



**Idaho Council on Developmental Disabilities
 FALL QUARTERLY COUNCIL MEETING
 JRW Building, 700 W. State Street, East Conference Room
 October 17-18, 2019 APPROVED Meeting Minutes**

Thursday - October 17, 2019

Council Members:		
Art Evans	Emily Petersen	Deedra Hunt
Carly Saxe	La Donna Tuinstra	Adrienne Seamans
Charlie Silva	Ian Bott	Kristie Oakes - absent
Claudia Suastegui - absent	Jacob Head	Nanna Hanchett - absent
Colleen Sisk	Jacqueline Watson	Natali Pellens
Dina Flores-Brewer	James Steed, CHAIR	Valerie Hurst
Alan Hansen	Julie Fodor	Michael Sandvig
Danielle Terry Reff (DR) , VICE CHAIR		
Staff Members:		
Christine Pisani	Melissa Morales	Tracy Warren
Laurie Lowe	Marieke Edwards	Trisha Hammond
Guests:		
Ryan Waddell, IDVR	Everett Lee	Tami Baker
	Niki Ambuski	Rachel Easterday

Welcome, Introductions, Ground Rules, and Perfection of Agenda

James Steed, Council Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:00am. He mentioned those who would be absent and who let us know they would be late: Jacquie Watson and Valerie Hurst.

Introductions with all members. Charlie Silva announced she would have to leave to attend meetings during the morning. Art Evans announced he had to leave at 3:00pm.

Ground rules were read. James asked if there were any additions or corrections to the agenda.

ACTION:

- Emily Petersen to accept the consent agenda as presented.
- Alan Hansen seconded.
- Motion passed.

Chair Report

James Steed, Council Chair, reported the Council Chair duties and activities he did over the last quarter.

Consent Agenda

The Council discussed the consent agenda, reviewed Summer quarterly meeting minutes and the Executive Director report.

ACTION:

- Art Evans moved to accept the consent agenda as presented.
- Alan Hansen seconded.
- Motion passed.

Financial Report

Council staff, Trisha Hammond, presented the quarter four financial report to members. Explained 5% hold back requested by Governor for all agencies. Questions – what is rent? We pay it for our office space.

Trisha explained that we had to post a revised summer meeting agenda to include a time listed for meeting activity. Noted to members that times are listed on the current meeting agenda and a notation about possible changes to times and items listed. Allows us to have times on an agenda but have flexibility.

ACTION:

- Alan Hansen moved to accept the financial report as presented.
- Danielle Reff 'DR' seconded.
- Motion passed.

Zoom Meeting Announced for October 29, 2019

Christine Pisani, Council Director, explained that there is an update to the KW Lawsuit that the Council members will learn about from attorneys involved. Members will discuss and make a decision about possible ICDD action.

Two additional meetings are scheduled for additional policy issues will be scheduled for ICDD members to discuss and determine possible action. Dates and times for presentations are:

KW vs. Armstrong Lawsuit Update

Tuesday, October 29 4:00-6:00pm Mountain

Expedited Eviction Legislation

Thursday, November 14 6:15-7:30pm

Proposed Guardianship Legislation and Southwest Idaho Treatment Center (SWITC)
Advisory Board Recommendations

Thursday, December 5, 3:00-5:00pm

Possible Upcoming Legislation or Rules

Art Evans – children’s enhancement rules will be heard in the Health & Welfare cmtes. The rules are posted (include link). Federal policy changes affected eligibility for Katie Beckett services – letters were sent three times that stated that need to see parent income. To see if they were eligible to receive other kinds of Medicaid. If parents did not respond to letter, Katie Beckett services were dropped. Addressing on a case by case basis to ensure services are turned back on.

As rules go forward it would be helpful to have support in presenting the rules to the legislature this session.

Community Supported Employment (CSE) cost survey with providers. Because of hold backs, Medicaid was not allowed to ask for funds to increase the reimbursement rate to providers for CSE services. Other stakeholders may be advocating for this.

Worked with multiple stakeholders to develop a rate methodology to determine rates to be paid for services. However, at the end of last session all state rules were not renewed. The rules for the rate methodology are included in an omni-bus bill and there will not be hearing specifically for this topic.

Administrative bulletin website.

Governor has required that agencies not develop and present new rules without reducing the current rules.

