

# Full Council

July 19-20, 2012

## Full Council Meeting Minutes

### Idaho Council on Developmental Disabilities

Thursday, July 19, 2012 - 8:30 am – 4:30 pm

West Conference Room, Joe R. Williams Building

700 W. State Street, Boise, Idaho

### MEMBERS PRESENT

Toni Belknap-Brinegar, Shiloh Blackburn, Dona Butler, Ritchy Cardwell, Jacquie Daniel-Watson, David Dekker, Raul Enriquez, Jo Lynn Garrison, Kelly Hall, Debra Parsons, TeRonda Robinson, Colleen Sisk, Paul Tierney, Denise Wetzel

### MEMBERS ABSENT

Jim Baugh, Justin Caggiano, Jean Christensen, Jane Donnellan, Julie Fodor, Jenniffer Halladay, Joe Raiden, Joni Sullivan

### GUESTS

Pam Blackburn, Acena Dekker, Art Evans, Howard Fulk (for Jane Donnellan), Noll Garcia, Ivan Herrera, Jason Spiute, Annette Wilkinson (for Jean Christensen)

### STAFF PRESENT

Marilyn Sword, Amanda Holloway, Tracy Warren, Christine Pisani, Shane Carlton

### FULL COUNCIL MEETING

#### Call to Order

Denise Wetzel called the meeting to order at 8:41 a.m.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Denise went over the meeting ground rules.
- Reminder to turn in reimbursement forms and in kind match forms to Shane when they are completed.
- We will be holding elections for Vice-Chair and Consumer Rep tomorrow. Anyone wishing to fill out a nomination form can get one from Debra. All nomination forms need to be turned in by tomorrow morning.
- Art Evans with Medicaid will try to join us sometime during the lunch hour to give an update on Children's Services Redesign.

- Toni received a call from Justin Caggiano on Monday. He is living in a home with some other individuals in Shoreline, just outside of Seattle. He says that he is very happy that his last surgery to his upper lip was successful and he can talk. He said that he has more surgeries coming and is not sure what they are going to do about his nose yet. He said that he is trying out quite a few different churches around Seattle. He wants to get married and have a relationship. He feels that he has been given a second chance at life and he is going to make the most of it. Toni and Justin have committed to talk every week. He said that he is steadfast in his belief that we need to educate everyone about being respectful of everybody with disabilities and that if you see something that is happening that you need to be respectful and not treat people like they are a child.
- Kelly Hall is resigning from the State Department of Education to work for the Boise School District. Denise presented Kelly with a certificate.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Amend April 2012 minutes to reflect that Jo Lynn Garrison, Raul Enriquez and Jean Christensen were in attendance on April 26-27, 2012. TeRonda Robinson and Paul Tierney were absent on April 27, 2012.

**TeRonda Robinson motioned to accept minutes as amended; Ritchy Cardwell seconded; Motion carried.**

### **Chair's Report – Denise Wetzel**

Joe Raiden hurt his arm badly while working and Denise has been taking him to his medical appointments. Joe is currently waiting on an appointment to have an MRI. It is believed that Joe has torn a muscle in his arm.

Denise is now using family-directed services for both of her boys. Her family is using a new community support worker who is watching the boys for the next couple of days while she is at the Council meeting.

IPUL has asked Denise to speak at one of their upcoming parent trainings.

Denise's family went to visit her parents in Kansas for 2-1/2 weeks. When she returns from the Council meeting, they will be going to Philadelphia for a week to visit her in-laws.

## **Director's Report – Marilyn Sword**

Marilyn sits on the Collaborative Work Group on Adult DD Services. The meetings held May 7 and June 18 allowed the group to get organized and put together subcommittees and a steering committee. The steering committee will meet next week and the next full Collaborative Work Group meeting will be in September.

In May, the Consortium for Idaho with Disabilities held a post legislative strategy meeting to discuss the outcomes of the legislative session and what needs to happen during the next session. Marilyn and Christine are working on a legislative candidate subcommittee that looks at some of the new people coming into the legislature and what we can do to inform them about our issues in advance of the next session. There will be another strategy meeting in September.

