



Oregon Council on  
Developmental Disabilities

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## Council Meeting Minutes

December 16, 2022

**Present:** Felicity Woods, Kelly McCauley, Che Walker, Kristen Darmody, Maria Rangel, Joe Carroll, Eddie Plourde, Sally Simich, Laura Estreich, Em Braman, Daniel Alrick, Sarah Noack, Chris Knowles, Cheryl Cisneros, Jasper Smith, Jonathan Taylor, Kate Donovan, Pennie Hartley, Julie Farrell, Lindsay Stephens, Paulina Larenas, Shasta Kearns Moore, Rhonda Eppelsheimer, Rosa Belem Ochoa, Ben Hoffman, Alisha Overstreet, Cory Gilden, Kristen Loomis, Gabrielle Guedon

**Staff:** Leslie Sutton, Emilie Wylde Turner, Sara Kliever

**Interpreters:** Joy Christian, Isabel, Madai Bedoyan

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9:00 Call to order – Welcome and Introductions. Welcome Sara Kliever, Operations Administrator. Started on November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

Council Responsibilities: Jonathan Taylor and Kate Donovan with Arkansas (AK) DD Council

- During Executive Director transition, AK has shifted duties, worked on relationships, and communicated responsibilities to meet state plan goals. To address concerns during the transition, Kate asked for feedback, had 1:1 meetings and talked with the director. AK Council Members don't meet without notification of public meeting to reduce unneeded responsibilities. Joe asked about AK's staff. Executive Director, Deputy Director, Finance and Operations Coordinator, Grants Coordinator, and Admin.
- Eddie asked about the Executive Director hiring process. Utilized an outside firm to do a nationwide search and did ads within the disability community.
- Eddie asked how the Executive Director evaluation takes place. Arkansas uses the state employee evaluation, Kate sends it to Jonathan, then discussed at executive committee. Eddie asked for info to be sent to executive committee; Kate stated she will send this information to Leslie to distribute.
- Jasper asked about key priorities or state plan/policies. Jonathan reported: increase in direct services professional pay; employment first; supported decision making as alternatives to guardianship; safe, affordable, and accessible housing; improving inclusive opportunities for education.
- Cheryl shared a resource about Council Roles and Responsibilities:  
[http://www.riddc.org/downloads/DDC\\_Member\\_Guide.pdf](http://www.riddc.org/downloads/DDC_Member_Guide.pdf)

DD Act History Training: Due to time restraints, presentation at next meeting.

Oregon ISP Redesign: Em Braman

- Em asked if we could reconvene the feedback discussion at February's meeting.
- Project is looking to make the process more person centered, focus on life course framework in the ISP, move away from "the way to authorize Medicaid" and focus more on goals – less "form driven" and more "person driven." Timeline: Next year, starting pilot testing (with evaluation) for about 2 years with about 400 people. Proposed roll-out date for new ISP redesign January 2026. Reach out to Nick to provide feedback: Nick Kassa ([nkaasa@thearcoregon.org](mailto:nkaasa@thearcoregon.org)).

Vision Project Summary: Corey Gilden and Kristen Loomis with National Leadership Consortium

- Provided a summary and slideshow; report will be available in the next couple weeks.
  - o Em: If someone from the ARC Oregon wants to, can they join the work? New folks are welcome. Corey will send Leslie invites to upcoming meetings to distribute.
- Community Group focus: Job development in leadership roles for people with DD. Leslie has been meeting with two job developers and ODDS. Also focusing on housing and mental health, conversations with ODHS leadership.
- Technology Group focus: creating a survey and making sure people who have action items from the Summit are supported for the upcoming January meeting.
- Family Group Focus: Many cross over initiatives with the other two groups
- Questions? Follow up with Kristen: email [kloomis@natleadership.org](mailto:kloomis@natleadership.org)

Project Recruitment: Laura Rodriguez, Portland State University (PSU):

- Laura shared an overview of her dissertation study and asked if anyone would be willing or knows of folks interested in participating. Participants receive \$40 stipend per study and would receive this amount for any follow-up interviews.
- She asked about the goal and progress. Laura is hoping to impact local and state policy; improving the way people of color who have disabilities are receiving supports (develop equity trainings for folks who work with people of color with IDD, developing supports for people of color with IDD).
- Rosa asked if Laura has considered including family experiences in the survey. Laura is currently focusing on the person with the disability but is open to future studies.
- Laura's contact info: Email: [rodrig29@pdx.edu](mailto:rodrig29@pdx.edu)

Policy Update: Leslie and Emilie shared a slideshow, discussing the Legislative Update

- Emilie provided 2023 Legislative Session details: The upcoming 2023 session is a long session, looking at the budget for the next biennium (next 2 years).
- Legislative Session is set to begin 1/17/23. The sine die (end date) is around 6/25/23.
- Leslie shared what DD Budget topics to watch:
  - o Healthier Oregon Policy Option Package (POP) to cover DD services for all people who are eligible for DD services and Medicaid, regardless of immigration status.
  - o DSP wages increase