Alan asked if there are informational resources he could use to talk with his legislators. Art can provide rules docket numbers to find the rules in the bulletin. Jacob asked how to provide testimony or talk with policymakers about issues when you live outside the Boise area. Emails and letters can be sent to legislators and those from constituents has an impact.

ICOA did a clean-up of rules to get rid of old language and eliminate things not happening anymore. Those rules are included in the omnibus package. Any changes to rules that may cause conflict or concern to citizens will be done through an open public process.

Policy Slate Process

Christine explained our focus during this meeting would be presentations on one particular issue. Because we have several new members starting at this meeting and many policy issues can be overwhelming to members. We will spend time needed to understand the fairly complex issue of Extended Employment Program statute. Additional meetings will be held with members to discuss other policy issues.

Christine explained that there may be a member of the public may come to the meeting today to here the presentations on the EES program statute. If any person requests time to present their position on an issue to the Council, we can make that opportunity available at a future date.

Christine explained process for Council members to determine the priority, level of support, for each policy issue considered by the Council.

Intern Introduction – Kelly Harwood introduced herself and her work at the Council in conducting research with Marieke on how the trainings on trauma informed care and dual diagnosis provided to mental health clinicians is impacting their ability to better serve the I/DD population.

Council photo at the Statehouse.

Extended Employment Services Program Statute

Tracy Warren provided a presentation on the history of the disability movement related to employment and described the difference between segregated work and community integrated employment. Presentation by Ryan Waddell, Extended Employment Services Program Manager, about the proposed statute for the EES Program. Ryan provided background information about the program and explained the services provided under the program.

Discussion – concern for folks who have been in sheltered work for a long time and if they would want this or experience a difficult transition. The details about how current customers of Work Services will get services going forwards or might experience a change will be detailed in rule development.

ACTION:

- DR moved to set priority two in supporting the Extended Employment Services statute
- Alan Hansen seconded.
- Motion passed.

Homework to Prepare for Legislative Visits

Homework assignments for members to prepare to meet with their legislators at the February meeting. Encourage folks to speak with Senate and House Education Committee members – those who will be hearing about the statute.

Council Intern Presentation – Archer Sollars

Council intern Archer Sollars talked about his interest in making films and his work as a videographer at the Council. His senior project at Sage International School that requires to do 200 hours of work related to a career of interest.

Melissa Morales is supporting Archer’s internship in the Council office and explained the goal of creating a film that shows the stories of individuals who experience a lack of access to services and disability advocacy because they are Spanish-speaking and from the Latinx community.

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Griselda Camacho	Jenn Gallup	Tami Baker
Marsha Bracke		Niki Ambuski
Gary Sanduski		Everett Lee

Welcome

James Steed, Council Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:00am.

FY2020 Annual Workplan Update

Marieke Edwards presented proposed changes to activities in the Council 2020 workplan. Staff explained about activities that were changed or eliminated from the original draft of the plan that was approved by members in 2018.

ACTION:

- DR moved to approve the draft 2020 workplan as presented.
- Claudia Saustegui seconded.
- Motion passed.

FY2020 Annual Budget

Trisha Hammond presented the proposed budget for the FY2020. Question – where did the funds for Partners in Policymaking go into this proposed plan? A: Those funds (\$10,000 for 2020) went into funding our contracts. Q: If we don't allocate funding this year, does that mean Partners in Policymaking is on a two-year hiatus? The idea being considered is to request state funding for a staff position to coordinate Self-Advocacy Training and Partners. If the position and funding are approved, a person might be in place late summer 2021 to begin planning for Partners.

ACTION:

- Art Evans moved to approve the draft FY2020 budget as presented.
- Alan Hansen seconded.
- Motion passed.

Year End Review and Contractor Reports

Marsha Bracke (Bracke & Associates) presented her work of facilitating the Community NOW initiative meetings and process. She shared products that have been developed by the CNOW workgroups over the past year.

Gary Sanduski (Connexus) presented his work over the last year in coordinating the statewide Advocacy Coalition – Medicaid Matters. Discussion of threats to Medicaid at the national level and work over the last two years to educate policymakers. Council members shared about their experiences helping facilitate Blessings of Liberties film events and participation in the Leadership Academy. Gary described the Organizing Fellow part of the Coalition which is funded through private resources. Organizing fellows are self-advocates partnering with a parent in the same regional area. Current fellows are located in Boise, East Idaho, Magic Valley, and soon will be recruited in the Canyon County area.