Mountain States Group hosted a meeting last night that was attended by a number of non-profits and organizations that may be interested in joining together to develop a common message to promote revenue enhancements to maintain needed services that keep people safe.

The Council was asked to complete a form that outlines what we would do if our federal funds were cut or eliminated and submit it to the Division of Financial Management. If the Council's federal funding was substantially cut, we would have to carefully prioritize our projects and look at our staffing.

The Council received a message from our national association that said the House of Representatives subcommittee on Labor, Health & Human Services and Education had put out their budget proposal for fiscal 2013. The budget did not recognize the new Administration on Community Living for fiscal 2013 and said that it would not recognize it in 2014 unless the Administration adhered to procedures that were not yet outlined. If the Administration on Community Living is not recognized, we would just revert to our old organizational structure at the federal level..

The Supreme Court upheld the Healthcare Reform Act and we will need to wait to see the results of that decision. The Governor has appointed two committees. One committee on Medicaid is headed by Dick Armstrong from Health & Welfare and the other committee on health insurance exchanges is headed by Bill Deal, Director of the Department of Insurance. The Department contracted with a firm out of Utah to do some consulting on the impact of expanding Medicaid.

Marilyn continues to work on the DD Network Summit being held in Boise on September 19-21, 2012 at the Hampton Inn. The contracts for presenters are in place and registration is now open. Both Denise and the Commissioner will be coming to the Summit. Marilyn is hosting a breakfast for the Commissioner and about 15 policy leaders that have expressed interest in attending.

NACDD held elections recently and unfortunately, Dona Butler was not elected to the Board. We just learned that the Executive Director is resigning September 1, 2012 and they are recruiting a new Executive Director. The fall conference that was scheduled for mid-October in Los Angeles has been cancelled because restricted budgets are making travel difficult for everyone.

Marilyn has been working with the Capacity Building work group on the Community Inclusion Award that will be finalized this meeting.

Marilyn and Tracy have been working with the CDHD on an employment grant that was just submitted.

Marilyn participated in a panel presentation for the Justice Alliance for Vulnerable Adults from the aging program at Boise State.

Marilyn went on vacation to Glacier National Park. She also has a new granddaughter, Margo Mae, who was born May 8<sup>th</sup>. Her 5 year old grandson Michael won the mutton busting competition at the Eagle Rodeo.

## **Financial Position Report and Contracts Report – Amanda Holloway**

Amanda presented the Financial Position Report and the Contracts Report.

On the contract report, there is \$13,333.33 listed in the amended amount column. This amount needs to be moved to the amount paid to date column.

**Kelly Hall motioned to accept the Financial Position Report and Contracts Report as amended; Shiloh Blackburn seconded; Motion carried.**

## **Explanation & Member Selection of Committees**

Marilyn gave an overview of the committee roles. She discussed the work team selection form and Council members picked first and second choices for a committee they would serve on for one year.

**Membership:** Jane Donnellan, Colleen Sisk, Shiloh Blackburn, TeRonda Robinson, Jacquie Daniel-Watson, Paul Tierney

**Governance:** Denise Wetzel, Joni Sullivan, Dona Butler, Jo Lynn Garrison, Raul Enriquez, Toni Belknap-Brinegar, Debra Parsons

**Public Policy:** Jean Christensen, Jenniffer Halladay, Joe Raiden, Julie Fodor, Kelly Hall, Ritchy Cardwell, Jim Baugh, Dave Dekker

## **Review, Discuss and Approve 5-Year Plan Changes – Tracy Warren**

Tracy reviewed the final draft of the 5-Year plan (yellow handout). Based on feedback from reviewers at the federal level the council has reworded some of our plan goals so that they are clearer and easier to measure.

(Dave Dekker) CLC discussed objective 2.4 and presented the CLC position statement. CLC feels that the word guardians in objective 2.4 should be removed because it does not comply with the Council's position on guardianship. The Council's position statement on guardianship states that guardianship is an outdated attempt in protecting and caring for people with developmental disabilities. If support is planned and people are allowed to express their own choices, then guardianship is not usually necessary. Guardianship is in conflict with the philosophy of self-determination and it intrudes upon individual rights as well as our obligation to honor personal preferences. CLC respects and understands why guardians are included but feels this is a step in the wrong direction.

