

Goal 1: Service System Improvement

1.1 Education

Inclusive Education Task Force

Project Goal: Research the best ways for including students with disabilities in general education classrooms and activities. Bring a task force together to look at information, create a plan, and choose a school to try out a new model for inclusive education.

First Quarter: *October 1 – December 30, 2011*

Project Update: The Inclusive Education Task Force held its first meeting December 15. Eight people, including Marilyn and Amanda, were in attendance. The group talked about creating a way to measure inclusion in Idaho schools and how to build awareness around inclusion that is already happening. The task force will look at how to enhance inclusive activities already happening in at least one school. Next meeting will be in March.

Second Quarter: *January 1 – March 31, 2012*

Project Update: At the December Task Force meeting we discussed supporting and documenting existing inclusive efforts in Idaho schools. The idea is that this would be a better use of resources than implementing a whole new model. It also allows us to recognize practices that are already working in Idaho that could be replicated. Next Task Force meeting is scheduled for April 6.

Third Quarter: *April 1 – June 30, 2012*

Project Update: The Task Force met on April 6 and members worked to develop a plan and goals. Started working on surveys for school administrators and parents.

Fourth Quarter: *July 1 – September 30, 2012*

Project Update: Distributed parent surveys to six school districts and through Survey Monkey. We received 200+ paper surveys back and 175+ responses on Survey Monkey and we are currently in the process of compiling surveys for analysis. The group began research on the possibility of granting funds to a school or schools for professional development emphasizing inclusive practices. Research was started on methods of measuring inclusive practices.

Implementation of Inclusive Education Model

Project Goal: Increase the number of students with intellectual/developmental disabilities who are included in regular classroom and school activities by developing a model for inclusive education in one school.

First Quarter: *October 1 – December 30, 2011*

Project Update: No activity this quarter.

Second Quarter: *January 1 – March 31, 2012*

Project Update: No activity this quarter. This project goal may change based on decisions of Task Force and upon approval by Council members.

Third Quarter: *April 1 – June 30, 2012*

Project Update: Task Force members discussed a revised plan for implementation. New ICDD plan goal language was presented to Council members at the Spring meeting that reflects recommendations from the Task Force. An exhibit table was reserved for the August 1-3 Idaho Association of School Administrators statewide conference in Boise. Information about Inclusive Education and the Task Force will be distributed.

Fourth Quarter: *July 1 – September 30, 2012*

Project Update: Information about Inclusive Education and the Task Force was distributed at the Idaho Association of School Administrators statewide conference in Boise, in August. Amanda attended the Office of Special Programs Leadership conference and attended tracks that focused on improving results for students with disabilities. Amanda also attended the University of Syracuse, Leadership Institute which focused on the inclusion of students with disabilities and issues of belonging and learning for all students.

Inclusion in Education Award

Project Goal: Present an award each year to a school, teacher, or school group in Idaho that does a good job including students with disabilities in regular school activities. Build awareness about the benefits and importance of inclusion for all students.

First Quarter: *October 1 – December 30, 2011*

Project Update: Staff sent emails out to groups around the state to get nominations.

Staff held a roundtable discussion on inclusion at the Idaho Parents Unlimited mini-conference in Twin Falls on November 6.

Second Quarter: *January 1 – March 31, 2012*

Project Update: Mountain View High School in Meridian was nominated and selected to receive the Inclusion in Education Award. Marilyn will present the award at a school-wide staff meeting April 5th.

Third Quarter: *April 1 – June 30, 2012*

Project Update: The 2012 Inclusive Education Award was presented to the school principal and staff. The Education Workgroup discussed ways to promote the award and began planning outreach for next year's award.

Fourth Quarter: *July 1 – September 30, 2012*

Project Update: no activity this quarter.

1.2 Employment

Employment First Initiative

Project Goal: Bring key stakeholders together to create an Employment First Consortium. Use technical assistance from national experts as needed, draft an Employment First message for Idaho, look at employment policy, and develop a plan for policy and systems change.

First Quarter: *October 1 – December 30, 2011*

Project Update: Staff Tracy Warren and Council member, Paul Tierney, met with the directors of two community rehabilitation provider agencies to tell them about the Idaho Employment First Initiative and invite them to be part of the consortium. Staff drafted an invitation letter and list of suggested consortium members.

Second Quarter: *January 1 – March 31, 2012*

Project Update: Staff invited and confirmed 16 Employment First Consortium members and met with a facilitator for an April 17 meeting.

Staff submitted a proposal/application to be a protégé state under the Office on Disability Employment Policy's Employment First State Mentor Program. Idaho was not chosen but will participate in the program's community of practice.

Third Quarter: *April 1 – June 30, 2012*

Project Update: The Idaho Employment First Consortium (IEFC) held two monthly meetings - April and May. The group made progress on developing an Employment First message for Idaho by defining common values and themes. Four workgroups were formed to continue work between meetings: Data Workgroup, Metrics Workgroup, Values Workgroup and Self-Advocate Outreach. A survey for self-advocates is being developed and meetings with self-advocates that are not part of the IEFC will be scheduled. A summer break was decided for June and July and the next meeting will be held on August 9th in Boise with monthly meetings continuing after that.

Council staff, Tracy Warren, attended the national APSE conference and participated in sessions about employment first planning and implementation, employment policy development, systems change strategies, and current best practice and opportunities. She also met with people from other states about their progress in implementing employment systems change.

