



Oregon Council on
Developmental Disabilities

Council Meeting Minutes

August 5, 2022

Present: Daniel Alrick, Lindsay Stephens, Alisha Overstreet, Anna Lansky, Che Walker, Cheryl Cisneros, Chris Knowles, Eddie Plourde, Emily Braman, Felicity Woods, Jasper Smith, Joe Carroll, Julie Chick, Julie Farrell, Kelly McCauley, Mack Beatty, Nicola Spears, Paulina Larenas, Pennie Hartley, Rosa Belem Ochoa, Sally Simich, Sarah Noack

Guests: Calli Ross, Gabriel Triplett, Kellie Hayes, Kelsey, Lisa Skaalerud Ledson, Romi Ross, Tina Stracener

Interpreters: Joy, Madai

Staff: Emilie Wylde Turner, Leslie Sutton, Ryley Newport, Trish Roussel

Welcome and Introductions

Daniel called the meeting to order at 9:06 am. Quorum is met. Participants introduced themselves. Leslie welcomed new Council members Cheryl and Felicity. She also stated that two others will join in October including Oregon Health Authority (OHA) representative Kristen Darmody. Council Staff are still looking for a representative from the Aging & People with Disabilities Office.

Daniel reviewed the agenda. In addition, there was a reminder that the October Council meeting will be in person at The Oregon Garden (Silverton, OR). More information will be coming soon. A question was asked about the Operations Manager position and Leslie let the Council know that August 17th is the first round of interviews for the position.

5 Year Plan Revisions and Vote

The Five Year plan adjustments must be resubmitted by August 15, 2022 which is why a special Council meeting was held today.

According to the Public Comments survey results, there is a need to differentiate between who the Council is and how the Council differs from ODHS DD Services. There was also feedback about clarity of words throughout the goals.

For the Amended People Goal, there were lots of feedback questions around what “DD Community” means. Language in the amended people goal was updated to state *“By 2026, people in the DD Community are equipped with the knowledge and skills to effectively advocate for, and meaningfully experience, equity and inclusion in all aspects of their lives.”*

For the Amended Systems Goal, comments revolved around defining “we”. Language in the amended systems goal was updated to state *“By 2026, alongside the diverse DD Community, the Council will identify inequities in systems access and services. We will use that information to support system and policy change that strengthen self-determination of all people with DD so they can have control of their lives and services.”*

For the DD Network Collaboration Objective, it was changed for clarification reasons. The language was changed from graduate students and health care organizations to *professionals in the education and health care fields*. Further, this is not adding new work but it is a new, stand-alone objective.

The Self Advocacy Objective was changed to closer align with funding requirements. The revision states *“For each year of the plan, the Council will provide support for a self-advocacy organization led by people with DD to recruit, train, coach and mentor other self-advocates and support their participation in cross disability organizations.”*

For the Emergent Need Objective, this is a new objective from the federal funder. Revised- *“For each year of the plan, the Council will identify and assess emerging environmental, biological or natural disaster needs for people with DD and their families and take action as appropriate.”*

Eddie made a motion to accept the 5 year plan revisions as listed. Alisha seconded the motion. 15 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstain. Motion to approve the 5 year plan revisions carried.

The Council took a break.

Ryley showed the Council one of the new videos in the YouTube projects and

Council Members shared their excitement for the project. Gabby and OSAC members put together a list of self-advocates from across the state to participate. There will be 20 videos to start. The project will be launched as soon as most of the videos are prepared and ready to post.

Federal Fiscal Year 2023 Work Plan

The Work Plan tells the federal funders how the Council is going to accomplish the work of the 5 year plan. We know this is a lot of work and because of staff capacity, some items have not been accomplished this year. The updated budget is based on 5 Council staff with one person dedicated to building our advocacy base and developing new leaders.

- *Engaging diverse voices-* the Council is working with OSAC to develop the YouTube Channel and videos.
- *Growing leadership-* Year 1: Develop, plan and pilot engaging adults with DD from 5 regions. Kelly is working with staff to present to a Self-Advocate group in Monmouth next week. Year 2: Three additional regions are planned. The goal for these sessions is to make sure the Council is going to the regions; not expecting Self Advocates to come to the Portland area.
 - The Council is made it known they want to move away from Strong Start and back to Partners in Policymaking (PIP). PIP is very reliant on strong staff support so this can only happen if the Council agrees to add another staff position.
- *Self-Advocacy-* much of this work is done through OSAC. Staff has dedicated a lot of time to support OSAC's goals and work.
- *Targeted Disparity-* the Council will continue to work on who we are talking to and intentionally interact with others.

Eddie made a motion to accept the 2023 Work Plan as listed. Nicola seconded the motion. 18 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstain. Motion to approve the 2023 Work Plan carried.

Federal Fiscal Year 2023 Budget

Leslie went through the budget that was broken down by each objective. For staff time, staff got input from Federal technical assistance support to set up a grid/formula to help determine the percentage of time spent in each area so this is a projection in Council budgets. The Council took time for questions and comments for each objective's budget.

A note was made on the line for Promote Self Determination. There was a typo that showed 3,00 which should have read 3,000. The budget amount in the objective's total was not affected.

Anna offered the Council an overview and goals information for the Life Course framework.

Before the vote, there was several conflict of interests listed but in each case, it was determined they were not actual conflicts of interest at this time.

Eddie made a motion to accept the FFY 2023 budget as listed. Nicola seconded the motion. 16 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 abstain. Motion to approve the FFY 2023 budget carried.

The Council took a break.

Business meeting

Meeting minutes

Nicola moved to approve June 2022 meeting minutes as written. Eddie seconded. 18 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstain. Motion to approve the June 2022 minutes carried.

FFY 2022 Budget update

\$48,842 Covid vaccine funds came into the Council. The Council published a Self-Advocate video to support people to get vaccines. The rest of the money has been allocated to DRO for Covid supports. The monies need to be spent by September 30, 2022.

HB 2992 Stipend Bylaw update

There are no updates at the time of this meeting but this topic will be added to the October meeting for discussion as needed.

Executive Committee Actions

Two new Fairview Trust members: Matt Tayler a provider at Premier Community Supports and Daniel Alrick

Eddie made a motion to accept the nomination of the two new Fairview Trust members as listed. Mak seconded the motion. 18 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstain. Motion to approve the two nominations carried.

The Easy Voter Guide investment discussion and vote will happen at the October meeting.

Public Comment

Gabe Triplett, Romi Ross and Calli Ross spoke to the Council in support of continuing paid parent caregiving to minor disabled children under Medicaid Home & Community Based Services.

Closing Round

Exhausted and surprised, new, motivated, inspiring, hopeful, comfortable, accomplished, planning, compassion, work plan, accomplishment, packed, motivated, accomplished, educational, tired and thankful, hopeful, inspired, empowered, votes, growing team, growing, storytelling

Daniel adjourned the meeting at 12:58 pm.