(Toni Belknap-Brinegar) I deal with guardians all the time that are uneducated about the ability of their ward to make decisions on their own. Guardians lose sight of what their role is and how much control they have. We should have guardians in an educational setting with self-advocates teaching them to be better guardians by allowing their ward to make decisions. I feel there is a big gap in education for guardians. There is a real need to educate guardians in a controlled setting so that they can get appropriate information, instead of the misinformation that often distributed in school and community settings.

(Jo Lynn Garrison) I forwarded the new special education director, who came from Boise, the Council's position on guardianship. The response I got back was that it would be great if the developmental disability agencies could provide information to school districts on guardianship. This is where families are getting their information from.

(Ritchy Cardwell) It is the goal of the SALN chapters to help educate parents, guardians and others in the community. I don't feel that they Council needs to take leadership development opportunities away from self-advocates to educate guardians.

(Paul Tierney) Objective 2.5 discusses creating and supporting a grassroots coalition. What is the goal of the coalition? The objective needs to be more specific.

(Christine Pisani) Objective 2.5 is another opportunity for leadership development. It focuses on leadership development for people with developmental disabilities along with other community members who may not have anything to do with developmental disabilities, but to bring those community members together to develop leadership in a coalition style. That coalition would identify needs within that community and work to address those issues together. The focus is to make sure self-advocates are supported and recognized as leaders of part of that coalition so that they are not left behind in identifying, action planning and resolving of local community issues (hunger, transportation, domestic violence, access, voting).

The Idaho Supreme Court has just hired an individual to work statewide educating on the role of guardians. This person will work specifically with the judge on quality assurance on plans that the guardians are supposed to be submitting. There may be an opportunity where Disability Rights Idaho or the Council could address some of our concerns regarding guardianship.

Dona Butler has served on the guardianship/conservatorship committee for the last few years. They have created an online training for guardians that applicants must take once they file their cases with the court. Applicants must pass the training before the judge will grant anything. The current training is too generic and Dona is trying to get the committee to tailor a training specific to developmental disabilities.

**Dave Dekker moved to accept the 5-year plan with the removal of the words “and guardians” from both Goal 2 and Objective 2.4; Jo Lynn Garrison seconded; Dona Butler abstained; motion carried.**

## **Meet in Committees**

Council Committee meetings (concurrent) 10:15 a.m. to 11:45 p.m.

(See separate committee minutes for details)

- Membership
- Public Policy

- Governance

## **FULL COUNCIL MEETING**

### **Self-Advocacy Summit Panel Presentation**

Noll Garcia, Ivan Herrera, Shiloh Blackburn, Ritchy Cardwell, Dave Dekker

In April, Idaho sent a team of self-advocates and members of the DD Network to attend the Allies in Self-Advocacy Summit, sponsored by Sharon Lewis, Commissioner of the Administration on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities. Each team was to present things that were going well in their state, barriers to moving self-advocacy forward, and recommendations to the Commissioner about what changes could take place at the National level that would assist self-advocacy organizations to move forward with their work.

The team of self-advocates that attended the summit presented for the Council and answered questions Council members had about their experience at the summit.

### **Children's Services Redesign Update – Art Evans**

Effective July 1, 2013, children's developmental therapy (DT), intensive behavioral intervention (IBI), and service coordination for children with developmental disabilities will be discontinued. These services are ending as part of the final phase of transitioning to the new children's developmental disabilities benefits under the Children's System Redesign, as approved by the Idaho Legislature in 2011.

In order to move families into the new system, the Department has developed a phased implementation plan requiring families to transition to the redesigned services according to their child's birthday, as defined in IDAPA 16.03.10 "Medicaid Enhanced Plan Benefits", Section 523.