Fourth Quarter: *July 1 – September 30, 2012*

Project Update: The Idaho Employment First Consortium (IEFC) held 2 monthly meetings - August and September. The group finalized an Employment First message for Idaho and defined common values. An outcome-driven strategic plan aligned to a timeline was begun and workgroups were formed to continue work

between meetings: Data Workgroup, Marketing Workgroup, Outreach Workgroup and Funding Workgroup. The Data Workgroup has gathered information from vocational rehabilitation, Medicaid, Department of Education and Medicaid on services related to supporting individuals to achieve integrated community employment.

Employment Training

Project Goal: Support training on employment topics for students and adults with developmental disabilities and their families and training on best practice in employment services for support professionals and other stakeholders.

First Quarter: *October 1 – December 30, 2011*

Project Update: Staff participated in planning meetings for the 2012 Tools for Life conference scheduled for March 5-6 in Wallace. Council funds will support two presentations by Ellen Condon with the Montana Rural Institute about planning for transition from school to employment.

Staff, Tracy Warren, attended a two-day training on employment planning for individuals with autism presented in Coeur d'Alene by Cary Griffin. Council conference funds supported parent, Paul Tierney to participate in the same training.

Second Quarter: *January 1 – March 31, 2012*

Project Update: Council funds supported the 8th annual Tools for Life Secondary Transition conference in Wallace, Idaho. A total of 320 attendees participated in 50 different sessions on transition-related topics including self-advocacy and employment. The Council supported presentations on preparing youth for employment in rural areas by Ellen Condon from the Montana Rural Institute. 124 students, 52 family members, 33 educators, 79 professionals, 13 college mentors, 8 adult self-advocates, and 11 vendors attended. A new evaluation form gathered information to measure the skills and knowledge gained by students at the conference. \$5,000 in DD Council funds leveraged another \$46,465 for a total conference fund of \$51,465. The Council supported presentations on employment topics with an additional \$1900 in Council funds.

Third Quarter: *April 1 – June 30, 2012*

Project Update: Staff provided Idaho Employment First Consortium members information to participate in the first quarterly teleconference/webinar of the Office on Disability Employment Policy, Employment First Community of Practice. The June teleconference was about building statewide capacity to effectively implement Employment first including presentations from national experts on support professionals, data collection and reporting, and strategies for organizational change.

Fourth Quarter: *July 1 – September 30, 2012*

Project Update: The Employment First Consortium participated in an APSE webinar on employment first philosophy and action. Consortium members were provided information to participate in the September ODEP Employment First Community of Practice webinar.

Employment Research and Program Evaluation

Project Goal: Research current state and federal employment data and policies, gather quality assurance information from individuals with developmental disabilities, evaluate programs/services, and create a report.

First Quarter: *October 1 – December 30, 2011*

Project Update: Staff participated in meetings of the Idaho Employment Stakeholders Workgroup to talk about creating an Idaho "Workability" website.

Staff participated in meetings with other stakeholders hosted by Vocational Rehabilitation to talk about how Extended Employment Services funds are used and Voc Rehab requests to the 2012 legislature for more funding. The Council drafted recommendations for Vocational Rehabilitation that align with our position on Segregated Employment.

Second Quarter: *January 1 – March 31, 2012*

Project Update: Council staff participated in a meeting of disability organizations and employment stakeholders with the regional TACE representative to discuss current employment issues, programs, activities, and initiatives. A future meeting will be scheduled for later this spring.

Staff participated in Idaho Employment Stakeholder meetings to discuss development of the Idaho "Able to Work" website. Staff also participated in a meeting of SILC Medicaid Infrastructure Grant stakeholders to learn about program progress including trainings on work incentives and current data from the Idaho Medicaid for Workers with Disabilities program.

Staff provided input into the Idaho Vocational Rehabilitation strategic plan during a public hearing.

Third Quarter: *April 1 – June 30, 2012*

Project Update: Council staff met with State Independent Living Council, Medicaid Infrastructure Grant project staff to discuss a contract to conduct research on flexible funding policies in employment service systems. This will be combined with a larger research contract to gather information about employment for individuals with developmental disabilities in Idaho.

Staff facilitated a meeting of the Idaho Employment First Consortium Data Workgroup to outline data points that will be included in future research (see above).

Staff reviewed content for the new Idaho *Able to Work* website and provided feedback to website developers along with other members of the Idaho Employment Stakeholders group.

Staff participated in the June, quarterly meeting, of the Interagency Council on Secondary Transition. The Tools for Life planning workgroup outlined changes to the state conference format and set the theme of "Employment" for the March 2013 conference. Staff finished a draft of the student/parent version of the graduation guide for students with disabilities in Idaho. Parents and students will be contacted to review the guide and give feedback.

Fourth Quarter: *July 1 – September 30, 2012*

Project Update: Staff participated in a June meeting of the Idaho Council for Purchases from Severely Disabled People (USE Council). An overview of the USE Council was provided to new members and the group discussed possible changes to rule related to determination of fair market value of products and services provided by individuals with disabilities being served by non-profit providers.

Staff participated in a Vocational Rehabilitation Stakeholders meeting to learn about the new individual budgeting process that will become part of Voc Rehab practice. The process will allow VR customers more flexibility and choice in working with the Community Rehabilitation Service provider that can provide the best services to help them achieve the goals in their employment service plan. VR will now be keeping regional waiting lists rather than waiting lists for each provider.

