



Idaho Council on Developmental Disabilities
SPRING QUARTERLY COUNCIL MEETING
JRW Building, 700 W. State Street, East Conference Room
April 25 and 26, 2019

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Council Members:		
Art Evans - absent	Ian Bott, VICE CHAIR	Kevin Bittner - absent
Carley Saxe	Jacob Head	Korynne Donehey
Charlotte (Charlie) Silva	Jacqueline Watson	Kristie Oakes - absent
Claudia Suastegui	James Steed, CHAIR	Nanna Hanchett - absent
Colleen Sisk	Jessica Rachels	Natali Pellens
Danielle Terry Reff (DR)	Jim Baugh	Rebekah Forster - absent
Emily Petersen	Joe Raiden - absent	Valerie Hurst
Holly Giglio	Julie Fodor	
Staff Members:		
Christine Pisani	Toni Brinegar	Melissa Morales - absent
Laurie Lowe	Tracy Warren	
Marieke Edwards - absent	Trisha Hammond	
Guests:		
Patrick Rachels	Bjorn Andersson	Celest Ortiz

Welcome, Introductions, Ground Rules, and Perfection of Agenda

James Steed, Council Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:33am when a quorum of membership was met. Ground rules were read. Open public meeting law and cell phone use was discussed. Absences announced.

Closed Executive Session: Personnel Discussion

ACTION: Enter Executive Session

- Emily Petersen moved that the Council go into a Closed Executive Session for personnel discussion.
- DR Reff seconded.
- Motion passed.

Council members discussed and concluded that Christine has performed at an exemplary status and the Council unanimously recommend a 3% salary increase.

ACTION: Close Executive Session

- DR Reff moved that the Council move out of the Closed Executive Session.
- Valerie Hurst seconded.
- Motion passed.

Announcement of Election of the Council Chair

James Steed, Council Chair, announced that an election for Council Chair will be held on Friday. If you have any additional nominations, please let Toni Brinegar know by end of business today. James apologized and explained missing the last two meetings.

Consent Agenda

The Council discussed the consent agenda, reviewing draft Winter meeting minutes and the Executive Director report.

ACTION: Approve Consent Agenda

- DR moved to accept the consent agenda as presented.
- Carly Saxe seconded.
- Motion passed.

Financial Report

Trisha Hammond presented the financial report and answered questions from members.

ACTION: Approve Financial Report

- Holly Giglio moved to accept the financial report as presented.
- Korynne Donehey seconded.
- Motion passed.

Membership Recruitment

Toni Brinegar, Council Staff, reported that all member applications have been submitted to the Governor's office. All individuals listed in the packet have been interviewed by the Membership Committee. The Committee will meet at 5pm today to finalize recommendations to the Governor. All applications will be submitted to the Governor in May. Membership terms end July 1st, therefore, if reapplying members are not reappointed by that date, there will be vacancies during subsequent Council meetings until Governor appointment.

Note: At the meeting, Toni had asked current and outgoing members to please keep the summer Council Meeting on their calendar as they may be needed at the

meeting if new members are not appointed in time for their attendance in July. However, the paragraph above describes our procedure if/when the recruitment process is not complete. Members awaiting re-appointment can not be supported financially to attend meetings and they are not able to vote until they are officially appointed.

Melissa Morales (Meli) was introduced as a new member of the Council staff.

2019 Partners in Policymaking Program Recruitment

Toni Brinegar, Council Staff reported that a Partners recruitment packet was provided to members and they were encouraged give this to someone you know. Our focus this year is parents of infants/toddlers and transition age youth. We want a robust, diverse group for this Partners group. Supports are available if needed. Please help recruit.

Quarterly Progress Report

Council Staff reported highlights of their progress towards the objectives in the current annual work plan. Please see the progress report for detailed information.

July 10-11, 2019 NACDD National Conference, New Orleans, Louisiana

Christine Pisani reported that applications were sent to members on April 13th to apply for attending the National Conference. Please submit to Trish Hammond by May 10th. This will be heavily weighted on contribution to the Council.

Highlights of the 2017/2018 Program Performance Reports (PPR)

Tracy Warren & Marieke Edwards, Council Staff presented a summary of the 2017 and 2018 Program Performance Reports required by our federal office. Marieke presented the Council public annual report.