It is important for providers, families, and advocates to understand that the old services are ending on June 30, 2013. Families waiting until the old services are discontinued to transition will experience an interruption in services. Providers will not be able to bill DT, IBI, or developmental disability (DD) service coordination for children after June 30, 2013, and will not be able to bill redesign services until a plan has been completed and authorized by the Department. If a large portion of families continue to choose not to transition prior to the expiration of services, the Department anticipates that a family could lose services for up to 12 months due to a large number of families attempting to transition at the last minute.

Three months prior to a child's birthday, the Department is required to notify the family of the transition process as defined in IDAPA 16.03.10.523.02. However, it is the responsibility of the family to contact the Department to schedule an appointment at this time to ensure their child does not experience an interruption in services. Families with a scheduled appointment will be the first priority. The eligibility and planning process takes up to 90 days, but it is anticipated that the process may take longer given the volume of children enrolling at once.

Families need to contact their local Division of Family and Community Services (FACS) office as soon as possible to begin the application process. The regional contact information is found on the Children's Redesign website at [www.redesignforchildren.medicaid.idaho.gov](http://www.redesignforchildren.medicaid.idaho.gov).

At this time, applications have been sent to all families of children receiving DD services that the Department has on record. If providers are aware of families who have not received a DD application, it is critical that the provider informs them of the process to contact the Department.

## **Explanation & Member Selection of Work Teams**

Marilyn gave an overview of the four work teams and their responsibilities. She discussed the work team selection form and Council members picked first and second choices for a work team they would like to serve on for one year.

**Education:** Jenn Halladay, Kelly Hall, Denise Wetzel, Jo Lynn Garrison, Julie Fodor

**Employment:** Jean Christensen, Jane Donnellan, Raul Enriquez, Joe Raiden, Paul Tierney

**Capacity Building and Public Awareness:** Dona Butler, Jacquie Daniel-Watson, TeRonda Robinson, Jim Baugh, Colleen Sisk, Dave Dekker

**Leadership Development:** Joni Sullivan, Debra Parsons, Ritchy Cardwell, Toni Belknap-Brinegar, Shiloh Blackburn

## **Work Team Meetings**

Work Team Meetings (concurrent) 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

- Education
- Employment
- Capacity Building and Public Awareness
- Leadership Development

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## COUNCIL BBQ

5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Hampton Inn & Suites – Gold Fork Room (off the rear of lobby)  
TeRonda Robinson led the team building activities.

**Friday, July 20, 2012 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

## MEMBERS PRESENT

Toni Belknap-Brinegar, Shiloh Blackburn, Dona Butler, Ritchy Cardwell, David Dekker, Raul Enriquez, Jo Lynn Garrison, Kelly Hall, Debra Parsons, Colleen Sisk, Paul Tierney, Denise Wetzel,

## MEMBERS ABSENT

Jim Baugh, Justin Caggiano, Jean Christensen, Jacquie Daniel-Watson, Jane Donnellan, Jenniffer Halladay, Joe Raiden, TeRonda Robinson, Joni Sullivan

## GUESTS

Trina Balanoff (for Julie Fodor), Acena Dekker, Annette Wilkinson

## STAFF PRESENT

Marilyn Sword, Amanda Holloway, Tracy Warren, Christine Pisani, Shane Carlton

**FULL COUNCIL MEETING 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

## CALL TO ORDER

Denise Wetzel called the meeting to order at 8:43 a.m.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Debra has nomination forms for both Consumer Rep and Vice-Chair for anyone who needs one. All nomination forms will need to be turned in by the morning break.
- Marilyn has flyers from Medicaid on Transition Management training for the Idaho Home Choice grant. The trainings will be held all over the state in September.
- Every couple of years the Council needs to complete an evaluation of the Executive Director's performance. Denise passed the evaluations out to members. Please turn these in as quickly as possible. Denise will be presenting the results of the evaluations during the October 2012 Council meeting.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

### Consumer Leadership – Shiloh Blackburn

The CLC put together a position statement on guardians that Dave read to the Council yesterday during the discussion on Goal 2 and Objective 2.4.

We practiced the self-advocacy panel presentation that we gave yesterday.

### Membership Committee – Colleen Sisk

The committee discussed member recruitment for the vacancy created when James Steed resigned. We have one applicant at this time. We are lacking self-advocate representation in Regions IV & VII. We will be holding phone interviews for our current vacancy. We still need to have a discussion with Justin to see whether or not he will be coming back to the Council.

