

**IDAHO COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**

***2011 Winter Meeting***

**Thursday, January 28, 2011, 8:30 am – 5:00 pm**

**Friday, January 28, 2011, 8:00 am – 2:00 pm**

**Thursday at Cambria Suites, Friday at Council Office**

**MINUTES**

**THURSDAY, January 27, 2011**

<b>Work Team Meetings</b>	Work Team Meetings (concurrent) 8:30 am to 9:25 am <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Community Living</li><li>– Education Participant Directed Services</li><li>– Self Advocacy and Self Determination</li></ul>
<b>Meet in Committees</b> (See separate committee minutes for details)	Council Committee meetings (concurrent) 9:35 am to 10:40 am <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Governance</li><li>- Membership</li><li>- Public Policy</li></ul>
<b>Call to Order</b>	James Steed called the meeting to order at 10:52 am.  <u>Council members present:</u> Toni Belknap-Brinegar, Shiloh Blackburn, Bettina Briscoe, Dona Butler, David Dekker, Jane Donnellan, Julie Fodor, Jo Lynn Garrison, Kristyn Herbert, Debra Parsons, Joe Raiden, Jacque Hyatt, Lisa Robbe, TeRonda Robinson, James Steed, Joni Sullivan, Paul Tierney, Denise Wetzel  <u>Council members absent:</u> Jim Baugh, Chris Lynch  <u>Guests:</u> Jess Gilkison, Laura DeBoer, Acena Dekker, Pam Blackburn  <u>Staff present:</u> Marilyn Sword, Amanda Holloway, Tracy Warren, Christine Pisani, Shane Carlton  Sign-in/out sheets were distributed.
<b>Approval of Minutes from November 2010 Meeting</b>  ➔	Council reviewed the minutes. On page 10 of the November Council minutes under the Section discussing the 5-year plan the following change is needed: The sentence reading “It must be submitted to August 15 <sup>th</sup> , 2011” needs to be changed to “It must be submitted to ADD by August 15 <sup>th</sup> , 2011.” <b>Motion by Denise Wetzel to accept minutes as amended, seconded by Kristyn Herbert. Motion carried.</b>
<b>Chair’s Report</b> <i>James Steed</i>	James coordinates Night Life, a community program in Pocatello, run by people with disabilities. One of the self-advocates passed away. SALN members and Night Life participants put on a service for the family.

<p><b>Chair's Report</b> <i>James Steed</i></p>	<p>James also invited everyone to “Chicken Noodle for Kenny’s Noodle”. It’s a fundraiser for one of Night Life’s participants who is having brain surgery because he has been having so many seizures. The surgery has been authorized by insurance but the fundraiser will help with his expenses getting to Seattle for the surgery.</p> <p>James is the liaison for the State SALN Board to the Council. SALN hopes to have a proposal for funding from the Council by October. The Council will issue the RFP and then SALN or any other Self-Advocacy organization could apply for the funds to operate a Self-Advocacy organization. It’s one more step toward moving the Self-Advocacy organization out of the Council as a project and into its own entity.</p> <p>Elections for the State SALN Board are coming up. Anyone who wants to run for state office needs to turn their name in to Tracy Martin, the 2011 Election Chair. This year SALN will be electing a new President, Treasurer and Sergeant-at-Arms.</p> <p>The Tools for Life conference is being held in Idaho Falls. Shiloh and Kevin are doing a presentation on March 8<sup>th</sup> on “What is SALN?”</p> <p>The Civitan Heart of the West Conference is going to be held in Pocatello on August 19-21, 2011. The Civitans are a community organization that helps people with developmental disabilities. They have been giving money to non-profits, workshops and shelter homes. James visited with the former Governor of the Heart of the West Civitans and asked that she start helping with Self-Advocacy. SALN will be giving a presentation on Self-Advocacy at the Heart of the West District Convention in August.</p> <p>This week, James went with Marilyn to hear legislative testimony on guardianship and certified family homes. He also heard a Medicaid presentation on different programs at the House Health &amp; Welfare Committee and attended the SILC meeting as well.</p>
<p><b>Financial Report</b> <i>Amanda Holloway</i> ➔</p>	<p>Amanda presented the financial report. <b>Dona motioned to approve the financial report as presented. Joni seconded. Motion carried.</b></p>
<p><b>Committee Reports/Recommendations</b> <b>Governance Committee</b></p>	<p><b>Governance Committee:</b> Lisa Robbe gave the Governance Committee report.</p> <p>For the time being, Amanda will be attending the EC3 (Early Childhood Coordinating Council) as the Council’s representative. She will find out if they would prefer a Council member or a staff member serving in this role.</p>

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Reports/Recommendations  
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At a ADD Listening Session in December, Nancy Thaler, Executive Director of the National Association of State Directors of Developmental Disability Services, presented a concept paper to ADD that proposed that state DD Programs be incorporated in reauthorization of the DD Act. Currently the DD Act has university centers, protection and advocacy agencies, councils and a small number of projects of national significance. DD Programs in other states similar to Idaho have been substantially reduced in size because many of the services are now under Medicaid. This leaves a very basic DD Program. NASDDDS is realizing that they are vulnerable because Congress and the Administration are trying to cut discretionary spending and funding for discretionary programs. They proposed to partner with us so that we would be stronger together. We are already part of a collaborative group but they are not. They have a lot in common with the Council in terms of working toward best practices. NACDD will hold a conference call around this issue. They are looking to see how member councils feel about this proposal. It would be bringing a service delivery component into the DD Act that has never been there before. This could be awkward as we monitor services. However, if it protects vulnerable DD entities from substantial cuts, then there may be some merit in talking about it.