- Case management funding
- Family Network funding
- Leslie will provide updates on other budgets. The Council doesn't vote to support or not support specific bills – just provides information.
  - Jasper stated one of the hot topics will be parents of minor children being paid providers, which will also have a budget impact.
- Oregon's DD Coalition GO! Bulletin: sign up at <https://orddcoalition.org/go-project/>
  - Cheryl shared this website <https://creatingops.typeform.com/2023DDadvocacy> to register for GO Events!
- 2023 DD Advocacy Days: Cheryl shared these are primarily taking place virtually due to ongoing construction at the capitol, review the slideshow for dates and more info.
  - Eddie asked if he could help with the Advocacy Days panel, Cheryl confirmed.

### **Business Meeting:**

- FFY 2023 Budget Update – ODHS must finalize data before providing monthly template. Budget for November and December will be available next meeting.
  - Leslie provided the following highlights:
    - Blog: Looking for a new blogger to provide content but a challenge is contractors must have liability insurance.
    - DD awareness poster – DD Awareness month is March.
    - Evaluation is ongoing and included in each objective.
    - Oregon Self Advocacy Coalition amount increased due to increased travel. Reminder, they may turn in two months in one invoice – not double billing.
- Vision Summit Project Management Contract:
  - Leslie reminded: Council votes on the funds, then Council Staff works with ODHS Contracts Unit (OC&P) to get contract in place. There are 3 options, for the 3-bid process: 6 months project management (\$27,500); 12 months project management (\$55,000); 12 months project management + evaluation (\$72,000)
    - Eddie motions for 12 months plus evaluation
    - Che and Joe asked what the Council will get with the contract. It is for external consultant to guide the Vision Summit work moving forward.
    - Laura expressed concerns about price. The budget already has \$72,000 outlined for this and the Council has sufficient leftover funds.
    - Rhonda and Kristen are in favor; Cheryl motioned for 12 months plus project management; Eddie agreed, Cheryl seconded.
  - **VOTE** for 12 months project management plus evaluation at \$72,000:
    - Approve: 15; Oppose: 2; Abstain: 0 - **Motion is approved**
- Connecting with new self-advocates:
  - The Oregon Support Service Association will coordinate with Brokerage staff to support a video project on OCDD; funds are not to exceed \$5,000. Funds going to

- video participants, developing content, and direct support to the participants. Brokerage staff will attend an initial training with OCDD and OSAC.
  - Eddie asked if the Council has funds leftover to cover this cost. Confirmed. He motioned to approve, not to exceed \$5,000. Rhonda seconded, Laura agreed.
  - **VOTE:** Oregon Support Service Association will coordinate with Brokerage staff statewide to support a video project on OCDD; funds not to exceed \$5,000:
  - Approve: 15; Oppose: 0; Abstain: 2 - **Motion is approved**
- Vision Summit Projects | Leadership jobs for people with DD job development:
  - Eddie motions to allocate the funding to self-advocates to get leadership jobs; Joe asked to lump the Summit Project and the Leadership Jobs together as a motion. Eddie amends his motion to vote on both and Joe seconds the motion.
  - **VOTE:** Approve: 14; Oppose: 0; Abstain: 1 - **Motion is approved**
- October Council minutes
  - Daniel reports all received minutes and asked if any corrections (none). Eddie motions to accept the minutes as written and Ben seconds.
  - **VOTE:** Approve: 9; Oppose: 0; Abstain: 5 - **Motion is approved**
- 2023 Meeting Schedule – Leslie/Sara will send out save the dates
  - Creating Opportunities contracted by OCDD to coordinate 2 in-person meetings.
    - April 28, 2023 (Friday) | August meeting (maybe 4<sup>th</sup> but hold both dates)
  - Planning Committee: working with Hospitality Broker who helps find the best rates and facilities for our meetings (no cost to OCDD).
- Executive Committee actions update
  - Family Network TA funding ending June 2023; legislature will need to renew it. Council has \$137,000 in technical assistance for Family Networks. Currently, this \$114,000 proposal is with the Contracts Unit; it was done with a 3-bid process.
  - Joe asked about Executive Director Evaluation. Daniel confirmed it was done in 2022; however, when it was time to make the report, the reviews were no longer current, so process needs to be re-done. If Council would like to see results, can ask Daniel/Lindsay to review. Cheryl expressed concerns about complying – Daniel confirmed Council is in compliance.
- Council member required training: Connecting with ODHS/DAS Leadership to get trainings in plain language.
- Governor Transition: Gov. Kotek beginning term soon, no office representatives appointed yet.
- Closing Round | 3:16 Adjourn