We discussed developing a handout for members to use as a resource to help identify issues in their local communities that they would like to discuss with local leaders and how to engage those leaders in that discussion. In the fall we will be training on how to prepare to speak with your legislators. We felt the training last fall was effective in helping new members prepare before heading to the Capitol to meet with their legislators. During the next legislative session, due to redistricting, members may have new legislators that they will be meeting for the first time. We discussed future training opportunities

We discussed the Council Member Self-Assessment form and the Council Assessment form that have been developed. We reviewed assessments that other Councils have used in the past and Tracy has consolidated some of that information into our assessments and put them into plain language.

We reviewed the meeting evaluations from the April Council meeting. Everyone felt that they received the support that they needed to participate fully. The Friday mailing has been appreciated. Everyone enjoyed the team building activity. A topic of discussion was having a Thursday night get together and how to make it affordable and accessible to everyone.

### Governance Committee – Debra Parsons

The committee began reviewing policies and bylaws. This is a process that happens every two years. We will need to have a conference call to finish this up. We will report on the proposed changes during the October Council meeting.

We have received two conference funding requests and both were approved. Amber Blaylock will be going to a conference for children who are amputees. She has two daughters who were born without arms. Ritchy will be attending the SABE Conference.

We then discussed the Executive Director Evaluation form that we need each of you to fill out and turn in to Denise so that she can report on that in the fall.

### **Public Policy – Christine Pisani**

There were only three members of the committee in attendance, so we were not able to elect a chair or approve minutes. We reviewed the roles and responsibilities of the committee and discussed the role of the chair.

We discussed having Kelly Hall continue doing presentations on Children's School Based Services. Her presentation was easy to understand.

The committee is continuing to monitor and work on guardianship changes. Representative Burgoyne is working on the draft legislation. Prior to reconvening the guardianship work group, Representative Burgoyne will seek comments from the FBI because they disliked the language in the previous draft.

The committee is trying to get anti-bullying legislation drafted but we are having a difficult time getting legislators to commit to helping because they are all campaigning. We will continue working on draft legislation due to the limited time left before the session.

Last year we were successful in restoring preventative dental services for adults on the DD and A&D waivers. This year, the Consortium for Idahoan with Disabilities would like see this expanded to everyone on the enhanced plan. Marilyn has been in contact with the lobbyist from the dental association and they need to decide if they will move forward with the further expansion of dental coverage. Marilyn will stay in contact with the dental association so that if they decide not to move forward with legislation, there will not be a barrier to the rest of us moving forward.

Jim Baugh and Kathy Garrett will be working on improving mental health services for people with mental illness in Idaho.

This year we may be looking at some involvement in preventing tax cuts on the revenue side as part of a larger coalition. We will have to monitor and respond to this as the session takes shape. We will need to develop a message about keeping services intact.

The committee looked at the education that we provide in preparation for the legislative session. There is a group within the Consortium of Idahoans with disabilities that is working on developing email and web based training. The training will provide the following information:

- What is redistricting
- Maps of the voting districts
- County Clerk contact information
  - Call your county clerk to determine which district you are in
  - Call your county clerk to determine if you are registered in the proper district
- Deadlines for absentee ballots applications
- How to register
- Voting rights
- Documentation needed to vote and what to do if you do not have photo identification

We will have a link to the training working in the next couple of weeks. When the link is live, please forward to anyone that may find the information helpful. We will want to follow up with more of the legislative advocacy training that we did last year. We would like to host a legislative advocacy training for self-advocates out of the Capitol so that they are in the space where they would testify in the hopes that it would lessen their anxiety the day of the hearings. We hope to be able to host video teleconferences to broadcast the trainings statewide.

CID will be discussing training topics for Disability Advocacy Day training, as well as the Disability Advocacy Day event at the Capitol.