Staff participated in the quarterly Interagency Council on Secondary Transition meeting in September. The group worked on a new strategic plan for work during the year and adopted a new local project reporting/evaluation process for transition-related activities funded by the State Dept. of Education. The group also planned for the 2013 Tools for Life conference to be held in Boise March 7-8 with the theme of Employment.

Staff facilitated the Tools for Life Employment Track workgroup that met three times to determine keynote speakers for the conference, Employment Track session topics and presenter, and an evening event that will feature entrepreneurs, business owners, and self-employed individuals with disabilities.

1.3 Disability Mentoring Day

Project Goal: Support community transition teams and other organizations to host Disability Mentoring Day events and activities in local communities for youth/adults with developmental disabilities.

First Quarter: *October 1 – December 30, 2011*

Project Update: Three Disability Mentoring Day (DMD) projects were completed in October with a total of 122 students participating. Local events were held in Idaho Falls, Twin Falls, and Moscow. Each of these areas has a community transition team that works to plan the events and connect students with employer mentors working in the career they are interested in. Council funds of \$2250 leveraged over \$6000 of in-kind donations and funds from other organizations supporting DMD in those areas.

Second Quarter: *January 1 – March 31, 2012*

Project Update: The Caldwell Disability Mentoring Day team made preparations for their DMD activities scheduled for April 19 and 26.

Third Quarter: *April 1 – June 30, 2012*

Project Update: The Caldwell DMD project facilitated job shadowing activities on April 19th with 18 students and 15 employers participating. Some highlights included the Oliver Finley School of Hair Design, which donated a haircut and color to one student and Lanny Berg Chevrolet of Caldwell, which had an immediate opening for one of the students to pursue actual employment after high school.

A celebration luncheon was held on April 26th at the Church of Christ in Caldwell. Caldwell Mayor, Garrett Nancolas provided a motivational speech and presented the students with certificates of participation. The students spoke on what they learned during the luncheon and then Scott Hoover from Disability Rights Idaho, Julie Sherry from the Department of Labor, and Heidi Caldwell from LINC provided presentations to end the day.

Several community businesses supported the project including United Dairymen of Idaho, Wal-Mart, Staples, Brown Bus Company, and Pizza Hut. The Council provided a \$750 grant to LINC in Caldwell to support DMD activities.

Fourth Quarter: *July 1 – September 30, 2012*

Project Update: Three local groups were granted funds to support community Disability Mentoring Day project activities. Projects were awarded grants of \$1000 each in Moscow, Twin Falls, and Idaho Falls. Each project submitted an outline for activities that include student preparation, meetings and presentations, identification of employment mentors, job shadowing activities, and celebration activities.

1.4 Policy Involvement

Policy Coalitions and Initiatives

Project Goal: Participate in policy initiatives, coalitions, and committees; watch service system policies and program changes that effect access to needed services; and provide information to policymakers when new policies are developed.

First Quarter: *October 1 – December 30, 2011*

Project Update: Attended 3 monthly Consortium for Idahoans with Disabilities (CID) meetings to discuss rules and policy issues coming before the 2012 legislature; main concern is the impact on Medicaid services because of program changes that happened because of HB 260 that passed in 2011 and what could be done to reverse some of those changes.

Worked with the Idaho Community Action Network (ICAN) and the Alliance for a Just Society to develop a *Medicaid Matters Storybook* about the impact and importance of Medicaid in Idaho. The *Storybook* will be distributed to policymakers and media in 2012. Planned for a panel discussion/press conference on Medicaid scheduled for January.

Monitored developments in redesign of Children's Services, provided information to families, participated in "Transition Committee" meetings, posted a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) on the Council website about redesign, gave suggestions to IPUL on the design of an electronic survey for families on these system changes.

Participated in discussions with Medicaid and providers about cuts in service budgets for adults with developmental disabilities and the potential redesign of adult services.

Participated in the October 12 meeting of the Medicaid Quality Oversight Committee for self directed services for adults; 196 individuals were enrolled in that option at that time; discussed critical incident monitoring.

Participated in the October 18 meeting of the Idaho Mobility Council (IMC) meeting, discussing Idaho's public transportation system; participated in 2 IMC work groups: one to rewrite Idaho law to combine Interagency Work Group on Public Transportation and the Public Transportation Advisory Committee, and a second to develop two regional pilot projects in Sandpoint and Mountain Home to demonstrate collaboration for improved access to transportation.

Participated in the December 6 Medicaid Community Care Advisory Council; learned that the Department of Health and Welfare will create a new Licensure and Certification Division outside of Medicaid.

Second Quarter: *January 1 – March 31, 2012*

Project Update: The Council participated in monthly CID meetings, focusing on legislative issues, primarily efforts to restore Medicaid services that were cut. The Council worked with CID partners to draft legislation that became HB 609 which passed the legislature.

The Medicaid Matters storybook, developed in conjunction with Idaho Community Action Network (I-CAN), was printed and distributed to all legislators on the Health and Welfare and Joint Finance-Appropriations Committees. A round table press conference was held on January 18. Panelists included policy experts, advocates, providers, law enforcement, self advocates and other Medicaid recipients. Representatives of 5 media outlets attended. The Council participated in the planning of and supported this effort.

On February 3, the Council was one of 14 agencies with display tables on the 4th floor of the statehouse for Disability Advocacy Day at the Capitol. In addition, Council members and others offered testimony to the Joint Finance and Appropriations Committee concerned with the impact of the 2011 cuts in Medicaid Services.

