

January 22, 2019

MEMORANDUM

TO: Council Members
FROM: Christine Pisani, Executive Director
RE: February 7-8, 2019 Council Meeting Materials

Attached is the draft agenda and meeting packet for the winter quarterly Council meeting. **We will begin promptly at 8:30 am Thursday morning.** The meeting will be held in the East conference room of the **Joe R. Williams Building, 700 W. State St., Boise.** Please review the packet before the meeting.

We will host two separate pre-Council conference calls on Monday, February 4th. The first will be at 10:00 am Mountain Time (9:00 am Pacific) and the second at 2:30 pm Mountain Time (1:30 Pacific). I encourage all members to join one of these meetings to ask any specific questions they may have. A separate email will be sent out with Zoom call-in information for both pre-Council call meetings.

We will have a number of our advocacy coalition members joining us on Thursday to prep with us for legislative meetings. The Idaho apartment association is redrafting their proposed legislation and was not available at the time of writing this memo. As soon as it becomes available, information will be sent out to all of you for your review. Please review the Medicaid Expansion materials.

After lunch on Thursday, Council members are expected to have meetings set up with their legislators (this does not apply to our state agency representatives). Around 3:45 pm Thursday please make a point to find your legislators before the film to escort them to the Lincoln Auditorium. Please sit with them, as you will have an opportunity to talk with them at the conclusion of the film about how you or your family member experiences home and community based services.

On Friday our meeting will convene at 11:15 am, so members have the opportunity to attend the Joint Health & Welfare Listening Session scheduled from 9-11am in the Lincoln Auditorium. Please see flyer in packet.

If you have questions about any of the packet materials, please call the Council office at 208-334-2178 or 1-800-544-2433.

We look forward to seeing you soon. Travel safely.

Christine Pisani, Executive Director



**Idaho Council on Developmental Disabilities
WINTER QUARTERLY BOARD MEETING
JRW Building, 700 W. State Street, Suite 119
East Conference Room
February 7-8, 2019**

DRAFT AGENDA AT A GLANCE

Thursday, February 7, 2019

- 8:30** **Welcome, Introductions, Review Ground Rules and Agenda Review,**
James Steed, Council Chair
- 8:45** **Building on Council Gifts – All**
- 9:30** **Announcement of Executive Director Evaluation,** James Steed,
Council Chair
- 9:40** **Prep for Legislator Meetings,** Council Members
- 10:15** **Break**
- 10:30** **Prep for Legislator Meetings,** Council Members
- 11:15** **Lunch & Legislative Visits Preparation,** Council Members
- 12:15** **Depart Capitol for Legislative Visits,** Council Members
- 3:45** **Escort Legislators to Lincoln Auditorium in the Capitol,** Council
Members
- 4:00** **Blessings of Liberty Film, Lincoln Auditorium,** Council Members and
Staff
- 5:30** **Governance Committee Meeting**

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Friday, February 8, 2019

If Members wish to testify at the Joint Health & Welfare Listening Session in the Lincoln Auditorium they should plan to be at the Capitol by 7:30 am to sign in. The listening is scheduled from 9:00-11:00 am.

- 11:15** **Welcome**, James Steed, Council Chair
- 11:20** **Chair Report**, James Steed, Council Chair
- 11:30** **Consent Agenda: ACTION***
 - a. Draft minutes November 6-7, 2018 Council Meeting
 - b. Executive Director Report
- 11:35** **Financial Report: ACTION***, Christine Pisani, Executive Director
- 11:45** **Recognize Bryan Clark, Post Register**
- 12:00** **Lunch & Debrief from Meetings & Blessings of Liberty Event**, All Council Members
- 1:00** **Residential Service Options**, Cameron Gilliland, Deputy Director & Stephanie Perry, Project Manager, Family and Community Services, IDHW
- 1:45** **Gaps in Residential Support - Small Group Discussion**, All Council Members
- 2:45** **Council Meeting Evaluation** - Council Members
- 3:00** **Adjourn – Next Council Meeting April 25-26, 2019**

***Items in green require a vote.**

This agenda is subject to change in accordance with the provisions of the Idaho Open Meeting Law. Items may be discussed in a different order than appears on this agenda. Individual items may be moved from one place on the agenda to another by the Council. Time frames designated on this agenda are approximate only. The Council will continue its business in the event that an agenda item is resolved in less than the allotted time.

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Building on Council Gifts

Background Information:

The Council has supported a project that helps individuals discover their Core Gifts and how they can contribute those gifts in their lives, at home and in the community. In the past we have done activities to help Council members identify and share their gifts within our membership. Today we will be doing an activity to help us get to know each other better and acknowledge our collective gifts and contributions that reinforce the purpose of the Council and why we do this work.

Recommended Action:

Please complete the following assignment:

- Think about why you are committed to the Council and the work it does to make positive change for people with intellectual/developmental disabilities in Idaho.
- Create a visual reminder about why you do this work. It could be a paragraph, a collage, a poem, a photo... something that touches the core of why you do this work.
- Please send your finished piece to Tracy by February 4th or bring it to the meeting.

Notes:

Executive Director Evaluation

Background Information:

An evaluation of the Executive Director must be completed by members each year. The evaluation will be completed through Survey Monkey. Computers will be available in the Council office at the lunch break on Thursday, February 7th. Phyllis Pratt (Human Resources Department of Health and Welfare) will work closely with the Council Chair to make sure the process follows all procedures according to state guidelines.

Recommended Action:

Please complete the evaluation and add constructive comments on the evaluation. Council members will need to be available to provide support to one another to complete the evaluation on Survey Monkey. **Staff will not be available to provide support.** The Council Chair will compile the results of the evaluations. A report will be presented to the Council members in a closed Executive session on April 25th at our Council meeting.

Notes:

Medicaid Expansion

Background Information:

1. Parents of children with disabilities:

According to the Department of Health and Welfare, there are currently 8,756 children who are receiving Medicaid based on their disability. Of those, 6,354 children have parents with no coverage.

Note: this information is by children, not by families or parents. There are families with more than one child with a disability, and children may have one or two parents. Therefore, we can say that 6,354 children with a disability have parents with no health insurance coverage. Many of these families would finally get health care through Medicaid Expansion.

1. Direct Care/Support workers:

PHI's Workforce Data Center ¹ indicates that 11,730 Direct Care/Support workers are employed in home and community-based settings in Idaho. ²

The chart below demonstrates that big portions of the Direct Care/Support workers in Idaho are themselves not getting the health care access that they need to continue to be healthy providers.

Category	Home & Community Direct Care Workers	
	# of Workers	Percent
No health insurance coverage	4570	39%
Fall below 138% of poverty	3,980	34%

Medicaid Expansion uses an income level of less than 138% of poverty' to determine whether someone is eligible for Medicaid. For a family of two that is \$22,411 (2018 data). A big portion of the Direct Care/Support workers are both

¹ www.PHInational.org

² <https://phinational.org/policy-research/workforce-data-center/#var=Employment+Trends&states=16>

* Please note that this information is drawn from several information sources utilizing different definitions for the work force. We are using Direct Care/Support workers as the title for a range of worker titles, but all are providing support in home and community-based settings either with the elderly or with people with disabilities. Percentages of workers are drawn from the many charts available at the Workforce Data Center.

uninsured and a big portion meet the Medicaid Expansion income guidelines. We must conclude that many Direct Care/Support workers will get the health care they need through Medicaid Expansion if the Legislature does not dilute it by imposing new restrictions.

Recommended Action:

Please read the information provided in this issue sheet and in the factsheet that will be provided during the meeting. Ask questions. Use this information to inform your legislators about how Medicaid expansion will help parents of children with disabilities and direct care/support workers.

Notes:

Joint Health & Welfare Public Hearing

Background Information:

There will be a joint Health & Welfare Listening Session in the Lincoln Auditorium on Friday morning from 9:00-11:00 am.

Recommended Action:

Read the attached flyer. If you wish to testify, prepare a 3-minute testimony and plan to be at the Capitol by 7:30 am to sign in.

Notes:



FEBRUARY 8TH **PUBLIC HEARING**

Joint Health & Welfare Public Hearing (Senate and House)

The Disability community is strongly encouraged to attend and speak out about:

- Medicaid Expansion
- MTM Non-Emergency Medical Transportation
- Other Health and Welfare Issues of Concern

9:00-11:00 AM

**LINCOLN
AUDITORIUM
STATEHOUSE**

**STATE YOUR CASE
IN 3 MINUTES**

**COME EARLY TO
SIGN IN
(7:30 am)**

**You have a choice,
bring your voice!**

**For more information
please contact:**

**The Idaho Council on
Developmental
Disabilities**

208-334-2178 or e-mail

Info@icdd.idaho.gov

Council Chair Report

Background Information:

The Council Chair will provide a written or verbal report at each quarterly meeting about their activities as a representative of the Council.

Recommended Action:

Listen to the report and contact the Council Chair with any questions.

Notes:

Consent Agenda

Background Information:

The Consent Agenda contains items that require a vote by the Members. If there are items on the Consent Agenda a Member wishes to discuss before that vote a Member may make a motion to move the item to the Business Agenda.