Council Member Recognition

Jim Baugh, Joe Raiden, Jessica Rachels, and Rebekah Forster were recognized for the years of service to the Council. Jim, representing DisAbility Rights Idaho is retiring the end of June. Joe has served 9 years on the Council - 3 full terms.

Crisis Intervention Team

Ian Bott invited an officer to come and talk to the Council about the Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) that is active in the Treasure Valley.

Legislative Report & Discussion

Governor Little announced a Statewide Executive Order that creates a Regional Government Efficiencies Working Group. Your voice would be appreciated.

Governor Little stated that any existing rules that were not decided on during the 2019 Legislative session will remain in effect and decided during the 2020 session.

Council members were presented the 2019 Legislative Report – a summary of activity on specific issues during the 2019 Legislative Session. See the report in the Council packet for more information.

Open Public Meeting Law

Alana Minton, Deputy Attorney General, provided a presentation to members on the Council's responsibility in relation to the Idaho Open Public Meeting Law (see handout). The purpose of Open Meeting Law is to have transparency in government.

Rules of statutory construction: you have to apply the definition of a word that is in the code you are referring to. Alana clarifies several definitions in Idaho Code §74-202.

Deliberation: if you are just discussing a topic, that is not necessarily deliberation; it becomes deliberation if you are working toward a decision.

For the Council, a regular meeting is our quarterly meeting; special meetings may be the Council pre-meeting call or meetings called between quarterly meetings to attend to an issue or urgent Council business.

There needs to be a motion during the meeting to add an item to the meeting agenda. An item that requires a vote may only be added to the agenda 48 hours before the meeting starts.

Something new - meeting notices and agendas must now be posted electronically if the entity has an online presence.

Call-in information only needs to be posted if the meeting is conducted through telecommunication; it does not need to be posted if one or two members are calling in to the meeting and the meeting is primarily face-to-face.

To be safe, it is best to keep all emails you send and receive about Council business. Texting about a vote during the meeting is a violation of the Open Public Meeting Law.

The Open Public Meeting Manual is available on the Attorney General's website.

Council members should not have discussions outside the meeting about Council business that needs a decision. Conducting business means exchanging information and opinions that may lead to a decision.

If a Council member records a meeting, the recording has to become part of the public record. Guests can make a recording of the meeting, and that recording

does not need to become public record. Alana advises to include in our by-laws if and how recordings of meetings will be made and maintained.

For oral votes, we do not need to include in the minutes how each member voted because it is an open meeting and anyone can come and watch how we vote; written ballots need to be identifiable (with the voting member's name) for transparency.

Executive session: the motion to go into an executive session needs to have a roll call vote. You can only use executive sessions for reasons listed in Idaho Code §74-206(1). If you enter an executive session, you have to stick to the topic to be discussed during the executive session and cannot stray.

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Carley Saxe - absent	Jacob Head	Korynne Donehey
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Leslie Brown	Griselda Camacho	Stephanie Grover
Jill Matthews (for Charlie Silva)		

Supported Decision-Making Presentation

Amy Cunningham, Legal Director for Disability Rights Idaho provided a training for Council members on Supported Decision-Making. The presentation included information about dignity of risk, capacity to make decisions, guardianship, and alternatives to guardianship. The slide show presentation and handouts are part of the Council packet.

Community Conversations

Christine Pisani reported that we will be going to locations statewide to bring the Blessings of Liberty film to families. The locations and dates are:

- June 18th at the Relic Theater in Nampa from 6-8pm.
- June 25th at the Roper Auditorium in Twin Falls from 6-8pm.
- August 8th in Idaho Falls (Location and time to be determined)
- September 12th at Lake City High School in Coeur d'Alene from 6-8pm.

Please let Council staff know if you are available to help.

Council Member Reports

[Jim Baugh, Korynne Donehey, Nanna Hanchett, Jacob Head, and Natali Pellens]

Korynne Donehey reported that she has built the Facebook page for her advocacy work and would like everyone to like and share it.

Nanna Hanchett reported that she is in the process of reevaluating the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation's (IDVR) customized employment project and is committed to finding a solution. Additionally, IDVR manages the extended employment services (EES) program – a state-only funded program that provides long term employment support (job coaching) to individuals with disabilities who qualify. In 2018 there was a 900-person waiting list for this program. IDVR has been able to eliminate the wait list by referring individual's eligible for Medicaid community supported employment to those services. Nanna is proud to announce they are now serving all individuals who have applied to the EES program. This has become very political because although the EES and Medicaid services are comparable, they are paid at different reimbursement rates. Medicaid and IDVR are coming together to do a cost study.

