quorum is met. Beth reminded the Council about their Group Agreements and introduced today's guests.

Policy and Legislative updates- Leslie started with an education lesson for the Council regarding how Oregon builds its budget. Overview notes included: Oregon sets its budget every 2 years in ODD years during LONG sessions. Oregon rebalances its budget in EVEN years during SHORT sessions or as needed in a special session.

The latest forecasts for Oregon revenue show that low-wage workers are bearing the brunt of the recession. Further, it shows that Oregon's racial poverty gap remains large but is narrowing. The forecast shows that Oregonians can expect ups and downs in revenue for the next 3 years.

To prepare for the upcoming long session, Children's Cabinet meetings have resumed, and Coalitions are building legislative agenda now. There will be more discussions at the December Council meeting as to how staff are planning for the upcoming legislative session.

Community building Activity- Small groups were given “Which would you rather?” questions to discuss and report back to the group.

5 Year Plan data analysis: Education, Employment and Formal/Informal Services- In breakout groups, Kendra’s team took notes as the Council discussed these three areas and how they will be reflected in the next 5-year plan.

In December, Council will be working on setting the 5-year goals. In February, Council will be putting together actionable steps toward those goals.

Recognition for Noelle Sisk- Council members expressed their appreciation for Noelle and all she has done for the Council during her 8-year tenure.

Public Comment- Alisha Overstreet said that she wanted to thank the Council for the invitation to join the meetings and hopes to be able to join the Council as a member. Paulina Lorenas also thanked the Council for asking her to be part of the group and looks forward to completing the onboarding process. Laura Estreich is looking forward to being part of the Council and hopes to get her paperwork notarized very soon.

One-word closing round- teleport, planning, celebration, inspired, thankful, connection, hopeful, Autumn, happy, familia, growth, appreciative, family, connecting, grateful, unmuted, onward, gratitude, vote, happy/feliz, perspectives, connection, bittersweet, thankful, music (for Andee & Noelle), friendship, together, memories, harmony.

Daniel adjourned the meeting at 4:34 pm.