During the legislative session, the Council worked with others on a variety of issues in addition to Medicaid. These included changes to guardianship, amendments to the natural death act dealing with medical consent, codifying of the Early Childhood Coordinating Council, bullying in schools, public transportation, revenue and taxation issues, and various appropriation bills.

The Council continued its monitoring of the implementation of the Children's Services Redesign. Staff posted a link to a report on IPUL's survey of parents on the impact of the redesign and continued to receive and refer questions from parents. The Council is also participating on the new Family-Directed Services Quality Assurance Committee which is monitoring and advising this component of redesigned children's services.

The Council serves on the Medicaid Quality Oversight Committee for self-directed services for adults. Staff attended the January 11 meeting at which it was reported that, as of 12/31/2011, there were 251 individuals who had selected that service option.

On January 24, the Council participated in a meeting, convened by providers, to look at the future of adult DD services in Idaho. A second meeting is scheduled for April 2 with participation of legislators, the Governor's office, DVR, and Health and Welfare.

The Council serves on the Idaho Home Choice Advisory Council for Idaho's Money Follows the Person grant. During this period, there were 2 meetings of this group.

On March 13, the Council participated as a member in a meeting of the Community Care Advisory Committee. During this legislative session, it was approved

to create a new Licensure and Certification Division outside of Medicaid. This group will be advisory to that Division in the future.

The Council serves on the Interagency Work Group on Public Transportation which is now operating as part of the new Idaho Mobility Council (IMC). Council Director participated in the January 24 meeting which included a discussion of legislation to modify the law to combine the IWG with the Public Transportation Advisory Council to create the IMC. The Council is on a subcommittee working on this legislation and expects that there will be conversations to address those concerns at the April 24 IMC meeting and throughout the interim.

Council staff are members of the Early Childhood Coordinating Council (EC3) and the Special Education Advisory Panel (SEAP). Meetings of both of these entities were held in this quarter.

The Council is a member of the advisory committee for the Aging and Disability Resource Center project, coordinated by the Idaho Commission on Aging. Council Director has participated in two conference calls of this group and reviewed information and plans that they have distributed.

Third Quarter: *April 1 – June 30, 2012*

Project Update: The Council continued its involvement with the following councils, committee, and work groups:

- Consortium of Idahoans with Disabilities (CID) - participated in monthly meetings, including post-legislative strategy session in May and helping with several internal organizational issues
- Medicaid Quality Oversight Committee for Self Directed Services for adults
- Early Childhood Coordinating Council -
- Special Education Advisory Committee - 5/13/2012
- CDHD Consumer Advisory Committee - 6/1/2012
- Family-Directed Services Quality Assurance Committee - 4/4/2012
- Idaho Home Choice Advisory Council & subcommittee (Money Follows the Person grant) - 6/14/2012, 6/25/2012 (unable to attend)
- Medicaid Community Care Advisory Committee (will be moved to new Licensure and Certification Division) - 6/5/2012
- Idaho Mobility Council - 4/24/2012; 5/30/2012
- Aging and Disability Resource Center Advisory Committee - 6/28/2012 (unable to attend)
- Collaborative Work Group on Adult DD Services - meetings monthly with Council in coordinating role; Steering Committee lead with additional meetings and support work as needed
- Secondary Transition Council - 4/20/2012; 6/8/2012
- Graduation Guidance work group - 5/1-2/2012; 6/7/2012

- Think College Work group - 6/5/2012
- Employment Stakeholder Workgroup - 5/22/2012
- Use Council - did not meet this quarter
- Lifespan Respite Coalition - 4/18/2012

On April 23-25, Council staff, together with CDHD staff, attended the national disability policy seminar in Washington, DC.

On May 15, the Council Director met with representatives of Medicaid's transportation provider, AMR, and provided input into their existing services and their plans to expand.

On May 31, the Council participated in negotiated rule making with Medicaid regarding rule changes for the HCBS and A&D waivers to align their service definitions and provider qualifications.

On June 8, Council Director provided an update on policy issues on a panel at the Justice Alliance for Vulnerable Adults (JAVA) Summit at Boise State

During this quarter, Council staff participated in a variety of webinars on policy issues including managed care for people who eligible for both Medicare and Medicaid (dual eligible), proposed CMS rule changes on waiver services, managed long-term supports and services, and Medicaid expansion under the new health care law.

Fourth Quarter: *July 1 – September 30, 2012*

Project Update: The Council maintained its involvement in public policy development and monitoring through the following initiatives, activities and coalitions:

- **Consortium of Idahoans with Disabilities (CID) - monthly meetings and coordination of September 24-25 strategy meeting**
- **Medicaid Quality Oversight Committee for Self Directed Services for Adults (7/11/2012)**
- **Early Childhood Coordinating Council (9/6-7/2012)**
- **Special Education Advisory Committee (9/11-12/2012)**
- **Family Directed Services QA Committee (7/12/2012)**
- **Idaho Home Choice Advisory Council & subcommittees (9/27/2012)**
- **Secondary Transition Council (9/14/2012)**
- **Community Care Advisory Committee (9/11/2012)**
- **Idaho Mobility Council (8/6-7, 9/7/2012)**
- **Aging and Disability Resource Center Advisory Committee**
- **Collaborative Work Group on Adult DD Services (7/25, 8/28, 9/4, 9/6/2012)**
- **Children's Redesigned Services Transition Committee (9/12/2012)**
- **Use Council (7/25/2012)**

- **Partnerships for Idaho's Future (8/14/2012)**

Presentation made on 9/7 to Justice Alliance for Vulnerable Adults regarding issues expected to be considered in the 2013 legislative session.