Recommended Action:

Review and approve the Consent Agenda:

- Draft November 6-7, 2018 Meeting Minutes
- Executive Director Activity

Notes:

Idaho Council on Developmental Disabilities

FALL QUARTERLY BOARD MEETING – November 6-7, 2018

DRAFT MINUTES

Tuesday, November 6, 2018

9:01am Call to order by Vice Chair Ian Bott.

Council Members Present

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

Kevin Bittner
Julie Fodor
Jacob Head
Art Evans

Staff

Toni Brinegar
Laurie Lowe
Marieke Edwards
Tracy Warren

Guests

Stephanie Perry
Gary Sandusky
Griselda Camacho
Lilly Pellens

Absent

James Steed
Christine Pisani

Ian read the meeting ground rules and reminded members that cell phone use and texting during the meeting violates open meeting law.

Ian introduced new members: DR – a self-advocate, Valerie Hurst – a parent.

Ian announced that James Steed would be absent. Marsha Bracke, one of the Council contractors scheduled to present will not be able to attend because of illness.

Discussion of Changes to Meeting Agenda

- Holly moved that the Council hear the DRI SWITC report on Wednesday instead of the scheduled Member Reports. Rebekah Forster-Casey seconded. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda

Draft meeting minutes from the July 26, 2018 Council meeting, Executive Director's report, and the Proposed ICDD Trauma Informed Care Position Statement, and the Council Chair report were in the packet and reviewed on the November 1, 2018 pre-Council meeting conference call.

- DR moved to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. Carly Saxe seconded. Motion carried.

Financial Report

Toni Brinegar presented the quarterly financial report for 10/1/16-9/30/18.

Question about 2017 funds being encumbered.

Question about scope of Policy Coalition contract – report coming later today.

- Emily Peterson moved to approve the financial report as presented. Charlie Silva seconded. Motion carried.

Member Conflict of Interest Disclosure

Tracy presented the Conflict of Interest policy and provided examples of potential conflict situations. Members asked questions. Forms to be completed and signed by the end of the meeting on Wednesday.

Kevin Bittner asked if there was time for everyone to introduce themselves.

Council Vice-Chair asked for members to introduce themselves and tell why there are serving on the Council. Members introduced themselves.

Year End Project Report

Marieke Edwards presented the year-end report.

Art Evans reported that the Idaho Statewide Transition Plan was approved by the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). Idaho was the 10th state in the nation to be approved. CMS provided positive feedback on Idaho's plan.

Staff and Cultural Broker supported some Spanish-speaking families to provide comment on the Children's Developmental Disability Service program rules.

1.4 Dual Diagnosis Training - Nanna asked how other agencies could get a list of the mental health clinicians who have been trained so they can increase referrals to trained professionals.

Objective 2.1 was not included in the report but the statewide Supported Decision-Making workshops was mentioned.

Tracy described activities related to objective 2.2 Customized Employment – Division of Vocational Rehabilitation pilot; Social Security Income and Work animated videos completed in Spanish, Long Term Supports/Extended Employment Services working group.

Toni described activities under objective 3.1 including upcoming Partners in Policymaking graduate workshops in 7 locations. These include a half-day Supported Decision-Making training with Amy Cunningham at DRI.

Contractor Reports

Gary Sandusky – Connexus, Statewide Policy Coalition contractor:

Gary provided a report of work completed this past year.

Members present at the regional legislative Community Conversations with legislators shared their impressions. Carly felt that there was a dialogue at the meetings that would not otherwise have happened. Provided opportunities for legislators to have discussions directly with self-advocates and family members. The setting made people feel comfortable to have those discussions. Emily had a different experience this time because she brought her daughter with her. Her daughter was able to share her story and experience. Valerie mentioned that a key to success was holding these outside the legislative session so folks had more time with legislators in a more relaxed atmosphere.

A consideration is that the Community Conversation format could be applied to other issues and projects.

Twin Falls Policy Education Event experienced poor turnout, but a positive outcome was a discussion with College of Southern Idaho to include information for their spring Parent College workshop.

Marsha Bracke – Community NOW! Facilitation contractor:

In Marsha's absence Tracy presented information about Community NOW! activities.

Members reviewed a visual of the Person Centered Planning model and discussed proposals. Members were invited to review the My Choice Matters website.

Griselda Camacho – Cultural Broker contractor:

Griselda presented a summary of activities over the past year. Guests that have been a part of Griselda's outreach and education included: Daniela Corona, Daniela Gomez, Aracely Gomez, Marilu Moreno. Each guest shared their experiences over the past year.

Draft 2021 Work Plan

Tracy presented a draft plan to be submitted this year with our annual Program Performance Report. The Administration on Disabilities requires submission of our draft annual work plans for fiscal years 2020 and 2021 with our 2018 PPR. The Council has already approved draft plans for FY2019 and FY2020.

- Rebekah Forster-Casey made a motion approve the 2021 Annual Work Plan as presented. Korynne Donehey seconded. Motion passed.

Presentation on Living Well Grant

Julie presented an outline of the Living Well grant and work plan. The grant includes agreements with Disability Rights Idaho, Idaho Council on Developmental Disabilities and the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare.

Julie provided the grant abstract. She described in three parts:

1. Build a self-advocate led health and safety monitoring system designed to protect adults living in HCBS settings;
2. Create a career pathway to ensure that service providers support individuals in ways aligned with person-centered practices and self-determination; and
3. Provide training so individuals have the tools to advocate, protect, and guide their own lives.

Blessings of Liberty Film Review

Council Members viewed the film "Blessings of Liberty" produced by the Council. The film features individuals with I/DD and families speaking to the value of Medicaid HCBS services. Members shared reactions to the film and the emotional impact of the strong message it holds. Many members expressed how proud they are that the Council has produced this film.

Jim Baugh asked, if after seeing the film, we understood the message that most of the public thinks of Medicaid as insurance for the poor not realizing it is about much more than medical insurance. Some members responded that they did not get that specific message but maybe it could be included in an introduction to the film.

Claudia shared about attending national Y training and the training they are rolling out around the country about diversity, disability and inclusion called “diversability.”

Winter Council Meeting Planning

Discussion about the February 7-8 Council meeting and the event featuring the film. Members would meet with their district Legislators one on one in the early afternoon and accompanying them to the Lincoln Auditorium for the screening of the film with time for one on one conversation after the film to discuss how HCBS services are accessed in their own lives.

- Art Evans moved that the Council show the film to our policymakers at the legislature. Rebekah Forster-Casey seconded. Motion carried.

Suggestions to show to additional audiences: Art expressed interest in showing it to staff at the Department of Health and Welfare. Charlie would like to show it to the Special Education Advisory Panel.

Meeting adjourned for the day at 4:02pm.

Wednesday, November 7, 2018

8:25am Call to order by Vice Chair Ian Bott.

Council Members Present

Ian Bott
Jessica Rachels
Rebekah Forster-Casey
Colleen Sisk
Natali Pellens
Jim Baugh
Emily Petersen
DR (Danielle Reff)
Carly Saxe
Jacquie Watson
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Valerie Hurst
Korynne Donehey
Claudia Suastegui

Julie Fodor
Jacob Head
Art Evans

Staff

Laurie Lowe
Marieke Edwards
Toni Brinegar
Tracy Warren

Guests

Jill Matthews, for Charlie Silva
Mike Witry
Blake Brumfield
Cameron Gilliland
Lilly Pellens

Absent

James Steed
Kevin Bittner
Charlie Silva
Christine Pisani

Ian read the meeting ground rules and reminded members to ask questions of the presenters while they are here. They are the experts on the topics presented today.

2019 Policy Slate – Issue Presentations

Toni reviewed the policy slate that members for members to consider. She described the process the Council uses to determine priorities for Council involvement.

Changes to Landlord Tenant Laws

Mike Witry – Intermountain Fair Housing Council presented on a possible bill about a process that would speed up the landlord eviction process. This proposed

legislation is being brought by Idaho Apartment Association. This proposal means that all evictions, no matter the reason, are expedited. All a landlord would have to say in the proceedings is “the tenant has violated the lease.” Renters often do not have specific information about reasons for the eviction before the proceedings. This makes it hard for renters to gather evidence. The Idaho Apartment Association states they are in favor of this legislation because it is their argument that landlords aren’t coming to Idaho because the state does not have effective eviction tools like in Utah.

A mandatory eviction is that a tenant has committed a crime – which can be that the landlord “believes” that somebody who lives on the property has committed a crime. When an eviction is expedited it is hard to defend because of the limited time to collect the evidence needed to present that you did not commit the alleged crime.

Domestic violence victims are effected if there is a vulnerable adult protection violation (a crime - even when it is the caregiver who has made the violation). The landlord is in a position to state: “You are both out!” There is a provision that if you are a victim we will not evict you, but there must have police involvement. You have only a couple of days to state gather evidence and state your case to prove your innocence, etc.

Currently, if there are conditions at your property that put your health and safety at risk you can ask the landlord to fix it and if they don’t, you can go to court. This bill says that if you are not in compliance with all material in the lease agreement, the landlord can refuse to make repairs (person leaving their bike out of the bike rack example). Currently, a landlord has a duty to return your security deposit within 30 days, if not, you can go to court. This proposed legislation states that a tenant must request their deposit back using specific language. If the specific language is not used, the landlord may not return the deposit and there would be no penalty to the landlord.

In summary, this bill makes it very difficult for tenants and their counsel to defend an eviction case.