Regarding personnel, the vacancy created by Ron's retirement will not be filled in the short term. The salary savings have allowed us to bring on Beau Stiles to manage YLF this year because Tracy is taking on planning responsibilities in the 5-year plan development year. We may have to allocate staff differently or change the Council's organizational structure as a result of plan direction. Currently our policies say that we have three work groups and three specific committees. Changes could require some changes in policies.

Lisa's friend Nikki Zimmerman has written a book entitled "A Life with Riley" and has given the Council two copies to check out to those interested. The book will raise money for an organization that she created called Out of Step. The organization will be run by people with disabilities and be self-sustaining. The web site is <http://www.nikkizimmerman.com>. Nikki will be meeting with former Council Chair Alonzo Statham, as he has expressed interest in running this organization.

James will be working on the Executive Director Evaluation.

<p><b>Consumer Leadership Caucus</b></p>	<p><b>Consumer Leadership Caucus:</b>          Shiloh Blackburn gave the CLC report. Sandi Frelly with Community Partnerships of Idaho presented to the CLC on Natural Supports. They also reviewed the current rules about background checks and will continue to work on identifying stakeholders before recommending rule changes for proposed guardians to get background checks. Amanda will follow up with Health &amp; Welfare about recommendation to the guardianship questionnaire. Amanda will ask Disability Rights Idaho to present on alternatives to guardianship at the next meeting. The Caucus will wait until the end of legislative session to decide on other future projects.</p>
<p><b>Membership Committee</b></p> <p>→</p>	<p><b>Membership:</b>          TeRonda Robinson gave the Membership Committee report. The committee discussed the Council member terms expiring in 2011 and current vacancies. There are four current vacancies (Education, Medicaid Title XIX, Maternal &amp; Child Health–Title V and Council Chair). There are also several Council members whose terms are expiring this year. Kristyn is in her ninth year and not able to apply for reappointment. Those that do wish to reapply need to fill out an application for reappointment by March 1, 2011.</p> <p>The committee previously discussed making application recommendations based on attendance. By mid-March the committee will start scheduling interviews to be completed before the April Council meeting. Former applicants will still need to reapply. At least two Council members need to be on the interview calls. TeRonda, Toni, Denise and Laura (if officially replacing Mitch and appointed by then) have volunteered to conduct interviews. Recruitment brochures were handed out to Council members.</p> <p><b>Joni Sullivan moved to accept the committee reports. Dona Butler seconded the motion. Motion carried.</b></p>
<p><b>Recognition of Council Members</b></p>	<p>Marilyn recognized the efforts of Mitch Scoggins and Jacque Hyatt, both of whom have moved on to new positions and resigned their Council memberships. Both were presented with certificates of appreciation. Ike Gayfield has retired from Medicaid but was unable to make it to the meeting to be recognized. Jacque Hyatt has represented SDE on the Council on two separate occasions. She served 1999-2002 and 2007-present. Mitch has served from Fall 2007-present and is going to the Immunization Program.</p>

<p><b>Presentation &amp; Discussion on Planning Process and Council Role</b></p> <p><i>Tracy Warren</i></p>	<p>See PowerPoint presentation handout provided. Today's discussion included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reviewed the plan process</li> <li>• Reviewed the information from public input</li> <li>• Begin to prioritize needs</li> <li>• Revisit proposed timeline</li> </ul>
<p><b>Review of Legislative Slate and Prepare for Legislative Hearings and Visits</b></p>	<p>For Fiscal Year 2011 (the year we are currently in), the economists in the Division of Financial Management (DFM) predicted that revenue for the state would grow at a rate of 7.5%. The Governor recommended a budget based on a growth of 3.8%. The Legislature set the budget based on 1.1% growth. At the end of December, 2010, the actual revenue growth was 4.2%. This meant that the state had \$33 million in excess of what was budgeted.</p> <p>For the coming Fiscal Year 2012, DFM expects revenue to grow by 6.9%. The Governor once again based his recommendations on a more conservative estimate (3%), in order to avoid having to do holdbacks during the year if revenue does not match expectations. The Governor's proposed budget uses the \$33 million in unanticipated revenue from the current fiscal year to help plug a hole they are projecting for the next fiscal year. In addition, he uses other one-time funds and delaying implementation of the grocery tax credit to balance the budget.</p> <p>The Governor's budget is structured in such a way that he saves enough money to make up the difference based on his numbers by cutting most state agencies on average by 2.2% from last year's numbers. Medicaid is being cut by 5.5%. For every dollar that is cut out of the State's budget for Medicaid, we lose 2-3 federal dollars. If we cut \$25 million out of Medicaid's budget, we will lose \$59 million in federal funds. That means that services will be cut by \$84 million. The legislature is looking to balance the budget with cuts only. The only proposed tax increase (additional \$1.25 on a pack of cigarettes) is being held up in committee. There are proposals to change the sales tax by taxing things that are not currently taxed. There are proposals to increase the tax collection on internet purchases by creating a point-of-sale tax. There is a bill that has been introduced that reduces the sales tax by one cent but eliminates a bunch of exemptions currently on the books. The anticipated revenue from this proposal is about \$400 million.</p> <p>Dick Armstrong, Director of Health &amp; Welfare and Leslie Clement, Administrator of Medicaid present</p>

