

Idaho Council on Developmental Disabilities SUMMER QUARTERLY BOARD MEETING - July 26, 2018

Thursday, July 26, 2018

10:05am Call to order

Council Members Present

Ian Bott
Jessica Rachels
Rebekah Forster-Casey
Colleen Sisk
Natali Pellens
Jim Baugh
Emily Petersen
James Steed
DR (Danielle Reff)
Carly Saxe
Jacquie Watson
Holly Giglio
Nanna Hanchett
Kristie Oakes
Joe Raiden
Valerie Hurst

Kevin Bittner (left at 11:25am)
Julie Fodor (joined at 10:40am)
Jacob Head (joined at 11:32am)
Art Evans (joined at 11:40am)

Staff

Christine Pisani
Tracy Warren
Laurie Lowe
Marieke Edwards
Toni Brinegar

Guests

Karen Streagle (for Charlie Silva)

Members Absent

Korynne Donehey
Claudia Suastegui

The Chair asked DR to read the meeting ground rules.

Introduction of new members: DR – a self-advocate, Valerie Hurst – a parent.

Changes to agenda – move the Vice-Chair report to earlier in the agenda.

Approved.

Council Chair Report

The Chair, James Steed presented his report verbally. James traveled to the National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities conference in Washington DC and to Capitol Hill to meet with policymakers. Proposes new culture, for Council operations and relations/communications between members. Members work through chair related to issues and conflicts. Have all members speak up in meetings. Have member reports during meeting to know each other

as a team. James shared his contact information and he will send to all members through email.

Vice Chair election announcement.

Consent Agenda:

Draft meeting minutes from the April 26-27, 2018 Council meeting, Executive Director's report, FY2019 Work Plan, and the Council Policy Governance Procedures, were in the packet and reviewed on the pre-Council meeting conference on April 24th.

- DR moved to accept the April minutes as presented. Joe Raiden seconded. Motion carried.

Financial Report

The financial report was sent to all members via email.

Christine Pisani explained the current financial report.

Nanna Hanchett noted discrepancy in column E – total State/Federal Funds and \$931,179 is the corrected balance.

- Holly Giglio moved to approve the financial report as corrected. Nanna Hanchett seconded. Motion carried.

FY2019 Proposed Work Plan Budget

Christine presented the proposed budget for the FY2019 work plan.

- Jim Baugh moved to accept the work plan budget as presented. DR seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Council Nonpartisan Requirements

Sheryl Matney presented information about our federal law and regulatory requirements related to our advocacy work. DD Act final rule – Broadened “Advocacy Activity” guidance.

Educating policymakers - program instructions are on ITACC Help website at <https://itacchelp.org/>

Non-partisan is an important component.

Official positions taken as a full body on issues or topics. As individuals you may have your own positions and may be partisan, but as a full body we represent our positions in a non-partisan way. A full and fair description of an issue that allows the policymaker to make their own decision. It is not asking them to tell what their position is, or will be. Take a position with an unbiased attitude, consider

there may be other positions, and be neutral. Discuss advantages and disadvantages and compare other solutions.

What if a Council member opposes a position that the Council has taken on an issue? Sheryl – It is the responsibility of all members to accept the vote and position the Council, as a full body, has taken. Members should represent the position of the Council when speaking to policymakers as a representative of the Council. Sheryl shared an example from a different state where this became too difficult for a member, the positions of the Council did not fit with their values/views. In that case, the member decided to resign their position on the Council.

Question/example – when you run into a legislator in the community and they ask you about your thoughts on an issue, you don't know what 'hat' they think you are wearing. So it is best if you identify in your answer something like "As a citizen in your district, I think..."

On social media (like Facebook), you are probably not speaking as a member of the Council, but as an individual and individual disability advocate. However, it is good to check to see if you are representing yourself as a Council member in your comments. Then you want to make sure you are engaging in non-partisan advocacy. Question – should members create a separate "professional page" in addition to their personal page/social media? Jim – members are not authorized to create a "professional" or "official" Council social media page. The Council has its own Facebook page.