Jim mentioned that the Consortium for Idahoans with Disabilities (CID) opposed this in last year’s legislature.

Wheelchair accessible housing – if you are evicted it is very difficult to find other accessible housing. People with disabilities have a difficult time defending case. Individuals on the DD Waiver who use supported living have less control over who

their roommates are and may have a roommate who does things that put them at risk of eviction.

Mr. Witry says the purpose of this proposed legislation is to expedite evictions and there are many things that are problematic for people with disabilities. Jim Baugh explained that it is likely that CID will oppose the final version of this proposal and suggests that the Council may want to inform policymakers how it could be detrimental to individual with I/DD.

Mike reported that Utah uses a process that includes incentives for landlords to hire attorneys for free to start the eviction process and send renters to collections. When successful, attorneys get paid partly through the 3 times damages and a 40% fee for it going to collections.

Prejudice against service animals is part of the process as well. A landlord can make a call directly to a doctor to confirm service animal. If doctor not available to confirm (directly) the landlord can claim the person is misrepresenting their animal as a service animal. This could be a violation of the lease.

Once a person is evicted it goes on their record. All complaints against a tenant go into database and internet apps where landlords can view all the data and may use the information to refuse to rent to people.

Amendment to Idaho Criminal Statute Related to the Evaluation of People with Disabilities Standing Trial for a Crime

Blake Brumfield and Cameron Gilliland from the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare (IDHW) Family and Community Services Division presented this proposed legislation. If a person with a disability violates the law or is charged with a crime, the judge can say that they feel the person cannot understand the process and are not able to work with an attorney to defend themselves. IDHW Court and Crisis teams may be able to help in these situations with this proposed legislation.

Currently the court may decide who or what entity will conduct an evaluation of a person's ability to participate in court proceedings. It can be done by a single psychologist or the IDHW evaluation committee (a team of people who are trained and have experience in developmental disability and mental health). The team is made up of a psychologist, social worker, and physician. Many evaluators IDHW uses are board certified in forensic assessment. A concern that IDHW has is the use of a psychologist who may be informed about mental health issues but not informed about developmental disabilities.

The Court may decide that IDHW or the Department of Corrections must provide restoration (needed treatment for a person determined to be unable to understand and participate). This means that a person would be committed to the State. IDHW feels that with a better evaluation, by knowledgeable folks, some people may avoid being committed to the state. There is a push for individuals with I/DD to retain their rights. This legislation proposes that the court defer individuals in this situation to the IDHW evaluation committee to do the assessment.

Member question – what happens if a person who has a guardian is charged with a crime? Response: If the crime is a felony, the person would still go through this evaluation/commitment process. Having a guardian does not protect someone from being charged and going through the court process.

Jim Baugh expressed concern that Idaho has an unclear and conflicting definition of DD in code and the only requirement is that a developmental disability be suspected for people to go through this process. This legislation proposes the removal of some of the flexibility on the part of the court to make a referral in the process. If someone is ‘suspected’ of having a developmental disability, the court would be locked into referral to the IDHW evaluation committee. The proposed legislation removes the courts discretion.

IDHW feels that this would provide better, more thorough evaluation done by a committee that has the expertise and resources to gather information about the individual versus a private psychologist that may have more difficulty getting information needed within the 30 day timeline.

IDHW wants to put the expertise ‘up front’ with the evaluation committee. Sometimes people with mental health needs may be referred to DD area where the competency proceeding takes a long time. Mental health determination can take just a few days. People are in custody until the evaluation process is done - either waiting in jail or other custody for a minimum of 90 days.

There was discussion regarding the difference between having a DD and an intellectual disability that causes a person to be considered ‘unfit.’ Art stated that he sees a lot of misunderstanding in the court system about DD. He sees that this legislation is intended to help folks get a better evaluation by a team who has the expertise needed.

Cameron asked if alternative language would be helpful such as the use of “intellectual” disability instead of “developmental” disability. Jim said it could be an improvement.

Walk and Talk – Team Building Activity

Time was giving for Council members to spend one-on-one time with each other in answering a question.

Proposed Amendment to the Battery Against Healthcare Workers

Jim Baugh said that this proposed amendment may not happen this session, as he was unsure who the sponsor of the bill would be.

Simple battery is unwanted physical touching that doesn't result in injury and is considered a misdemeanor that may result in a one year sentence. Aggravated battery results in injury and is considered a felony and minimum sentence of a five year sentence. The Idaho Hospital Association passed legislation that added language that a simple battery would become a felony and have a minimum sentence of three years.

If you are charge with a crime of battery, even due to a mental illness you may be found guilty of a felony in Idaho. Last year an amendment was proposed by Representative Christy Perry to make an exception if a person has a mental illness. Negotiated language developed last year could be brought forward this year. The Hospital Association opposes the exception as they do not want to reduce their protections.

Jim said they need to find a new sponsor (legislator) and determine if this is a DisAbility Rights Idaho amendment or a Consortium for Idahoans with Disabilities amendment.

Proposition 2 – Medicaid Expansion

Jim Baugh shared that the ballot initiative for Medicaid Expansion was approved by voters on Nov 6. Medicaid coverage is not diagnosis driven – it is income driven – must be uninsured household with income below 138% of the Federal poverty level.

About 23,000 people with serious mental illness who receive treatment through IDHW for their illnesses each year will likely be covered under Medicaid expansion.

Direct Care Staff, because they earn low wages, may meet income eligibility and be covered under this provision.

Idaho Freedom Foundation is expressed opposition on the basis that it will be bad for people with disabilities because Idaho Medicaid may cut Home and Community Based Services to pay for this new provision to cover newly eligible people.

What's next: Legislature must do certain things to implement Medicaid Expansion:

- Must appropriate money to Medicaid to pay for the required 10% state match to federal funds. This is estimated to be about \$33 million.
- IDHW/Medicaid must amend their state plan to include this coverage.

The legislature can repeal a law created by voters, they have done so in the past. There have been some legislators who have said that they would vote to repeal this initiative if it passed. Some states have used Medicaid 1115 waivers to add work requirements for 'able-bodied' people eligible to be covered or in other ways creates limitations.

Required State match funds can be found. There is currently a surplus from 2017 state budget of around \$100 million. The needed funds might be balanced with reduction to the catastrophic health care fund and the county indigent fund.

Award to Steve Millward, IDHW Certified Family Home Program, CFH Program Manager Licensing and Certification for his work to support Spanish speaking families and individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Mr. Millward worked to make curriculum for required medications classes in Spanish to families seeking certified family certification to meet the qualifications required. He has suggested translating CFH rules into Spanish so Spanish speaking providers may understand the regulations they are expected to follow. Certified Family Home parent, Irma Moncada read a letter of appreciation to Steve and Griselda Camacho provided interpretation for Irma. Mr. Millward was presented with an award certificate.

Setting the 2018 ICDD Policy Priorities

Idaho Landlord Tenant Laws

- Rebekah Forster-Casey moved to set this as a Priority 2 – Lending Support, Korynne Donehey seconded. Art Evans and Kristie Oakes abstained. Motion passed.

Evaluation of People with Disabilities Standing Trial for a Crime

Jim Baugh presented new information that Blake Brumfield sent during the lunch hour – the current statute and highlighted language in subsection 9 that was left out of the proposed legislation presented by FACS. Council members had many questions that could only be answered by FACS and wanted to get more information to clarify.

- Korynne Donehey moved to make this a Priority 3 – Monitor until we get more information. Joe Raiden seconded. Art Evans and Jacquie Watson abstained. Motion passed.

Battery Against Healthcare Workers

The Council's role could be to support entities opposing this legislation by informing policymakers on the impact of the proposed law to the disability community and people with I/DD.

- Emily Petersen moved that we set this issue as a Priority 3 - Monitor, Valerie Hurst seconded. Motion passed.

Discussion: We don't know if this legislation will move forward, but if it does, members feel the Council should support it.

- Emily Petersen made a motion to set this as a priority 3 and Val seconded. Emily withdrew her original motion and made substitute motion to set as Priority 2 – Lending Support, Korynne Doneney seconded. Art Evans, Nanna Hanchett, Jacquie Watson and Valerie Hurst abstained. Motion passed.

Medicaid Expansion

The Council's role could be to inform policymakers about the indirect benefit to the DD community in that direct support workers may be able to get health insurance coverage.

- Julie Fodor moved to set as Priority 2 – Lending Support, Joe Raiden seconded. Art Evans and Jacquie Watson abstained. Motion passed.

Public Policy Ad hoc Committee

Toni asked who would like to serve on the Ad-Hoc public policy committee during this session. Volunteers are: Joe, DR, Rebekah, Korynne, Jim, Emily, Natali, Colleen and Jessica.

“No Place to Call Home” – DisAbility Rights Idaho SWITC Report

Jim Baugh provided information about what was included in DisAbility Rights Idaho (DRI) Southwest Idaho Treatment Center (SWITC) investigation and report.

The full report is available on the DisAbility Rights Idaho website:

<https://disabilityrightsidaho.org/> Discussion and questions followed with Jim answering and providing clarification, however, most questions could be answered in reviewing the report.

Toni requested volunteers to serve on an Ad-Hoc Governance Committee to review Council By-Laws. Ian, Holly and DR.

