

## **DRAFT Meeting Minutes**

### **Winter Quarterly Council Meeting**

**Tuesday, January 30, 2024**

**9:00 am – 4:00 pm Mountain Time**

**Joe R. Williams, 700 W State St., East Conference Room  
Boise 83702**

### **Attendees**

#### **Council Members Present**

Sara Bennett

Janice Carson

Michael Case

Randi Cole

Amy Cunningham

Deedra Hunt

Jennifer Johnson

Maria Juarez

Rochelle Larsen

Mike MacGuffie

Andrew Mills

Marilu Moreno

Natali Pellens

Emily Petersen

Danielle Reff – DR

Michael Sandvig

Carly Saxe

Stephanie Walters

Nicholas Wyatt

Edgar Zuniga

#### **Council Members Absent**

Jenna Garrett

Adrienne Seamans

#### **Staff Present**

Marieke Edwards

Mona Engelbrecht

Christine Pisani

Miguel Juarez

Richelle Tierney

Jill Smith

Will Wallace

#### **Presenters**

Dwayne Davis, Human Resources, Idaho Department of Health and Welfare

Paul Fullerton, Human Resource Supervisor, Idaho Department of Health and Welfare

Amy Cunningham, Executive Director, Disability Rights Idaho

## Guests

Laura Morales-Leavitt, Spanish Language Interpreter

Alma Lopez, Spanish Language Interpreter

Kristen Tracy, Government Programs Outreach Manager, Blue Cross of Idaho

Lily Shelton

## Minutes

### Welcome, Introductions, Ground Rules, and Perfection of Agenda

Danielle “DR” Reff, Council Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:06 AM.

Guests were welcomed and guidelines were reviewed.

Marilu Moreno, Vice Chair, reviewed the ground rules for meeting protocol.

Danielle “DR” Reff, Council Chair, reviewed Council Chair election process.

### Consent Agenda

- a. Draft Meeting Minutes: October 27-28, 2023**
- b. Executive Director Report**
- c. Chair Report**
- d. Vice Chair Report**

#### Summary:

Danielle “DR” Reff shared about the upcoming Council Chair nomination process. She is not running for a second term as she is up for reappointment this year.

Christine Pisani shared her Executive Director report. Christine requested that Council members provide recommendations to her and Richelle on the legislative updates sent weekly by staff. Staff seek suggestions from Council members about improvements to the way information is presented or, if additional information is needed, what that is. Please send suggestions to Christine and Richelle by February 15, 2024.

Danielle “DR” Reff reported on her activities as Council Chair over the last quarter. These activities include her work as a Community NOW! Meeting Leader, the Ad

Hoc Membership Committee, and her involvement with the Our Care Can't Wait Legislative Luncheon.

Marilu Moreno reported on her work as the Council vice-chair. She was active with project areas to improve language access and Lideramos Juntos (Together We Lead) leadership development program for Spanish speaking families and people with intellectual and developmental disabilities scheduled to start February 9-10, 2024. Marilu also updated the Council about meetings held with the Board Members of National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities (NACDD) to discuss the Idaho Council's experience with language access at the past two national NACDD conferences.

There were no changes to the Fall Council meeting draft minutes.

### **ACTION: Consent Agenda**

- Michael Sandvig moved to accept the consent agenda as presented.
- Marilu Moreno seconded.
- Motion passed.

### **Presentation: Financial Report, Marieke Edwards, Research Analyst**

Marieke Edwards, Research Analyst, presented the first quarter financial report. Marieke reviewed the Council's state and federal budgets and spending activity over the last quarter. She also reviewed the current no-cost extension and how it impacts Council spending.

### **ACTION: Financial Report**

- Andrew Mills moved to approve the financial report as presented.
- Mike MacGuffie seconded.
- Motion passed.

### **ACTION: Closed Executive Session\*\*, Personnel Discussion with Dwayne Davis, Human Resources, Idaho Department of Health and Welfare**

- Jennifer Johnson moved to enter into Executive Session.
- Edgar Zuniga seconded.
- Motion passed.