Election of Council Vice-Chair

Ian Bott spoke to his nomination to be Vice-Chair of the Council. He shared about his experience and his desire to fill this officer position.

No other nominations were put forward. The Chair asked for a motion.

- Jim Baugh asked for unanimous consent to elect Ian Bott Council Vice-Chair if there are no objections.

There were no objections. Ian Bott was elected Vice-Chair of the Council.

Quarterly Council Meeting Dates

Next meeting date has already been set as November 6-7, 2018.

Discussion of proposed 2019 meeting dates as noted in the meeting packet.

Three sets of fall 2019 meeting dates were discussed. Proposed October 22-23 for the fall meeting in 2019.

- DR moved to accept all proposed dates for 2019 meetings. Emily Peterson seconded. Motion carried.

Agency Reports

Idaho State Dept. of Education, Karen Streagle - Informational document that Karen followed was sent to members.

Disability Rights Idaho, Jim Baugh – New national protection and advocacy program has been awarded to DRI which involves a review of Social Security Administration (SSA) representative payees. A representative payee is a person or entity (organization) who is appointed to control the money that SSA sends to an individual when it is determined the individual cannot manage or control the money themselves. There are many organizational representative payees in Idaho. Representative payees have to follow specific rules. Some payees do not follow the rules and there have been abuse and monetary exploitation by payees. DRI will be able to nominate payees to be reviewed.

DRI has been investigating systemic problems at the Southwest Idaho Treatment Center (SWITC) facility that have led to abuse and neglect. DRI will be submitting a report from the investigation to the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare at the end of August and it will be shared with policymakers and others.

Idaho Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, Nanna Hanchett – Nanna provided an overview of the program with members. The informational document that she followed in her presentation was sent to members.

Division of Medicaid, Art Evans – Medicaid is continuing to work on Community NOW project. Plan to implement person-centered planning services, de-bundling Residential Habilitation, doing transportation differently and other changes. Working with providers on rate methodologies related to cost survey.

Children's services moving into State Plan from the current waiver and work is being done on those services and provider levels. Changing funding structure for family directed services – proposed a flat budget for everyone, but have decided to back up and revisit how budget structure will work. Suggesting individualized budgets based on need for children's intervention services and then get state plan services ("i" benefit package). Vineland assessment tool will be used instead of SIB-R and the Supports Intensity Scale (SIS) will be used to determine need. Rules will be published in October for public comment.

Division of Maternal and Child Health, Jacquie Watson – Overview of program that is intended to support the health of mothers and children. Activities include

funding for specialty pediatric clinics, training for providers to identify and serve special health care needs, screening for infants for certain conditions and connection to care, financial support for children who have certain diagnosis to help pay for medical costs.

Program updates: CMV public education campaign materials have been created, a website launched, and social media campaign. Distributed via email to childcare centers, churches, schools and other entities that serve very young children.

Newborn screening includes a new condition – heart defects in babies. Starting July 1st all newborns are being screened for heart defects.

Contract with IPUL to enhance education and navigation services to families, increase training to parents and professionals, and provide consultation to Division of Maternal and Child Health program.

Center on Disabilities and Human Development, *Julie Fodor* - working on CDHD annual report and new grant opportunity. State Dept. of Education funded Special Education Supports Technical Assistance (SESTA) program had successful conference. Developing and planning for 4 more trainings through SESTA. Piloting student and data about behavior coaching model done in schools for teams who work with students who have behavior difficulties or experience low incidence disabilities. Hired a new director of programs for Idaho STARS project – Melissa Kris. Cari Murphy has been hired as an Associate Director to manage business operations.

Working with partners, including ICDD, to develop a grant proposal to the Administration on Community Living for a 5-year Living Well project focused on improving the monitoring of quality in Home and Community Based (HCBS) services. Grant would support and enhance the work of Community NOW. Proposal will be submitted this week and award notification will happen in September 2018.

Next meeting is November 6-7, 2018. Agenda includes presentation of possible legislative issues and policy.

- DR moved to adjourn the meeting. Valerie Hurst seconded. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 1:06pm