Meeting Evaluation

What went well:

- Lunches good.
- Everyone missed having Christine at the meeting
- Having more and longer breaks good – helped to socialize and make connections.
- Everything was educational
- Ian did a good job chairing the meeting

What could have been better:

- Cold in here – Hot in here.
- Better use of microphones by everyone.
- Some conversations seemed like there were only a few people talking

Meeting Adjournment

- Rebekah Forster-Casey moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:02pm, Jacob Head seconded. Motion passed.

Council Executive Director Activity**Summary of Council Director Activity
October 1, 2018 – December 31, 2018
February 8, 2019**

- **October 1-5, 2018**

Staff meeting

Work on Blessings of Liberty film

Joint Finance & Appropriation Committee Meeting on NEMT MTM Contractor

Person Centered Planning Implementation Workgroup

Prepare information to be presented at fall Council meeting

Review and finalize Community Care Advisory Council meeting agenda

Living Well Grant Planning Meeting

Human Resource Meeting

Call with Council Chair

- **October 8-November 16, 2018**

Medical Leave

- **November 19-23, 2018**

Post-Council Staff meeting

Vicarious Trauma Training for Staff Part 2

Meeting with Rep. Wintrow and Sheriff Henry Rexburg

Human Resource Meeting

Living Well Grant Planning Meeting

Idaho Coordinated Response Meeting

DD Network Event Planning Meeting

Work on 2019 Budget

Call with Council Chair

- **December 3-7, 2018**

Meeting with Gary Sandusky RE: Statewide Coalition

Meeting with Council Chair – Council meeting Prep

Pre-Council phone call meeting

Chair Community Care Advisory Council

Call with Noah Seidel WA State Ombudsman Office

Work on film

New Member Orientation

Council meeting

Post staff Council meeting

Meeting with Office of Performance Evaluation staff RE: SWITC Study

- **December 10-14, 2018**

Vacation

Work on film

- **December 17-21, 2018**

Meeting with Director Geddes RE: Partners Program

Phone meeting with AIDD Federal Officer for On-Site Puerto Rico DD Council

Compliance Review

Cal with Council Chair

Meeting with Court and Crisis Team Dual Diagnosis training

Work on film

Work on financial transactions

- **December 24-28, 2018**

Call with Matt Wappett, Director, Utah State University and Libby Oseguera,

Director, Utah DD Council to prep for consultation to the Utah DD Network

Travel to north Idaho with Molly Kafka, ACLU staff

Meetings with families and self-advocates in Orofino and Moscow

Meeting with Moscow SALN members

Meeting with DD Network Partners and Gary Sandusky

Work on financial transactions

Call with Julie Brown, Contractor for Dual Diagnosis Training

Meeting with Mental health counselor regarding vicarious trauma training for staff

Call with Council Chair

Review and edit reports

Attend Idaho Coordinated Response meeting

Contractor RE: MTM contract

Financial Report Second Quarter – Federal Fiscal Year 2019

Background Information:

A financial statement reflecting our fund balance and the amount spent to date in this Fiscal Year will be presented at the Council meeting. The Council operates on a federal Fiscal Year (October 1- September 30). The Council is responsible for overseeing and approving the budget.

Recommended Action:

Review and approve the financial report that will be distributed at the meeting.

Notes:

Recognition of Outstanding Reporting

Background Information:

The Council will recognize Bryan Clark of the Post Register for reporting issues impacting people with disabilities respectfully, with accurate information, and thoroughly. Two examples of news reports Bryan Clark are provided.

Recommended Action:

Participate in the recognition of Bryan Clark at the Council meeting. Thank him personally for his work on behalf of the disability community.

Notes:

Crowd gathers in I.F. to oppose Medicaid cuts

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More than 100 people rallied Monday in front of the offices of Rep. Mike Simpson and Sen. Mike Crapo. They were there to protest proposed cuts to Medicaid under the American Health Care Act, which recently passed the House but has yet to be taken up by the Senate. Both Simpson and Rep. Raúl Labrador voted for the bill.

The bill is projected to leave tens of millions uninsured while achieving small deficit reductions and large tax cuts for high-income households.

Julie Gonzales told the assembled crowd that the bill reflects poorly on American society.

"The true measure of any society can be found in how it treats its most vulnerable members," she said, repeating a quote commonly attributed to Mahatma Gandhi.

Gonzales' daughter, Macie, has autism severe enough that she cannot speak. When Macie was first diagnosed, Gonzales said, "I had no idea what to do."

"I was scared and alone," she said. "This is something I knew nothing about."

She found caregivers who gave her daughter a variety of services that have helped her function better, she said.

"Finally, I thought someone was there to help," Gonzales said. "And they did so much to help."

And all of those caregivers were funded by Medicaid, she said.

Gonzales said her daughter is currently working to learn typing as an alternative means of expressing what she is thinking. It's early in the process, but Gonzales is hopeful. If Medicaid is cut severely, however, she worries that her daughter might never gain the ability to communicate.

Holly Giglio is the mother of an 18-year-old boy with Down's syndrome and autism. He, too, is nonverbal. Giglio said despite her family earning a good income, many services her child needs, including services in school and therapy, would be unattainable without Medicaid.

"My husband works at the site," she said. "My husband makes decent money. We have excellent health care. But we needed Medicaid."

James Steed, a member of the Idaho Council on Developmental Disabilities who is himself disabled, blasted the AHCA as a measure that would do great harm to people like him.

"Eight-hundred billion dollars — that's what they want to take away from Medicaid," Steed told the crowd. "That takes away people's ability to live on their own. ... That takes away the possibility of them living a life free, with choice and control of their own lives."

The AHCA is, in fact, projected to cut \$834 billion from Medicaid over the next decade.

Over the next decade, the bill would reduce the deficit by \$119 billion, or about 1.3 percent of the **cumulative \$9.3 trillion in**

deficits expected in the coming decade. A much larger portion of the money saved through the cuts, about \$664 billion, would go to tax reductions for high-income households, eliminating fees imposed on medical device manufacturers and excise tax reductions.

According to estimates by the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office, about one in six Medicaid recipients would lose coverage under the AHCA, about 14 million nationwide, over the next decade. That doesn't factor in population growth. The declines are expected to continue growing steadily after that.

The Government Accountability Office's report on Medicaid, released last month, doesn't contain estimates of the prevalence of Medicaid waste, abuse or fraud. It notes that oversight of the program is hindered by inadequate reporting by states.

"Complete and accurate data on state financing and payments to individual providers is essential for (the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Studies) to effectively oversee state Medicaid programs," the GAO wrote. "Without more transparent information on state funding sources and program payments, CMS is unable to determine whether program expenditures are appropriate or to ensure the fiscal integrity of the program."

Several people at Monday's rally said there may be problems with fraud in Medicaid. But there's no reason to think just cutting spending will help to reduce waste, abuse or fraud, they said. Doing so would require funding additional oversight.

The AHCA allows states a choice between taking a lump yearly sum for Medicaid services (what's called a "block grant") or give states a limited yearly amount per Medicaid enrollee (what's called a "per capita cap").

The one major prior example of turning an entitlement into a block grant is the Temporary Aid for Needy Families program,

which replaced the old Aid for Families with Dependent Children program, colloquially known as “welfare,” in the mid-1990s.

As the Post Register previously reported, 20 years after Idaho took over managing the TANF block grant, fewer than 100 families receive any cash assistance. That can’t be explained by falling poverty rates since poverty rates have risen sharply over that period both statewide and nationally. The population living in the most extreme poverty, families subsisting on less than \$2 per person per day, has roughly doubled nationwide.

Matt Wimmer, who directs the Medicaid program in Idaho, previously said a block grant system could allow the state the flexibility to innovate and provide better care, so long as it didn’t involve major cuts in spending over time.

“On the other hand, a capped block grant would be a challenge and a distinct threat to Idaho’s ability to serve its people effectively,” Wimmer said in February. “It would initially allow states to design more efficient and effective programs, but medical inflation would gradually decrease its value, which in turn could require tough decisions on eligibility, service array and provider reimbursement.”

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Group at BYU-Idaho reviews health care landscape

■ Calls for state action on Medicaid gap despite federal funding uncertainty

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REXBURG — Officials from Close the Gap presented information on Idaho's health care landscape at Brigham Young University-Idaho on Tuesday.

Close the Gap is a coalition of groups that supports

state action to provide health coverage to the roughly 78,000 Idahoans in the Medicaid Gap.

The keynote address was given by Brian Whitlock, president and CEO of the Idaho Hospital Association.

Elected officials attending the meeting included Senate Pro Tem Brent Hill, R-Rexburg; Sen. Tony Potts, R-Idaho Falls; Rep. Bryan Zollinger, R-Idaho Falls; Rep. Karey Hanks, R-Island Park; Sen. Mary Souza, R-Coeur d'Alene; and Rexburg Mayor Jerry

Merrill. Staffers for Sen. Jim Risch, Sen. Mike Crapo and Rep. Mike Simpson also were in attendance, as were members of BYU-Idaho's social work program.

Whitlock said state health care policy had been clouded recently by uncertainty from the federal level, and after a series of failed health care packages proposed earlier this year, the picture remains murky. Congress still hasn't

■ The talk also highlighted the role of Medicaid

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Kevin Swearingen, left, speaks about Medicaid alongside Lana Gonzales, center, and Shiloh Blackburn during a Tuesday forum at Brigham Young University-Idaho.