**No vote was taken to approve the committee reports.**

## **COUNCIL TRAINING – TRACY WARREN**

**How to contact and work with your local community leaders on issues of concern to you and others in your community.**

### **Some Examples of Council Member Involvement**

Ritchy is a property manager and has had problems with individuals using “spice” in his apartment complex and other areas in Nampa. Spice is a synthetic form of marijuana that is often mixed with many different chemicals. Users of this drug often have unpredictable behaviors and hallucinations. Spice is not a widely regulated substance and therefore makes it difficult to evict someone for using the substance. Ritchy setup an appointment with the

Nampa Mayor to work on passing a local ordinance to outlaw the use of the drug in its various forms. This problem is currently being addressed at the city level but the Mayor is considering pursuing it at the state level.

Denise learned of a sensory based playground in Spokane and began thinking about the need for a fully accessible playground in Coeur d'Alene. Denise researched fully accessible playgrounds and made a list of her talking points prior to meeting with both the Parks Director and the Recreational Director in Coeur d'Alene. Denise's proposal was well timed to coincide with a needed redesign of an existing recreation area. Denise served on a committee with the Mayor and other prominent business leaders to discuss ideas on how to best develop this area.

### **Ways to become involved in local issues:**

- Talk with small groups or organization to determine the issues.
- Find like minded people, gather supporters.
- Learn what motivates your local leaders to act.
- Identify the local leaders to approach and how to contact them.
- Call to make an appointment with your local leader.
- Research your issues and prepare to meet with your local leaders by writing down talking points. This will help you avoid missing important topics.
- Have current information about the issues you wish to discuss and use personal examples when discussing issues with your leaders.
- Involve the media when appropriate. Bringing the issues into public view via the media may apply the pressure needed to convince local leaders to act.

**Some examples of local leaders are:** Mayor, City Council members, law enforcement, Parks Dept, Transportation Dept, school boards, county commissioners, state agencies, civic and community organizations, Commerce Dept, county clerks, attorneys to help understand laws surrounding the issues

### **MEDICAID MANAGED CARE PRESENTATION – CHRISTINE PISANI**

Christine presented an overview of Idaho's managed care system. See PowerPoint handout.

### **MEMBER AND STAFF REPORTS**

#### **Trina Balanoff (for Julie Fodor)**

The CDHD recently submitted a federal employment grant proposal. We will be partnering with the Council and several other state agencies on this. We received a great letter of support from Senators Crapo and Risch. Only two grants will be awarded.

We also applied for the Stepping Up grant. This is an assistive technology grant that would be run out of the center. This is a multi-year, several million dollar grant.

We are in the process of writing a pregnancy grant. This is a federal multi-year grant to look at pre and postnatal counseling for women with disabilities who are, have been or want to become pregnant.

### **Kelly Hall**

We had a visit from the office of Special Education Programs back in December. We've been working through things that are changing in regards to how the federal government monitors special education services in the schools. The feds want to focus on outcomes in the special education classrooms. They want to know what good outcomes look like for students. They are seeking comments from parents, schools, states, etc. You can go to the Office of Special Ed Programs website to submit comments.

On June 29, 2012, the initial comment period closed for the new temporary rules on school based Medicaid services. The comment period will be reopened with the official submission of those temporary rules. We will be working with IPUL to develop some collaborative training for schools and parents to learn about school based Medicaid services. The official start date for the new school based services will be July 1, 2013. Schools will need to start planning for that rollout. Parents need to start looking at their students IEP's to make sure that they reflect the changes coming next July.

If Congress does not act on a number of things in regards to the federal budget, we could be looking at sequestration. This means that there is the potential for holdbacks of 20% from the budgets of education, Medicaid, military and other federal programs.

People have the opportunity in November to vote on the three Students Come First initiatives from Superintendent Luna. It is important to read the initiatives before going to the polls to vote so that you know what you are voting on and the potential impacts.

The new federal guidelines on seclusion and restraint have come out and the State Department of Education is working with IPUL and DRI to take those guidelines and make them specific to Idaho. The federal guidelines have been shared with all of the school districts.

The Department of Education is making fairly significant changes to the secondary IEP forms so that they actually lead to compliance. The forms are being written in a way that helps teams

answer questions about the student's post school goals. The changes will need to be approved by the State Board prior to putting them into use. Districts are not required to use Department of Education forms but forms used by the districts are very similar with minor modifications.