Council staff participated in a variety of webinars and workshops on employment and managed care.

Legislative Advocacy Training

Project Goal: Provide legislative advocacy training for individuals with developmental disabilities and their families and Support Disability Advocacy Day events.

First Quarter: *October 1 – December 30, 2011*

Project Update: The Council participated in Disability Advocacy Days statewide. The Consortium for Idahoans with Disabilities (CID) sponsored the presentations that happened in Idaho Falls (45 people), Coeur d'Alene (45 people), Twin Falls (45 people), and Boise (110 people) in November and December. 245 people attended the workshops statewide. Presentations included: Medicaid Matters in My Life, Medicaid 101, Legislative Process, Your Voice, Your Story, Talking to Your Legislator

There was also training given in Moscow and Pocatello designed to meet the needs of people with disabilities. This training focused on getting to know local legislators, how to tell your story, presenting testimony, and why each voice matters. Moscow workshop was sponsored by the Council, Disability Rights Idaho, and The Center on Disabilities and Human Development and 10 individuals participated. The Pocatello workshop was sponsored by the Council and LIFE, Inc. and 12 individuals participated.

Second Quarter: *January 1 – March 31, 2012*

Project Update: On February 3, 2012 The Consortium for Idahoans with Disabilities hosted a one-day Disability Advocacy Day at the Capitol. This was planned for the same day that the Joint Finance and Appropriations Committee hosted public testimony on the state budget. Council staff assisted people with disabilities to prepare their testimony, understand the process, and provided support throughout the day to meet with individual legislators and testify to the committee. Seven (7) people who were provided education through one of the legislative advocacy workshops, attended the hearing and/or presented testimony for their first time.

Third Quarter: *April 1 – June 30, 2012*

Project Update: No activity this quarter.

Fourth Quarter: *July 1 – September 30, 2012*

Project Update: Council staff has been working in partnership with members of the Consortium for Idahoans with Disabilities (CID) to organize logistics of site training

as well as prepare presentations and video clips for Disability Advocacy Day Trainings that will take place statewide.

Council staff has also been working with a sub-committee of CID to create training that would be specific for people with disabilities to learn how to tell their story and work with members of the Idaho Legislature. A statewide video-teleconference will take place on November 15th that will be broadcast to Pocatello, Pocatello, and Caldwell with on-site facilitation for hands-on activities.

Council staff has been working with two members of the Idaho Self-Advocate Leadership Network to provide Legislative Advocacy Training and The How To's of Voting for the annual Human Partnerships Conference November 1-2.

1.5 Quality in Direct Support Staff Training

Project Goal: Provide funding for the 2011 Human Partnerships Conference, develop evaluation criteria to measure the quality of training, explore opportunities for training, and develop recommendations for future training.

First Quarter: *October 1 – December 30, 2011*

Project Update: Council provided \$4,500 to support the 2011 Idaho Partnerships Conference on Human Services. There were 520 attendees including Council staff and some members. 95% of attendees rated the conference very good or truly terrific. There were 49 workshops/presentations, 32 presenters, and 29 sponsors. The Council funds of \$4,500 leveraged an additional \$39,800 for the conference.

Second Quarter: *January 1 – March 31, 2012*

Project Update: Council staff has been in conversation with Community Partnerships about strategies for conducting targeted training with quality measurements that could precede the 2012 Human Partnerships conference scheduled for November 1-2 at the Riverside Hotel in Boise.

Third Quarter: *April 1 – June 30, 2012*

Project Update: Council staff met with staff of Community Partnerships to determine how best to incorporate training for direct care staff in how to support people with developmental disabilities to be active participants in their communities, including involvement in boards and committees, as part of the annual Human Partnerships conference. When the details are determined, they will be included in the Council's letter of agreement with CPI for support for their conference in November.

Fourth Quarter: *July 1 – September 30, 2012*

Project Update: Council staff, self advocates and others will provide training in the self-advocacy track for the Human Partnerships conference with the goal of

expanding and enhancing the pool of support staff for self advocates to be involved in community activities, serve on boards, etc.

Research began on the National Core Indicators Project and opportunities for Idaho participation.

1.6 Community Capacity Building

Project Goal: Meet with DD Network partners and stakeholders to plan and implements a Region 10 Network Summit to get training and find opportunities to build community capacity.

First Quarter: *October 1 – December 30, 2011*

Project Update: Two conference calls were hosted by the Council to plan for the 2012 Western States DD Network Summit, scheduled for June, 2012 at Boise State University. Network representatives from 9 western states are participating and a program has been developed and potential speakers identified. The ADD Commissioner has been invited and a request for funding support from the Information and Technical Assistance Center for Councils on Developmental Disabilities (ITACC) has been submitted.

Second Quarter: *January 1 – March 31, 2012*

Project Update: A new date for the Region 10 DD Network Summit was set for September 19-21, 2012 at Boise State University. Planning conference calls have continued with the representatives of DD network agencies in 9 western states. A program has been developed, presenters contacted (Lee Vorderver of HSRI, Eric Jacobsen of the Georgia Council), meeting space reserved at Boise State, and ADD Commissioner Sharon Lewis confirmed her attendance. A budget is in development; NACDD will cover some costs but they cannot award us a block of money for the summit as we had requested. As soon as we can finalize the registration cost we will make that information available to all participants.