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HEALTH

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renewed funding for the Children's Health Insurance Program, which insures about 36,000 kids around the state, he noted, and those children could start losing coverage by the end of the year.

Higher costs in the individual market have been produced by President Donald Trump's decision to end cost-sharing reduction subsidies, he said, and proposals to allow new types of health plans that allow individuals with pre-existing conditions to be excluded threaten to undermine steps toward universal coverage. Proposed changes to the tax code are projected to produce \$1.5 trillion in new debt, and Congress may seek to offset that by cutting programs such as Medicare and Medicaid, he said.

Despite the ongoing uncertainty, Whitlock said, "there are still some things that need to be done."

The Affordable Care Act was designed under the assumption that all 50 states would expand Medicaid, but that provision was struck down by the U.S. Supreme Court. In states that didn't expand, this led to unexpected "gap" populations.

The ACA foresaw two main routes for coverage other than traditional employer-based coverage. The individual market would be dominated by state health care exchanges where insurers could compete for customers. The less money an individual made, the more of their premiums and out-of-pocket costs would be covered by federal subsidies. But those subsidies end at the federal poverty level, because it was assumed people poorer than that would be covered under expanded Medicaid.

But since Idaho and

some other states have declined Medicaid expansion, individuals who make too much to qualify for Medicaid but not enough to qualify for premium subsidies don't have any options.

And Whitlock highlighted a proposal from the Department of Health and Welfare and the Department of Insurance that aims to provide some relief to those in the Medicaid gap. Called a "dual waiver," the policy would involve obtaining permission for the state to break with two sections of the Affordable Care Act in order to design a system that would provide cheap, but not free, coverage to those in the gap.

One of the two proposed waivers would use exchanges and federal subsidies, rather than Medicaid expansion, to make purchasing insurance on Your Health Idaho more affordable for those in the gap. One, referred to as a 1332 waiver, would extend federal premium subsidies to those in the gap, allowing them to purchase plans on Your Health Idaho with the bulk of the cost covered by federal subsidies.

A typical family in the gap could obtain coverage for as little as \$10 per month, Whitlock said.

A second waiver, called an 1115, would allow a small group of patients with very high medical expenses to be placed on Medicaid. Those would include patients with conditions such as hemophilia, metastatic cancer, blood diseases, cystic fibrosis, several severe types of cancer, multiple sclerosis and bone marrow diseases.

Whitlock noted that 2 percent of patients who are extremely sick account for nearly half of all health care costs. Transferring high-cost patients to Medicaid would significantly reduce the claims paid out by insurance companies,

driving down costs for the rest of the market. In design, the waiver resembles, but isn't identical to, a high-risk pool.

The talk also highlighted the role of Medicaid in providing coverage to children and those with disabilities.

Several members of the local disability advocacy community, including Kevin Swearingen of Goshen, Lana Gonzales of Idaho Falls and Shiloh Blackburn of Pocatello, participated in a discussion on the importance of Medicaid for those with disabilities.

Swearingen said without Medicaid he could neither afford a wheelchair to get around nor the physical therapy he needs to prevent his muscles from seizing up.

"I would be crumpled up (without therapy)," he said. "I wouldn't be able to be here."

Gonzales said she has a daughter with autism who can't speak and has only been able to pursue written communication because of programs funded by Medicaid. Blackburn lives independently in Pocatello. She participates actively in self-advocacy for the disabled, including regular trips for meetings in Boise and to give talks. She said Medicaid is the only thing keeping her from being confined to a nursing facility.

Whitlock said despite setbacks in prior years, when Medicaid expansion was discussed among legislators but no action was taken, the renewed discussion of the state's health care system provides opportunities for progress. He said he believes outright Medicaid expansion is unlikely to move forward, but the dual waiver program could provide concrete benefit.

"We're optimistic," he said in an interview. "It's an opportunity for the Legislature to be compassionate."

Residential Options

Background Information:

The Division of Family and Community Services within the Department of Health & Welfare are at the beginning stages of researching the needs of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities who experience crisis, and are in need of a residential option that may not yet exist in the state of Idaho.

Representatives from the Division will provide a presentation about the topic and have Council members break into three small groups for a discussion about the following questions:

Residential Options - Small Group Conversation Starters

1. Have you or someone you know not been able to live where they wanted because the support they needed was more than the family/staff could provide?
2. If it became necessary for you to move, were there options that could meet your needs?
3. During this time, was there a service or support that was not available to you that would have been helpful?
4. What services/supports do you know of that keep people living where they want to? What service/supports were helpful to you when experiencing crisis?
5. Are there barriers to our current residential options (Supported Living, Certified Family Home, ICF/ID, SWITC) that prevent the best support to people experiencing crisis or complex needs? What are some possible solutions to these barriers?
6. Related to crisis services, does anybody have experience with other states or heard of things other states do that we should explore?

Recommended Action:

1. Ask questions if you have them of the presenters.
2. Share your experience with the questions asked in the small group discussion.

Notes:

Council Chair Responsibilities

Background Information:

A copy of a presentation is provided in your packet to help members understand the full responsibility of a Council Chair to the Council. There are more responsibilities to the Council than leading the quarterly Council meetings.

Recommended Action:

Please ask the current Chair any questions you may have and consider your current and future time commitments. Also consider your ability to follow through with the many, sometimes difficult responsibilities.

Notes:

THE IMPORTANCE OF COUNCIL CHAIR



WHERE TO START?

Ask yourself:

- Do I understand what the Council does?
- Do I understand who the Council serves?
- Do I have the desire and motivation to learn?
- Do I have the passion to be the voice of all 23 members of the Council?



***If your answers to these questions is “YES!”
you should move forward!***

ROLES OF COUNCIL CHAIR



James Steed, Council Chairman, and
Gary Sandusky, Advocacy Coalition
Contractor

- Preside over each Council meeting
- Partner with ED on Council agendas
- Preside over special meetings
- Speak at Council sponsored events
- Oversee ED and provide guidance and support
- Provide annual performance evaluation to ED
- Address issues with members when they arise

ROLES OF COUNCIL CHAIR (CONT.)

Review and contribute to Council materials:

- Council communication to the public
- Letters from the Council to agencies and organizations from the Council
- Federal and state mandated reports
- Contribute guest opinions to newspapers



James Steed, Council
Chairman
Julie Brown, Dual Diagnosis
Trainer

ADDITIONAL DUTIES OF COUNCIL CHAIR

Conflict Resolution



- Help resolve conflict between members
- Communicate directly with the ED
- Work with members when they have concerns with staff
- Resolve attendance issues with members
- Work directly with the Membership Committee when a member is demonstrating behavior that negatively impacts the Council

AVERAGE TIME COMMITMENT OF THE CHAIR

- Monthly meetings with the Executive Director: **1-2 hours per month (12 hours a year)**
- Draft Chair Report for Council meetings: **1 hour each quarter (4 hours a year)**
- Review/Develop Council meeting agendas: **1 hour each quarter (4 hours a year)**
- Attend Council Meetings: **2 days per quarter, except summer (53 hours a year not including travel)**
- Participate on Council ad hoc committees: **10 hours a year**
- Address member concerns and address individual membership issues: **(15 hours a year)**
- Attend NACDD Conference: **3 days a year (72 hours not including travel)**
- **Average Annual Time Commitment = 170 hours per year**



NEXT STEP: SUBMIT A NOMINATION

Nominate Yourself

- Between Winter & Spring meetings, complete a nomination form
- Send it to Council staff 3 weeks before the Winter Council meeting
- Prepare a 2-3 minute speech to present to the members at the Spring Council meeting

Nominations will be taken during the Spring Council meeting, however, candidates who choose to wait until the Council meeting will be at a disadvantage because members will not have time to review their written nomination form

NEXT STEP: SUBMIT A NOMINATION

Nominate Someone

- Talk to the person to make sure they want the job
- Work with them to submit the nomination form 3 weeks before the Spring meeting
- If they want help offer to help with for the Spring Council meeting

Election of Council Chair

Background Information:

Each spring, the Council elects a person to serve as Chair of the Council for the coming year. After the Council selects someone the name is forwarded to the Governor for appointment. This position is limited to members of the Council who are self-advocates, parents, or guardians. The responsibilities of this position and a nomination form are listed after this page.

Recommended Action:

If you are interested in serving as Council Chair, please review the attached pages regarding Chair responsibilities, talk to the current Chairperson and evaluate whether you have the time necessary to dedicate to this position. If you know of someone on the Council that you think would be a good Chair you may nominate them, but be sure to ask their permission first. If you are interested in running for Council Chair, please do the following:

- Complete the “Chair Nomination Form” and send back to Council staff 3 weeks before the Spring Council meeting. All nomination forms will be included in the packet so that Council members have time to review all Chair candidates
- Prepare a 2-3 minute speech about why you would be a good candidate for this position and why you are interested in serving as Council Chair and be prepared to deliver this speech at the Spring Council meeting.

The Council Chair election will be held during the Spring Council meeting.