Jim Baugh reported that the DisAbility Rights Idaho (DRI) survey report just closed. Monday they will evaluate priorities. DRI's participation with Community NOW! will be continuing as will the analysis of the Southwest Idaho Treatment Center (SWITC). DRI hired a consultant and she reviewed the investigations and abuse complaints. The consultant came to Nampa for four days and made recommendations and submitted the report to the Idaho Dept. of Health and Welfare and we have seen some changes. Planned, structured activities for residents of the facility were minimal and there were a whole bunch of people standing around and waiting for something to happen. SWITC added a full-time speech and language pathologist and a Board-Certified Behavioral Analyst. There are still many things they need to change but there has been some progress.

Jacob Head reported that he has been working on Proposition 2. He is working with his Developmental Disability Agency to be better informed about the issue. Jacob met with Gary Sandusky about Advocacy Coalition work but missed the Advanced Partners in Policymaking training. Please see his member report in the Council meeting packet for more information.

Natalie Pellens report that she has gained a lot of information and knowledge working on making sure her daughter Lilly's has the supports and services she needs. Between Liberty Health, the Department and the Support Broker it has been a task getting on the same page. She is working to become a Support Broker herself. She is also working to get Lilly on Social Security and decide on guardianship.

Trauma Informed Care (TIC) Training Rescheduled

Christine Pisani reported that this training has been rescheduled for Friday, July 26th – the day after the Council Summer quarterly meeting. The training is optional for Council members, but all are encouraged to attend. Please let Council staff know if you plan to participate.

Council Chair Election

Emily Petersen, Acting Council Chair, announced the election of Council Chair

Two people have shown interested in being the chair: James Steed and Ian Bott. It was noted that Art Evans was going to nominate James to be the chair.

Ian Bott spoke to his nomination that he has been part of the Council for 5 years and is passionate about the work. He has a background in and passion for helping the community and 15-years' experience in business. He also chaired two Council meetings in the last year.

James Steed thanked Ian for chairing the meetings and wants us to know he has never been happier. James spoke to his nomination by saying he has been in leadership for 18-19 years. Chairing the Council is hard work and he was appointed early due to absence. James realizes the responsibility and wants another chance.

Members were provided ballots for voting. After all votes were collected and counted it was announced that James Steed would continue as Council Chair into 2019-20. Emily expressed gratitude to Ian for running.

Continued Legislative Report & Discussion (from earlier agenda item)

Council Members and Staff discussed additional legislative activities from earlier discussion that was cut short.

HB30 - The Evaluation Committee bill passed. This did not change the requirements, but it made the court free to appoint any other evaluations they feel needed.

HB18 - Commission on Aging allows other qualified entities to provide Adult Protective Services.

HB138 - Expedited Evictions – passed committee failed on the floor of the House.

SB1075 - Service Dogs – Idaho has many statutes to address services dogs but they are inconsistent. This bill was to clean this up and make it very clear what is a service dog and is not and what rights the trainers have.

HB 1099 – Eliminated the requirement to have a license to provide Children’s residential substance abuse treatment. Passed the Senate with three dissenting votes. The House Health and Welfare Committee did not give it a hearing.

Medicaid Expansion – The Council has heard enough about this.

SB 1003aa – Safe harbor for victims of human trafficking.

Joint Legislative Oversight Committee (JLOC) Office of Performance Evaluation (OPE) study on SWITC. The Council did two webinars that were open to the public. There are specific recommendations from OPE. There have been a number of presentations by the Director of Health and Welfare. It appeared they were trying to fix all issues through the SWITC Board. This board is made up primarily of IDHW staff. Initially Christine and Jim both declined the invitation to be part of the committee and now both will probably start to attend. Senator Nelson and Wagoner both sit on the committee and they have promised they would share their recommendations with us.

ACTION: Adjourn Meeting

- Emily Petersen moved to adjourn the meeting
- Rebecca Forster Seconded.
- Meeting was adjourned at 3:00pm.

Next Council Meeting:

New Member Orientation - Wednesday, July 24

Council Business Meeting - Thursday, July 25

Trauma Informed Care Training – Friday, July 26