Third Quarter: *April 1 – June 30, 2012*

Project Update: Planning continues for the September 19-21 Western States DD Network Summit in Boise. The location has been moved from Boise State to the Hampton Inn for logistical reasons. Major presenters are confirmed and the program and invitation to register has been sent to DD Network agency directors in 9 western states. It was decided to not seek NACDD TA funds to support the conference as it was not a good fit for the use of the dollars. It would have also required participating states to commit to testing a model of system change monitoring that many were not prepared to take on. Also, using the funds in this manner might jeopardize the Council's eligibility for TA assistance in the future. The Washington DD Council will cover the costs of the consultant that would have been paid for with NACDD funds.

Fourth Quarter: *July 1 – September 30, 2012*

Project Update: The 2012 Western States DD Network Summit was held in Boise on September 19-21. Seventy two people attended from the DD network programs in 9 western states. Featured speakers were AIDD Commissioner Sharon Lewis, Lee Vorderer from HSRI, Eric Jacobson from the Georgia DD Council, Cary Griffin of Griffin-Hammis Associates, and Ric Zaharia from the Consortium on Innovative Practices. Registration fees and contributions from several councils covered the expenses. Evaluations of individual sessions and the overall summit are being compiled and will be available in November to help guide future summits.

Goal 2: Leadership Development

2.1 Statewide Self Advocacy Organization

Project Goal: Develop a Request for Proposals (RFP) and award a contract to one statewide self-advocacy organization. Provide technical assistance and evaluate contractor activities.

First Quarter: *October 1 – December 30, 2011*

Project Update: A notice of funds available for a statewide self-advocacy organization in Idaho was released on September 16, 2011. Three proposals were submitted and a review committee was given all of the information in order to review and rate the three proposals. Award of funding will be announced in January.

Second Quarter: *January 1 – March 31, 2012*

Project Update: The Council awarded The Idaho Self-Advocate Leadership Network the contract for funding a statewide self-advocacy organization.

Third Quarter: *April 1 – June 30, 2012*

Project Update: Council staff has been providing information and technical support to SALN board members to assist with the transition of SALN from a Council project to a contract. Council staff provided information about legislation passed this year to restore some of the Medicaid services cut through House Bill 260. Information has been presented through the state SALN network phone calls. Council staff provided a face to face presentation to members of the SALN Board at their June Board meeting to make sure members understood the contract agreement with the Council. SALN will be providing their first quarterly report as required by the contract on August 1, 2012.

Fourth Quarter: *July 1 – September 30, 2012*

Project Update: Council staff has been providing information and technical support to SALN board members to assist with the transition of SALN from a Council project to a contract. SALN provided their first quarterly report as required by the contract on August 1, 2012. Council staff assisted Board members with the interviewing and hiring of their newly hired part-time coordinator, Mr. Jim Hansen. The Board is still recruiting for a part-time accountant. SALN is in the process of applying to the Administration on Community Living for a grant to provide training and technical assistance to other state self-advocacy organizations about how to become a 501 c3 organization.

SALN is actively participating in the planning of the 2013 Self-Advocacy conference. Members of the SALN also participated in presentations at the DD Network Summit.

2.2 Self Advocacy Training Support

Project Goal: Identify opportunities for self-advocates to provide training; set up a yearly budget and a process to support training activities.

First Quarter: *October 1 – December 30, 2011*

Project Update: The Council Governance Committee met in October to work on a policy and process for this to happen with Council funding.

Second Quarter: *January 1 – March 31, 2012*

Project Update: There was no activity this quarter.

Third Quarter: *April 1 – June 30, 2012*

Project Update: Council staff sent in a proposal that was accepted for the annual Human Partnerships conference to present two separate workshops. The presentations are planned as two day-long workshops. One will present information on legislative advocacy and the second will teach direct support staff about how to support people with disabilities to actively engage in meetings they are involved with. For both workshops self-advocates are co-planning and presenting the training. The conference will take place November 1-2 in Boise at the Riverside Hotel.

Fourth Quarter: *July 1 – September 30, 2012*

Project Update: Council staff with members of the Idaho Self-Advocate Leadership Network and others will be providing two day-long workshops at the annual Human Partnerships conference. The presentations are planned as two day-long workshops. One will present information on legislative advocacy and the second will teach direct support staff about how to support people with disabilities to actively engage in meetings they are involved with. For both workshops self-advocates are co-planning and presenting the training. The conference will take place November 1-2 in Boise at the Riverside Hotel. Four self-advocates and two direct staff have been involved in the development of presentations and in providing presentations.

2.3 Parent/Family Leadership Training

Project Goal: Research parent/family training options and choose model to implement or support. Set-up a yearly budget for the parent conference fund to support parents to attend current training opportunities.

First Quarter: *October 1 – December 30, 2011*

Project Update: Staff attended the Idaho Parents Unlimited mini-conference in Twin Falls on November 6 and held a roundtable discussion on inclusion.

Second Quarter: *January 1 – March 31, 2012*

Project Update: Council staff talked to IPUL about potentially sponsoring their parent leadership training in Lewiston in June depending on more detailed information from them about the training.