## **Toni Belknap-Brinegar**

Our family has a new puppy that we have working to house train.

I changed jobs in February and again in May.

## **Dave Dekker**

I recently had gastric bypass surgery and have lost 120 pounds. I feel great and am glad to be back.

Acena has a new hamster named Elmer.

## **Shiloh Blackburn**

SALN has been busy since being awarded a contract with the Council. We have been working hard to put together our first quarterly report due to the Council on August 1<sup>st</sup>. We have been working on updating and adding to our mailing lists because we are getting ready to send out our summer newsletter next week. We formed a hiring committee to create job descriptions for a coordinator and bookkeeper for SALN. We will be posting the job announcements in several places online when the job descriptions are complete. The position announcements will close August 6<sup>th</sup>.

## **Raul Enriquez**

I am the program specialist for the Aging and Disability Resource Center. The goal of the center is to establish a no wrong door policy. Seniors seeking services from Medicaid or other agencies need to provide information to those agencies to get services. We share information with many other agencies so that seniors can get all of the information they need in one stop, regardless of what agency they approach. The center is well equipped to help seniors but is working hard to increase resources for individuals with disabilities. Our steering committee is looking at ways that we can partner with other agencies to make this happen. I would like to present on the role of the Aging and Disability Resource Center at a future Council meeting.

I am also the program specialist for the Senior Community Service Employment Program. This program provides training for people that are 55 and older to learn skills that make them employable. There is a waiting list with this program but we are required to prioritize people

with disabilities. We are currently writing a state plan and I have sought input from Tracy on how to make the plan stronger and inclusive of individuals with disabilities.

## **Colleen Sisk**

The delay in Children's Redesign becoming mandatory has been nice. The extra time has allowed staff and families become more knowledgeable about the redesigned services.

## **Tracy Warren**

A guide has been developed and sent to school districts that outlines the variety of ways students with disabilities can demonstrate that they have met graduation requirements. There are parents reviewing the parent/student version of the guide and IPUL has people reviewing the guide as well. When the review is complete, we will be posting the guide on the Council website. The Department of Education may send it out to schools to give to parents and students.

## **Ritchy Cardwell**

The Nampa Chapter of SALN is having a yard sale this weekend. I have working hard to get things to sell at the yard sale and have been putting out flyers. The Nampa Chapter is working hard at fundraising so that we can send self-advocates to the SABE Conference at the end of August. We just did brush up Nampa. We are also working to recruit new members.

The State SALN Board is looking for a new Secretary. I put my name in for that position.

## **Christine Pisani**

The next statewide Self-Advocacy Conference will be held May 21-23, 2013 at the Boise Centre on the Grove. The focus of the conference will be employment but we will also be providing other self-advocacy workshops. The conference planning committee meets next Thursday and will be discussing having an art contest to select a conference logo design. If you know of a person with disability that might be interested in submitting art work, we would love to hear from them. We will be sending out information after the planning committee meets.

## **ELECTION OF COUNCIL VICE-CHAIR AND CONSUMER REP**

### **Consumer Representative**

- Nominations – Joe Raiden, Dave Dekker, Ritchy Cardwell
  - Ritchy Cardwell declined his nomination
  - Joe Raiden elected Consumer Representative

## Vice-Chair

- Nominations – Paul Tierney, Debra Parsons, Shiloh Blackburn, Toni Belknap-Brinegar,
  - Shiloh Blackburn elected Vice-Chair

## SET MEETING DATES FOR 2013

- January 30, 2013 – February 1, 2013
- April 24, 2013 – April 26, 2013
- July 24, 2013 – July 26, 2013
- October 23, 2013 – October 25, 2013

## MEETING EVALUATION

Meeting evaluations were passed out and collected at the end of the meeting.

## AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

- Council training on preparing to speak with legislators
- Presentation on the Aging and Disability Resource Center – Raul Enriquez
- Go through the Council Self-Assessment
- Amber Blalock presentation on Amputee Conference
- Annual progress report
- Discussion on policy and bylaw changes

## ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.