	<p>ted 2 budget proposals to meet the Governor’s budget numbers. The first proposal is the complete elimination of developmental disability agency services for adults and the elimination of PSR services for adults with mental illness. Co-pays and the reduction of dental services would also be required under the first proposal. The second proposal is a reduction in more services across the board. This approach does not meet the \$25.5 million in cuts required by the budget. Further cuts would have to be made.</p> <p>One of the best strategies in testifying is to let the committee members know what these services are and how important they are. They have heard that developmental disability services may just amount to taking people to the store or taking them out into the community to watch a movie and that volunteers and family members can do that. What the committee is not hearing how these services help show someone how to make shopping lists, make change, pay for purchases or behave in a store. It is important that they hear that when the services are done right, they are much more than just companionship. The services teach people skills that they could not learn on their own. They also need to hear that these waiver services are a life line and without them people are in serious danger. Without the services, people don’t have someone to help them eat, drink, go to the bathroom, get dressed or go to bed.</p>
<p><b>Adjourn</b></p>	<p>Meeting adjourned at 4:29 pm to allow people to prepare comments for Friday morning’s hearing.</p>
<p><b>FRIDAY, January 28, 2011</b></p>	
<p><b>Legislative Hearing on Health &amp; Welfare Issues (8:00 am -11:00)</b></p> <p><b>Visit with Legislators (11:00 am – 12:30 pm)</b></p>	<p>Council members met at the Capitol Building to provide testimony on Medicaid cuts or to meet with legislators not in the hearing.</p> <p><u>Council members present:</u> Jim Baugh, Toni Belknap-Brinegar, Shiloh Blackburn, Dona Butler, David Dekker, Kristyn Herbert, Debra Parsons, Joe Raiden, Lisa Robbe, James Steed, Paul Tierney, Denise Wetzel, Joni Sullivan</p> <p><u>Council members absent:</u> Chris Lynch, Bettina Briscoe, Jane Donnellan, Julie Fodor, Jo Lynn Garrison, TeRonda Robinson</p> <p><u>Guests:</u> Pam Blackburn, Jess Gilkison, Laura DeBoer, Acena Dekker</p> <p><u>Staff present:</u> Marilyn Sword, Amanda Holloway, Tracy Warren, Christine Pisani</p> <p>Sign-in/out sheets were distributed.</p>

<p><b>Legislative Hearing on Health &amp; Welfare Issues (8:00 am -11:00)</b></p> <p><b>Visit with Legislators (11:00 am – 12:30 pm)</b></p>	<p>The following Council members provided testimony during the hearing: James Steed, Shiloh Blackburn, David Dekker with assistance from Christine Pisani, Jim Baugh, Paul Tierney, Denise Wetzel, Joni Sullivan, Lisa Robbe, Joe Raiden, Debra Parsons.</p>
<p><b>Legislative Debrief (12:30 pm – 2:00 pm)</b></p>	<p>Council members recounted their experiences testifying and meeting with legislators.</p> <p>The following members met with their legislators:</p> <p>Shiloh Blackburn – Rep. Mack Shirley</p> <p>Toni Brinegar &amp; Paul Tierney – Rep. Robert Schaefer</p> <p>Lisa Robbe – Rep. George Eskridge, Sen. Shawn Keough</p> <p>Denise Wetzel – Sen. John Goedde, Rep. Kathy Sims</p> <p>Jim Baugh – Sen. Sheryl Nuxoll, Sen. Joyce Boradsworth, Rep. Jim Guthrie, Sen. Nicole LeFavour</p> <p>Joe Raiden – Sen. Dan Schmidt, Rep. Shirley Ringo</p> <p>Debra Parsons – Rep. Marc Gibbs</p> <p>David Dekker – Rep. Brian Cronin</p> <p>Dona Butler – talked with some lobbyists</p> <p>Other members left information with their legislators if they were not available.</p>
<p><b>Meeting evaluation and adjourn</b></p>	<p>Meeting evaluations were passed out. Meeting adjourned at 2:06 pm.</p>