Notes:

Council Chair Responsibilities:

Being the Chair of the Council is a significant responsibility and time commitment. The activities and responsibilities, unless otherwise delegated, of the Council Chair shall include, but not be limited to the following:

1. Preside at all Council meetings;
2. Present policy for consideration by the Council membership;
3. Develop agendas for Council meetings;
4. May be a delegate at National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities (NACDD) activities and assist in the information sharing and policy implementation of NACDD;
5. Serve as liaison to other organizations and government entities unless otherwise delegated directly by the Chair, or by full Council vote, whichever the Chair may choose;
6. With the Executive Director, initiate and maintain ongoing communication with Council membership between quarterly meetings;
7. Report to the full Council at each regular meeting on activities performed on behalf of the Council; and
8. Perform Annual Executive Director Evaluation

All other duties as outlined by Council membership, by-laws and policy.

To meet the responsibilities listed above the Chair should be able to commit time and identify local support (as needed) to do many behind the scenes activities such as:

- Represent the Council at public meetings
- Address individual membership issues
- Review and write materials such as:
 - Council newsletter articles and Chair letter for annual report
 - Letters to other organizations from the Council
 - Help with the development and review of various reports
- Send out and compile all Council member input for annual Executive Director evaluation
- Meet regularly with the Council Executive Director (usually bi-monthly and can be more often during Council meeting months) to discuss Council governance, preparation for Council meetings, and any current opportunities and responsibilities in representing the Council
- Work directly with current members when problems and issues arise (such as attendance issues, discipline issues, etc.)

**COUNCIL NOMINATION FORM**

Seeking Office As:	CHAIR
Name:	
Address:	
City/State/Zip:	
Nominated By:	
Number of Years on Council:	
Past Committee Assignments:	
Present Committee Assignments:	
Offices Previously Held:	
Outside Associated Groups:	
Other Relevant Activities:	
Reason for Seeking Office:	

Member Recruitment

Background Information:

Each year some Council positions become vacant because terms expire, people resign, or choose not to re-apply. Council members help with member recruitment by sharing announcements and helping to identifying possible candidates to apply. **Applications are due by March 1st.** An ad-hoc Membership Committee will be formed from Council members who are **not** re-applying for membership this year. The Committee will review applications, conduct interviews with applicants, and make recommendations to the Governor for appointment. This year the following terms expire and will need to reapply if desired or required:

- Kevin Bittner, Aging
- Jacquie Watson, Maternal and Child Health
- Joe Raiden, Person with a developmental disability - **All terms completed**
- Korynne Donehey, Person with a developmental disability
- Holly Giglio, Parent
- Rebekah Forster-Casey, Parent
- Jessica Rachels, Parent
- Emily Peterson, Parent

Recommended Action:

3. Discuss open Council positions and member recruitment process. Ask questions.
4. Volunteer to be on the ad-hoc Membership Committee if you are not re-applying for a position this year and you can fulfill the responsibilities (see ICDD Membership Recruitment).

Notes:

COUNCIL MEMBER TERMS

Seat	Held By	Date Appointed	Term Expires	Reg.
Aging Agency	Kevin Bittner	9/27/17	7/1/19	4
Education Agency	Charlie Silva	6/17/2015	7/1/20	4
University Center for Excellence in Dev. Disability/U of I	Julie Fodor	7/9/02	7/1/18	2
Protection & Advocacy	Jim Baugh	4/18/96	7/1/20	4
Rehabilitation Agency	Nanna Hanchet	11/13/2015	7/1/18	4
Maternal & Child Health – Title V	Jacqueline Watson	7/1/11	7/1/19	4
Medicaid – Title XIX	Art Evans	8/17/16	7/1/18	4
Non-Government/Private Org.	Colleen Sisk	7/1/11	7/1/20	1
Local Agency/Non-Profit	Claudia Suastegui	7/1/17	7/1/20	3
Person w/Dev. Disability	Ian Bott – V. CHAIR	7/1/14	7/1/20	4
Person w/ Dev. Disability	Danielle Reff “DR”	7/1/18	7/1/21	4
Person w/Dev. Disability	Jacob Head	6/17/2015	7/1/20	6
Person w/Dev. Disability	Joe Raiden <i>All terms completed</i>	7/1/10	7/1/19	2
Person w/ Dev. Disability	Carly Saxe	7/1/16	7/1/18	4
Person w/Dev. Disability	Korynne Donehey	7/1/16	7/1/19	7
Parent of Child	Valerie Hurst	7/1/18	7/1/21	4
Parent of Child	Kristie Yerger	11/30/16	7/1/20	4
Parent of Child	Holly Giglio	7/1/16	7/1/19	7
Parent of Child	Rebekah Forster	7/1/13	7/1/19	1
Parent of Child	Jessica Rachels	7/1/16	7/1/19	1
Parent of Child	Emily Peterson	7/1/16	7/1/19	5
Parent of Child	Natali Pellens	11/16/17	7/1/21	1
Person living in an Institution	James Steed - CHAIR	6/17/2015	7/1/21	6

*Members in **green** need to re-apply to continue for another term by March 1st.

ICDD Membership Recruitment Process

Recruitment

RECRUITMENT PACKETS FOR MEMBERSHIP: The Council member applications are always available on our website or by request throughout the year. However, at the beginning of each year, the Council begins a recruitment process to encourage members of the public to apply for open positions.

All Council members are encouraged to have recruitment packets and talk to people in their communities about applying to be a member. We pay attention to the current position openings and area of the state from which the Council lacks representation. The packet includes:

- A brochure about Council membership and how to apply
- A flyer about time commitment as a member, both the ICDD application, and the Governor's application, and a general Council brochure.

CURRENT MEMBER RE-APPLICATION: Before the February Council meeting an updated list of member terms is shared that identifies current members whose terms are coming due that year on July 1. The list also includes any vacancies from member resignations. Members wanting to reapply are encouraged to let Council staff know about their intentions to reapply at the Winter Council Meeting. This process helps the Council know of any additional upcoming vacancies if a current member chooses not to re-apply. Current members reapplying for a Council position will be considered alongside new applications.

AD HOC MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: At the Winter Council meeting, staff makes a request for Council member volunteers to serve on a temporary Membership Committee. Volunteers *should not* include members who are re-applying for appointment to the Council. This ad hoc Committee is responsible for reviewing membership applications, conducting interviews with new applicants, and meeting to determine recommendations to the Governor for member appointments.

Council staff collects completed/submitted applications. The deadline for applications is March 1. If the Council has a vacancy mid-year, recruitment activities can happen during the year and a different deadline set for applications.

Applicant Interviews

Mid to late March, Council staff sends an announcement to the ad hoc Membership Committee members that we are to begin reviewing member applications and conducting interviews. Staff shares all submitted applications with this group. Staff works with the ad hoc Membership Committee and applicants to schedule interviews. All interviews should be completed by the Spring Council meeting.

Interviews with applicants usually last about 20-30 minutes. All applicants are asked the same questions—it is important to have consistency throughout the interviews. Current Council members reapplying for a position are asked different questions than applicants who have not served on the Council. All questions are sent to every applicant and committee member prior to the interviews so that all involved feel prepared for the interview. During all interviews, Council staff takes notes to record a summary of the applicant's answers to the interview questions. The applications as well as the notes taken by the Council staff person detailing the interviewee's answers are all sent to the ad hoc Membership committee members. ALL INFORMATION IS TO BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL.

Membership Committee Application Review Meeting

The ad hoc Membership Committee members meet to review applications and interview notes. This meeting can happen before or during the Spring Council meeting. During this meeting, committee members discuss each applicant and people who were involved in the interviews share their perspective. The committee uses a rating sheet to identify a list of top choices of applicants for the open positions.

Applicants Recommended to Governor

Council staff creates a packet to be submitted to the Governor's office. All applications are submitted, along with the list prioritized by the Membership Committee members, as well as an introduction letter describing our open positions and a summary of the process followed by the Membership Committee to make recommendations.

The Governor considers all the applications and makes a decision on who will be appointed for each open Council position. Normally, the Governor's office notifies the Council office of his/her choice a few weeks before the Summer Council meeting. The Governor's office notifies selected candidates via mail.

New Member Training

The Summer Council meeting is the first meeting for new members. This meeting will happen on Wednesday afternoon the day before our Summer Council Meeting. We invite all Council members to come to a dinner on Wednesday night to celebrate our new Council members, welcome back those who have chosen to reapply and get to know everyone a bit better to create a cohesive board.

COUNCIL MEMBER APPOINTMENT APPLICATION

Mail Application to address at left or fax to 208-334-3417

You must also fill out a Governor's application online at:

<http://gov.idaho.gov/pdf/ApplicationForAppointment1.pdf>

NAME		STREET ADDRESS		
CITY		COUNTY	STATE	ZIP CODE
HOME PHONE	WORK PHONE	FAX	E-MAIL ADDRESS	
Are you: <input type="checkbox"/> MALE <input type="checkbox"/> FEMALE <input type="checkbox"/> CAUCASIAN <input type="checkbox"/> HISPANIC <input type="checkbox"/> AFRICAN AMERICAN <input type="checkbox"/> ASIAN <input type="checkbox"/> NATIVE AMERICAN <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER		Do you <input type="checkbox"/> SPEAK <input type="checkbox"/> WRITE a language other than English? What Language(s)?		
1.	I am applying for: <input type="checkbox"/> First Time Appointment <input type="checkbox"/> Reappointment			
2.	I am applying as: <input type="checkbox"/> Person With a Developmental Disability <input type="checkbox"/> Parent Of A Child With a Developmental Disability <input type="checkbox"/> Immediate Relative, Parent, or Guardian of a Person w/ Dev. Disability who is or was in an Institution <u>or</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Person w/ Dev. Disability who currently is or was in an Institution <input type="checkbox"/> Local Non-governmental Agency Representative <input type="checkbox"/> Private and/or Nonprofit Organization Representative <input type="checkbox"/> Protection and Advocacy Org. Representative <input type="checkbox"/> University Center for Excellence Representative <input type="checkbox"/> State Agency Representative, agency name: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please list) _____			
3.	Tell us what qualifies you for the box you check in # 2.			
4.	What are your specific disability-related interests or concerns?			