Third Quarter: *April 1 – June 30, 2012*

Project Update: ICDD entered into an agreement to support IPUL's parent leadership training in Lewiston. Joe Raiden attended the resource night to raise awareness about the Council. Marilyn and Christine participated on an ITACC webinar about leadership opportunities that other DD Councils are doing.

Fourth Quarter: *July 1 – September 30, 2012*

Project Update: Staff received information from the Washington and Arizona Councils on their parent leadership development. We discussed ways we could do Partners in Policymaking or a similar training in 2014.

2.5 Council Leadership Development

Project Goal: Council members receive the training and support they need to perform their duties under the law, develop leadership skills, and review Council progress towards goals.

First Quarter: *October 1 – December 30, 2011*

Project Update: Staff provided support to Council members to participate fully in committees, workgroups, and the full Council at the October 2011 quarterly meeting. Materials and meeting packets were updated to be easy to understand and make conducting business more efficient. Members chose the committee and workgroup they would participate in for the 2011-2012 year, received a report on 4th quarter progress towards Council goals, financial report, and provided feedback to staff on project-end reports. Members also got information to about the 2012 legislative slate proposed by the Public Policy Committee and received training on how to communicate with legislators to prepare to make appointments with their legislators during the January Council meeting.

Second Quarter: *January 1 – March 31, 2012*

Project Update: Staff provided support to Council members to participate fully in committees, workgroups, and the full Council at the January 26-27, 2012 quarterly meeting. Members received a report on 1st quarter progress towards Council goals, financial report, and provided feedback to staff on project reports. Members also got information and support to meet with their legislators on January 26. Members met with 19 legislators on issues of concern to the Council during the session.

Third Quarter: *April 1 – June 30, 2012*

Project Update: Staff provided support to Council members to participate fully in committees, workgroups, and the full Council at the spring 2012 quarterly meeting. Members received a report on 2nd quarter progress towards Council goals, financial report, and provided feedback to staff on project reports. Members received training about their responsibilities between quarterly meetings, getting input from the public, and connecting to their communities. Members also got information about revisions to the 5-year strategic plan based on federal reviewers comments, then made recommendations to staff about changes to some plan language.

Fourth Quarter: *July 1 – September 30, 2012*

Project Update: Staff provided support to Council members to participate fully in committees, workgroups, and the full Council at the summer 2012 quarterly meeting. Each member chose a committee and project area work team on which to serve during the 2012-2013 plan year. Members received a report on 3rd quarter progress towards Council goals, financial report, and provided feedback to staff on project reports. Members received training on how they can work with local leaders to establish relationships to bring about positive change in their communities. Members also reviewed, discussed, and approved the final 5-year strategic plan to be submitted to the Administration on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities.

Goal 3: Outreach, Awareness, Inclusion

3.1 Public Awareness

Non-Disability Public Awareness Campaign

Project Goal: Identify non-disability public awareness campaign opportunities and develop introductory letter and provide information about people with developmental disabilities for public relations firms or media partners.

First Quarter: *October 1 – December 30, 2011*

Project Update: No work occurred on this project this quarter.

Second Quarter: *January 1 – March 31, 2012*

Project Update: On March 1, two Council staff provided information about the Council, DD information in general and service system information at a booth for Soroptimist International Women's Day in conjunction with First Thursday in downtown Boise. In spite of cold weather, the Council table was visited by about 15 people. No work happened on developing a partnership with a public awareness campaign in this quarter.

Third Quarter: *April 1 – June 30, 2012*

Project Update: No work occurred on this project in this quarter.

Fourth Quarter: *July 1 – September 30, 2012*

Project Update: no activity this quarter

Community Inclusion Award

Project Goal: Present an award each year to a community organization or person that does a good job of including people with disabilities in community events, activities, and programs to promote inclusion.

First Quarter: *October 1 – December 30, 2011*

Project Update: Preliminary discussions have been held with staff and Council work group regarding this award but the criteria to measure a good inclusive program and the call for nominations has not yet been developed.

Second Quarter: *January 1 – March 31, 2012*

Project Update: An outline for the call for a Community Inclusion Award is in development with plans to present it to the Community Capacity Building work group at the April Council meeting.

Third Quarter: *April 1 – June 30, 2012*

Project Update: The Community Capacity Building Workgroup approved materials for the Community Inclusion Award which was opened for nominations on May 2. The announcement was posted on the Council's website and Facebook page, and several email blasts were sent out. The deadline was set for June 15. Three organizations have been nominated: the Idaho Cheer Spirit squad at Wings Gymnastic Center in Boise, the Caldwell branch of the Treasure Valley YMCA, and the Mountain Home High Hopes Special Olympics. The workgroup is currently reviewing nominations and is scheduled to meet to make a decision on July 9.

Fourth Quarter: *July 1 – September 30, 2012*

Project Update: The Caldwell YMCA was selected to receive the 2012 Community Inclusion Award. The Council Director presented the award and \$500 to support their increased inclusive practices as a Y Community Advisory Committee (including the Caldwell Major) meeting on August 21. A presentation to the Governing Board of the Treasure Valley YMCA, their parent organization, is planned for early November.

3.2 Access to Information

Project Goal: Develop a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) section and a public feedback feature on the ICDD website; provide regular updates through the Vision and Values newsletter and through ICDD website and Facebook page.