Griselda Camacho, Cultural Broker, provided a presentation about activities with, and outreach to, the Latinx community through the past year. Activities a state conference for families who have children with I/DD and adults with I/DD that was attended by 254 people from all over the state.

Four members of the Senoras talked about their participation in activities supported by the Council this year. They expressed their gratitude for the support from the Council.

Idaho Department of Education Update and Policy Issues

Charlie Silva provided a report from the State Dept. of Education (SDE) Bureau of Special Education. Special Education Advisory Panel (SEAP) a panel of parents and agency representatives. Jacob Head and Carly Saxe sit on that committee. Parent on panel has been promoting dyslexia and would like to have legislation regarding dyslexia. Idaho does have a requirement that educators take a literacy course and has a related screening. Any legislation would need to have resources attached.

Rules from the SDE coming up are: Suicide awareness and prevention training; the State Board of Education opportunity scholarship – proposing opening that up for non-traditional students and provide more flexibility by dropping the Grade Point Average requirement from 3.0 to 2.7 for the scholarship. The Superintendent of Public Instruction presented a budget to the Idaho State Board of Education with an increase of almost 6% with four priorities – teacher pay; expanding mastery based learning; standards regarding social emotional learning; and funds to expand literacy activities – idea to provide additional supports to children prior to starting kindergarten. Related to social emotional learning will be asking for funding for training opportunities. One idea being explored is creating a social emotional learning course that all educators and pre-service teachers would be required to complete.

Idaho is seeing some gains in learning except for children coming into school with only 40% are coming in ready to read and to learn. Idaho is one of very few state's that does not have mandatory kindergarten and limited access to pre-school. There is an RFP to get proposals about how to create a systemic pre-school program in Idaho. May collaborative stakeholders have been working on it.

Question about modifying graduation requirements for students who can't meet them. Answer: the IEP team is able to individualize and provide accommodations and adaptations that are needed by the student, but there are restrictions. The SAT is operated through the College Board of Education and there are only so many accommodations available.

The Idaho Secondary Transition Institute will be held in November at BSU. Teams come from schools all over the state. Teams plan around transition activities in their districts, resources, presentations, and information is provided. Facilitators are provided for teams, many are students coming from the BSU Conflict Resolution program. Goal is to make the institute regional in future years.

Suicide prevention training – superintendent KISS program, April prevention conference in Sun Valley, and other prevention activities.

Family and Community Engagement (FACE) conference a few weeks ago. The keynote speaker talked about Trauma Informed practices in the classroom.

Blue Cross Foundation has worked with some districts to have community clinicians in schools to provide counseling for students. Like a mental health center within a school on a small scale.

Continue to work on shortage of personnel in special education to meet the needs of schools. Have been successful in recruiting at the national level. The Council for Exceptional Children conference will be in Portland, Oregon next year and Idaho will be going to recruit.

Five-Year Plan Development – Planning Schedule

Marieke Edwards presented a schedule of activities for the next 18 months to develop the Council's next five-year plan. She described the role that Council members play in plan development and ways they can help us do outreach and get public input into the plan. A public survey will be developed that we hope to get to as many stakeholders as possible. Suggestion to ... (Ian?)

Membership Recruitment Update

Tracy Warren provided an update about members who have been appointed by the Governor and a current vacancy in a position for person with a developmental disability. Membership Committee members have been doing additional outreach.

Member Reports

Carly Saxe talked about her work with the Advocacy Coalition. And as a member of the Special Education Advisory Panel, she attended the Family and Community Engagement (FACE) conference. The theme of the conference was trauma-informed classrooms. The keynote speaker shared many resources and tools to use to help students who have experienced trauma. Carly learned about the school dog program.

Richelle Tierney provided a report (in place of Julie Fodor). She talked about the goals, different projects and activities of the Center on Disability and Human Development - Idaho's University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disability (UCEDD) at University of Idaho. She described the Idaho Assistive Technology project that has locations that are able to loan equipment and staff who can do assessments for AT needs. IdahoCDHD.org website has more information and links to different programs.

ACTION:

- Natali Pellens moved to adjourn the meeting.
- Michael Sandvig seconded.
- Motion passed, meeting was adjourned at 4:12pm.