5.	<p>What have you done to address/resolve your specific disability related interests/concerns?</p>
6.	<p>As a Council member, what do you expect to contribute that will improve the lives of Idahoans with disabilities?</p>
7.	<p>A. My commitment level for working on my disability related issues/concerns is: <input type="checkbox"/> EXTREMELY HIGH <input type="checkbox"/> HIGH <input type="checkbox"/> AVERAGE <input type="checkbox"/> LOW</p> <p>B. My commitment level for working on other issues affecting people with developmental disabilities is: <input type="checkbox"/> EXTREMELY HIGH <input type="checkbox"/> HIGH <input type="checkbox"/> AVERAGE <input type="checkbox"/> LOW</p> <p>C. My comfort level for speaking in and before groups and making presentations is: <input type="checkbox"/> EXTREMELY HIGH <input type="checkbox"/> HIGH <input type="checkbox"/> AVERAGE <input type="checkbox"/> LOW</p> <p>D. My comfort level for presenting information to state and local elected officials is: <input type="checkbox"/> EXTREMELY HIGH <input type="checkbox"/> HIGH <input type="checkbox"/> AVERAGE <input type="checkbox"/> LOW</p>

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1st Quarter Progress Report

Background Information:

The Council has a number of objectives and activities in the current annual plan. Some are part of large projects and some are ongoing smaller efforts. The quarterly report to members is an opportunity to share the highlights of progress on our plan goals during quarter one of this year – October 1st – December 31st.

Recommended Action:

Review the progress report, once received, and contact Council staff to ask questions or provide comments if you have them.

Notes:

First Quarter Progress Report

October 1 – December 31, 2018

1.1 HCBS DD Services Quality Assurance

Objective Goal Individuals with intellectual/developmental disabilities and family members have the information and support needed to meaningfully participate in Home and Community-Based developmental disability services stakeholder meetings and to develop quality indicators.

Progress:

Idaho Living Well

Multiple Council staff began participating with Idaho Living Well (ILW) grant partners in meetings to develop a work plan of grant activities to achieve outcomes to improve services statewide. The outcomes outlined in the five-year grant align with Community NOW! recommendations. ILW grant activities will expand our ability to address issues identified by stakeholders in the 2017 Community NOW! report to the Department of Health & Welfare. ILW Core Team meetings reviewed grant objectives and aligned them to Community NOW! recommendations in a work plan outline. The team discussed an expanded process for new work group meetings and recruitment of additional Community NOW! stakeholder members.

Community NOW!

A Community NOW! full membership meeting was held in December. Council staff supported people with I/DD and family members from around the state by hosting a preparatory meeting the day before to help individuals and families prepare for the full stakeholder meeting. Meeting materials were prepared in plain language and meetings were facilitated to support every stakeholder's voice to be heard. The group reviewed work completed by the Person Centered Planning Implementation Workgroup and recommendations from the PCP Advisory Committee related to progress towards developing a model for person-centered planning in Idaho. Feedback from the group was recorded and will be reviewed by the PCP Implementation Workgroup next quarter.

Community NOW!

Program changes in education for Certified Family Homes – Linguistic Competence

In July 2018, the new CFH rules came into effect. All IDAPA rules are published in English only. Program staff and Cultural Broker talked with CFH Unit Program Manager, Steve Millward, and a date was secured for January for a two and a half hour training for Spanish-speaking CFH providers. The Spanish-speaking CFH Unit program staff will provide translation and do the bulk of the training.

At the fall Council meeting, Steve Millward was honored by the Council for (1) his efforts to offer CFH training in Spanish, (2) working diligently with the Career and Technical Education program within the State Department of Education to change the curriculum for tailoring the Assistance with Medication class specific to CFH



providers, and (3) encouraging institutions of higher education and pharmacies who offer the Assistance with Medication course to offer it in Spanish. Presenting the award to Mr. Millward was Griselda along with Irma Moncada who is awaiting for approval to take the class in Spanish. Council staff will continue to follow-up with the goal of ensuring the class is offered in Spanish in locations where it is needed in Idaho.

DD Rate Review

In October, the Council was invited to participate in a workgroup consisting mostly of Department of Health and Welfare staff members and DD agency providers to review rates for the following services: Supported Living, Developmental Therapy (includes both children and adult services), Service Coordination and Community Supported Employment. The Council is invited to attend a large group meeting that serves to inform providers of the work a small group is doing in revising IDAPA rules and discussing provider reimbursement rates. Council staff along with DisAbility Rights Idaho are the only two advocates in the room. Both the Council and DRI are concerned that self-advocates and parents are not included in this group. Additionally, Council staff and DRI are making sure that discussions about the quality of the services are brought to the forefront of the rate discussion.

1.1 - Outcomes/Work Products:

- ILW work plan outline
- Feedback from full Community NOW! membership group on work completed by PCP Implementation Workgroup
- Training planned for Spanish-speaking CFH providers
- Council participates in DD Rate review

1.2 Best Practice in Services and Supports

Objective Goal Increase the use of best practice in providing direct services that are based on quality person-centered practices through organizational change and training for direct support staff.

Progress:

Training Strategies for Direct Support Staff

The Person Centered thinking statewide education committee has met three times this past quarter to plan the details for a spring, summer, and fall education strategy. The spring training will kick off in north Idaho May 14-17 providing training in Orofino, Lewiston, Coeur d'Alene, and Ponderay. May 22-24 training will take place in Idaho Falls, Pocatello, and Twin Falls. The week of May 29-31 training will occur in Boise, Kuna, Emmett, and Caldwell. Training will be provided in Spanish in Twin Falls on June 5th and in Spanish in Nampa on June 7th. The Council has purchased a subscription to Open Future Learning, an online learning platform. The training available through this platform will be used to conduct the statewide person centered thinking education webinars. The Council is working to identify a presenter to train on person centered thinking for statewide training to take place in the fall.

1.2 - Outcomes/Work Products:

- Locations, dates, training content, and presenters have been identified for the person centered thinking training to be hosted in the spring.
- Subscription to online learning platform to conduct webinars

1.3 Person-Centered Planning Services

Objective Goal People with intellectual/developmental disabilities have access to Medicaid person-centered planning (PCP) services provided by trained, qualified planning facilitators.



Progress:

Community NOW!

Person-Centered Planning Model for Idaho

The PCP Implementation Workgroup met in person once this quarter and reviewed feedback/input on work products received during the last Community NOW! membership meeting. The work plan was revised and implementation plan updated. Work towards development of system infrastructure to support PCP services advanced this quarter. Questions were answered through meetings with various stakeholders and the answers to those questions will drive upcoming policy development.

A Self-Advocacy Training workgroup met to discuss the development of a database of all self-advocacy trainings currently available in Idaho. List includes trainings available through various state agencies (IDVR, SDE) and other organizations.

The PCP Advisory Committee met via video conference one time this quarter and once in person at the Community NOW! prep meeting to review work products and develop recommendations/opinions from the self-advocates and family members on the committee.

As a result of his involvement with Community NOW! work on person-centered planning and input heard from people with I/DD and family members during the process, the Idaho Medicaid Administrator convened a meeting of IDHW Program Managers and leaders to educate them about the person-centered planning model under development. Council staff presented information at a meeting resulting in consensus to work on bringing all IDHW programs into alignment and following the same PCP planning model.

Council staff provided a training webinar for the Treasure Valley Down Syndrome Association member parents and others. The topic was person-centered planning basics and the training was held as a Facebook Live event. Thirty-five people participated live and there have been 189 views of the recorded training since the live date.

1.3 - Outcomes/Work Products:

- PCP work plan revised; implementation plan updated
- Consensus to work on bringing all IDHW programs into alignment and following the same PCP planning model
- Webinar on PCP basics

1.4 Services for People with Dual Diagnosis

Objective Goal People who experience dual diagnosis of mental illness and developmental/ intellectual disability have access to mental health services from skilled service providers.

Progress:

Education in best practice serving people with dual diagnosis.

The Council sponsored Jeanne Farr, the Director of the National Association of Dually Diagnosed (NADD) and Ted Layman, LCSW to present three sessions in a day-long track on “The Meaning, Importance, Methodologies & Application of Trauma Informed Care” at the annual Human Partnerships conference. The three sessions were attended by 52, 55 and 40 people. The Council also provided a captioned video clip of Council Chair James Steed speaking about being a person with dual diagnosis and he shared his life experience and the lack of awareness in the mental health field to recognize mental illness in individuals with an intellectual and developmental disability.