First Quarter: *October 1 – December 30, 2011*

Project Update: An FAQs section was added to the new website design and contains 2 questions and answers about service changes. Questions were sent to Health and Welfare about access to services through the Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT) process and Children's Redesign services to try to get information that could be added to the FAQs section. The Council also helped with the design of a survey by Idaho Parents Unlimited to get information to post on the website. The public can contact us through a link on our website, but we do not yet have a public feedback feature on the FAQs section. The website had 9,903 visits in this past quarter.

The fall Council newsletter was stalled by other staff assignments related to the annual report and disability advocacy trainings. Since ICDD set-up a Facebook page and update the website often, staff is talking about the usefulness and timeliness of the Vision and Values newsletter. We will continue to work on this, get ideas from Council members, and present possible alternatives.

During this quarter, the Council Facebook page had an average of 122 active monthly users, 159 "likes", and up to 6 posts a week. There is an average of 62 visits to our Facebook page each week.

Second Quarter: *January 1 – March 31, 2012*

Project Update: The Council continues to share information on the ICDD website and Facebook page. Traffic on Facebook included 202 new "likes" for the quarter or an average of 14/week. However the week of Disability Awareness Day had 179 "likes" so the true weekly average was closer to 2. An average of 12 people were talking about the Council or one of its posts each week. The information reached from 21-243 weekly for a total for the quarter of 1,929. The Council website had 6,731 hits this past quarter.

The Council printed its 2011 Annual Report and distributed copies to 105 legislators, 4 Members of Congress, 6 statewide elected officials, all other Councils, NACDD and ADD.

The Council Director had a radio interview with news radio station KID in Idaho Falls on January 23. This station is part of nationwide network of talk radio stations.

Third Quarter: *April 1 – June 30, 2012*

Project Update: A third entry was added to the Council's FAQ section of its website. This entry provided information on Early Periodic Screening Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) and how that process could be used by families to access additionally medically needed services for their children with disabilities if the approved budget for services was not adequate. The information also included a link to a letter from Health and Welfare on EPSDT and links to the forms to be used. An email notice was sent to alert people to the posting.

A page has been established on the Council website for sharing information about the Collaborative Workgroup on Services for Adults with Developmental Disabilities. Although several documents have been gathered, they are still being organized for posting which will occur in July. This page will be a primary information sharing site for the members of the Collaborative Work Group as well as for the general public.

The Council's website had 9,002 visits in this quarter.

The Council continues to post timely information on its Facebook page including notices about rule making, information about managed care for people who are dually eligible for Medicare and Medicaid, information about the Supreme Court decision on the Affordable Care Act, and the impact on people with disabilities of that Act. Over the course of the quarter, the page had 25 new likes. The weekly "reach" of the page ranged from 2 to 713, for a total of 3,200 and a weekly average of 246.

A draft survey on future Council publications will be presented to the Capacity Building workgroup in July for possible distribution electronically in the next quarter.

Fourth Quarter: *July 1 – September 30, 2012*

Project Update: The Council's website had 8851 visits this quarter.

The Council continues to use Facebook to disseminate information on timely information, including links to national reports and research findings, notices about rule making and hearings, information about managed care for people who are dually eligible for Medicare and Medicaid, information about voting rights, health care changes from the ACA, bullying, Disability Mentoring Day, and upcoming conferences and webinars. Over the course of the quarter, the page had 15 new likes, down from the previous quarter. The weekly "reach" of the page ranged from 90 to 1,012, for a total of 5,037 and a weekly average of 387. This is an increase of 57% over the previous quarter.

A survey regarding how the Council communicates with others and the topics of interest was distributed in hard copy and electronically. Thirty-two responses were received and they will be compiled and presented to the Council at the fall, 2012 meeting.

Plain Language Information and Referral

Project Goal: Convert issue and system information into plain language; enhance training for 211 Careline staff; provide information and referral when asked by the public.

First Quarter: *October 1 – December 30, 2011*

Project Update: Staff is working to review materials and information sent from our office to make sure that it is in plain, easy-to-understand language.

There has been no opportunity for training for 211 staff this quarter.

Information and referral are an ongoing function of the Council. Although most questions from the public come through email, we are trying to find an efficient way to track phone calls by topic. Of the approximately 60 calls to the Director over the last quarter, nearly 25% were related to access to services issues.

Second Quarter: *January 1 – March 31, 2012*

Project Update: On January 31, the Council Director presented information about the Council and the DD service system as part of a panel at a conference at BSU on services for refugees in Idaho. This breakout session included 25 attendees.

Third Quarter: *April 1 – June 30, 2012*

Project Update: Council staff continued to review information to ensure plain language is used as much as possible. Two documents on plain language were presented to the Collaborative Work Group on Adult Services and these will be posted on the Council website for easy access.

Information and referral via phone and email are ongoing responsibilities of all Council staff. During this last quarter, the Council Director responded to calls from the general public dealing with guardianship, accommodations for vocational testing, concern over rule changes, transportation difficulties, accessibility of taxis at the Boise Airport, employment questions, access to dental services, questions about rules for school-based services, opportunities for volunteering, questions about Medicaid managed care (particularly dual eligible), requests for data on respite care and other services, access to information about how individual Medicaid budgets are set, difficulty with access to services for a child with a serious emotional disturbance, multiple requests for letters of support, and a request to modify a curriculum and teach a class at the Idaho Victims Assistance Academy.

Fourth Quarter: *July 1 – September 30, 2012*

Project Update: Providing information to Council members and others in plain language format is an ongoing effort as materials are developed and distributed. The Council office continues to field questions, primarily regarding changes to services.