A meeting was held in December with the Medicaid staff who oversees the Optum contract, a representative of Optum, the Director of the Court and Crisis services, staff from the Bureau of Developmental Disabilities in Medicaid, and the Council director, to discuss the financial sponsorship of Optum in training for clinicians. A lengthy discussion also took place about the competencies of the NADD in the development of a comprehensive system of care for adults with I/DD who experience a co-occurring mental illness. A verbal commitment was made by the Optum representative to begin the incorporation of the competencies, one a year until all five have been implemented. The five competency standards include: (1) Positive Behavior Support and Effective Environments, (2) Psychotherapy, (3) Psychopharmacology, (4) Assessment of Medical Issues; and (5) Assessment.

In October the Council Director supported Council Chair James Steed in his application to the National Advisory Board for the Mental Health and Intellectual and Developmental Disability National Training Center. James Steed was notified

in December that he was one of twelve applicants selected nationwide to participate on the board. The first meeting will convene January 30, 2019 by video-conference. Council staff will provide support to James as part of our continued efforts in the targeted disparity.

The Council has been collaborating with the Division of Family and Community Services to co-host a Skills System training by Julie Brown, Ph. D. in Boise May 7-9, 2018.

1.4 - Outcomes/Work Products:

- Day-long track on trauma-informed care
- Verbal commitment by Optum to incorporate NADD competencies in training
- Council Chair selected to serve on National Advisory Board
- Skills System training scheduled in Boise

2.1 Secondary Transition

Objective Goal Increase the number of children and youth who experience a gift-focused, strength-based, person-centered transition planning process.

Progress:

Strength-based Planning - Core Gift Assessment

Although it was difficult to get the Communications Strategies workgroup together, one new teacher was recruited for the group and attended a meeting with the contractor. She experienced a Core Gift interview to build understanding of the process. She provided input into strategies to enable students with communication barriers to access the interview process and made a commitment to continue work in this area. Two previously trained classroom teachers and one Idaho Department of Labor Disability Employment Initiative staff met with the contractor to develop technical assistance plans for the coming year. They each identified events and activities to expand their gift work with students and their families. Council staff and an additional Core Gift Master Facilitator interviewed two students for one of the teachers engaged in the project. This allowed her to move forward with Core Gift activities with her entire classroom where all students now know their Core Gifts. The other teacher has experienced challenges and indicated she would be unable to engage in project activities until later in the year.

Secondary Transition

Council staff participated in the planning committee for the 2018 Idaho Secondary Transition Institute and supported planning teams from local districts to create transition plans for their teams of secondary special education teachers, school administrators, vocational rehabilitation counselors and other transition support professionals.

Supported Decision-Making

ICDD contracted with Jonathan Martinis to provide a keynote presentation on Creating a Culture of Collaboration and a breakout session on Supported Decision Making at the Idaho Secondary Transition Institute in November. In collaboration with the Department of Health and Welfare, the UCEDD and the P&A, this ICDD contract also supported Mr. Martinis to present two 4-hour workshops on supported-decision making to family members, individuals with I/DD, IDHW staff, guardianship professionals, and others in-person in Boise and to six other locations around the state through video conferencing. Three new publications were printed for the institute and SDM trainings and are available on the Council website. The training was video recorded and will be posted on the Council's YouTube channel as soon as editing and captioning is complete.

ICDD staff participated in the planning committee for the statewide Tools for Life: Secondary Transition Conference scheduled for March 2019 in Boise. Staff facilitated a meeting of self-advocates from the Moscow chapter of the Idaho Self-Advocate Leadership Network to develop a list of recommended sessions/presentations for the conference self-advocacy track.

Educating Families about Planning for Transition

The Las Señoras group continued to meet this quarter and the group participated in the Council's annual survey. They continued to make decisions about the 2019 Conference—including convening a group to visit the Mexican Consul to ask for their support. A food sale raised \$1,300 for the conference and a \$1,000 donation from Becky Bailey (provider from eastern Idaho) was received. Cultural Broker and Council staff partnered with the Community Council of Idaho, IDHW FACS Division, IPUL, College of Southern Idaho and Gary Sandusky to provide education to Spanish-speaking families in Twin Falls. No families attended the training, however, a partnership with the Multicultural Coordinator at CSI and the Council was forged and we were asked to return in May for a presentation to a large group of families.

2.1 - Outcomes/Work Products:

- A new teacher was recruited from the Core Gift Communications Strategies workgroup
- Core Gift technical assistance plans developed
- Two workshops on Supported Decision Making, available in 7 locations
- Partnership with CSI

2.2 Customized Employment

Objective Goal Increase the number of youth and young adults with I/DD who achieve integrated community employment.

Progress:

Customized Employment and System Change Advocacy

Council staff participated in Community Rehabilitation Provider (CRP) calls with CE pilot vendors to hear about progress in Discovery activities and development of vocational profiles as part of customized employment strategies. ICDD staff met with the training and technical assistance contractor to learn what steps could be recommended to improve progress towards outcomes. Staff also met with a representative of TransCen/NTACT, one of the national technical assistance organizations for the project. Staff will be requesting a meeting with WIOA stakeholders to discuss recommendations to “restart and re-energize” the project.

ICDD staff participated in the Long-term Employment Supports Statewide Coordination Committee meeting in December. This committee includes Division of Vocational Rehabilitation administrators and policy staff, Division of Medicaid administrators and policy staff, Governor’s office staff, Attorney General’s office staff, employment service providers, the State Independent Living Council, DisAbility Rights Idaho, and the DD Council. ICDD staff facilitated a workgroup on quality assurance that developed information and recommendations for employment support professional competencies and qualifications that was presented to the full group in December. Next steps for the QA workgroup will be to review IDVR and Medicaid/IDHW policies that effect planning and quality assurance monitoring, develop a database and recommendations for policy improvement for the full group meeting scheduled for February.

Staff reviewed updates to the animated SSA and work videos from contractor Griffin Hammis Associates. The updates are scheduled to be completed early in 2019 and posted on the Idaho Dept. of Labor website.

2.2 - Outcomes/Work Products:

- Recommendations for employment support professional competencies and qualifications

3.1 Partners in Policymaking

Objective Goal Build the capacity of individuals and parents to advocate, lead, and mentor others by increasing their leadership and advocacy skills.

Progress:

Partners in Policymaking

This quarter, Council staff met with representatives of the Infant/Toddler program in hopes to gain access to parents of young children with disabilities to recruit for Partners. The Infant/Toddler program supervisor laid out a very thorough three-point plan that gives the Council access to families previously inaccessible due to confidentiality constraints.

The Council is partnering with our sister organization, DisAbility Rights Idaho, to host “Advanced Partners” in April in six locations across Idaho. This will be a one-day training on Supported Decision Making with additional focus on connecting graduates of all Partners classes. Data will also be collected from graduates about outcomes they have achieved personally since their Partners experience. Emphasis will also be placed on getting their help to recruit for the 2019/2020 Partners session will also take place. Plans are underway to secure venues in each city and recruitment materials are being produced.

3.1 - Outcomes/Work Products:

- Plan that will allow access to families with young children with disabilities
- Plans for six Advanced Partners trainings



3.2 Idaho Advocacy Coalition

Objective Goal Establish a statewide coalition of people with disabilities and families who advocate at the state and local level on policy issues.

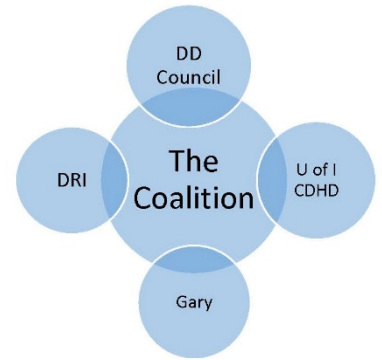
Progress:

Coalition Building and Awareness Events

Community Conversations took place in Nampa (with four legislators and three candidates) and Idaho Falls (with three legislators and 2 candidates). These events were planned by Coalition members with support from the Advocacy Coordinator and Council staff. Nineteen self-advocates and 19 family members participated in the leadership of the two community conversations hosted in Idaho Falls and Nampa. The intention for each event was to invite legislators and candidates running for office to meet with adults with I/DD and families who have children with disabilities to learn firsthand about the value of HCBS services and to learn about how block granting Medicaid at the federal level would affect Idahoans. At each of the conversations, elected officials and candidates commented about the increase of their knowledge about (1) block granting at the federal level and (2) Medicaid services and how families and adults use them to help them be independent. Parents and self-advocates participating felt heard by the decision-makers, for the most part. Although these two were in the southern area of Idaho, there are plans in place to have additional conversations in other parts of the state in the coming year.

In 2018, the Council invested significant time and resources to create a film, Blessings of Liberty. The film features individuals with I/DD and families speaking to the value of HCBS services. The intention of the film is to provide an education to policymakers about the way people lived isolated, often institutionalized lives separated from their families before optional waived HCBS services were available. The Council and members have been working to invite their legislators to a DD Network event that will be hosted in the second quarter of this year.

The summer leadership institute has been scheduled for August 22-24. The first day will present training by Bruce Anderson on how to collect stories. The leadership institute intends to host approximately 25 people representing all the geographic hubs of activity with the goal of creating a leadership strategy for 2020.



3.2 - Outcomes/Work Products:

- Seven legislators and five candidates educated
- Film “Blessings of Liberty” completed
- Leadership institute scheduled