**\*\* Executive Session required under Idaho Open Meeting Law 74-206 (b) To consider the evaluation, dismissal or disciplining of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against a public office, employee, staff member, or individual agent, or public-school student.**

### **ACTION: Executive Director Evaluation Decision**

- Nick Wyatt moved to give Christine Pisani an exemplary performance rating.
- Andrew Mills seconded.
- Motion passed.

### **Working Lunch: Member Networking**

Legislative appointments were reviewed with Council members and the need for staff supports were discussed. Legislative hearing schedules were also shared for Council members.

### **Presentation: Proposed Guardianship Statute Legislation, Amy Cunningham, Executive Director, Disability Rights Idaho**

Amy Cunningham, Executive Director, Disability Rights Idaho, presented the history of the Uniform Probate Code that applies to guardianships, conservatorships, and other protective arrangements. She highlighted several proposed changes to this law. One focus of the new law is how the guardianship process will use person-centered practices. She summed up that the proposed changes help make guardianships hard to get, but easy to get out of to make sure a person's rights are protected.

### **ACTION: Vote on Proposed Guardianship Statute Legislation**

- Stephanie Walters moved to support the Guardianship Statute Legislation as a Priority Two (2): Lending Support.
- Rochelle Larsen seconded.
- Motion passed.

### **ACTION: Change to Summer Meeting Dates, Christine Pisani, Executive Director**

Due to the dates of the National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities (NACDD) annual conference July 24-26, 2024, staff propose changing the current summer Council meeting dates of July 25-26, 2024 to July 18-19 with

new member orientation on July 17<sup>th</sup>. This proposed change will allow staff and members to attend the conference.

- Mike MacGuffie moved to change the Summer Council Meeting dates to July 18<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>
- Jennifer Johnson seconded.
- Motion passes.

### **Presentation: Review 2023 Annual Report, Marieke Edwards, Research Analyst**

Marieke Edwards, Research Analyst, shared the annual report for Council members to review and use during their legislative visits.

Meeting will resume at 9:00 AM, Wednesday, January 31.

**Wednesday, January 31, 2024**

**9:00 am - 3:30 pm Mountain Time**

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**Presenters**

Juliet Charron, Division Administrator, Division of Medicaid, Idaho Department of Health and Welfare

**Guests**

Alma Lopez, Spanish Language Interpreter

Laura Morales-Leavitt, Spanish Language Interpreter

Ryan Langrill, Principal Evaluator, Office of Performance Evaluations  
Sasha O'Connell, Principal Evaluator, Office of Performance Evaluations  
Angela Lindig, Executive Director, Idaho Parents Unlimited  
Julie Fodor, Executive Director, Idaho Center on Disabilities and Human  
Development, University of Idaho  
Lily Shelton  
Kevin Swearingen  
Becky Bailey, Administrator, Center for Independent Living  
Jessica Rowe, Center for Independent Living

## Minutes

### **Welcome, Introductions, Guest Introductions, Review Guest Protocol and Agenda Review/Changes**

Danielle "DR" Reff, Council Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:03 AM.

Guests were welcomed and guidelines were reviewed.

Marilu Moreno, Vice Chair, reviewed the ground rules for meeting protocol.

### **Presentation: Medicaid Staffing Budget Request, Juliet Charron, Division Administrator, Division of Medicaid, Idaho Department of Health and Welfare**

Juliet Charron shared a new opportunity for family members and adults who use Medicaid services to apply to be on the Medical Care Advisory Committee (MCAC.) This advisory committee will be created to comply with new federal requirements.

She provided an overview of the budget request for thirty (30) positions at Medicaid. These thirty (30) positions reflect twenty-eight (28) new positions and funding for two (2) positions already on staff. Juliet reviewed staffing levels since State Fiscal Year 2009 and explained how program enrollment, budget and complexity have continued to grow. Council members asked questions about how Medicaid will use additional staff to help address concerns around access to dental care and access to information. Staff asked how to help collaborate on a more comprehensive system of person-centered planning. The presentation

provided specific deliverables to the Disability community should the positions be funded by the legislature.

### **ACTION: Vote on Proposed Medicaid Staffing Request**

- Stephanie Walters moved that the Council take a Priority Two (2): Lending Support for Medicaid's staffing request for 30 fully funded staff to take them up to 241 total positions.
- Janice Carson seconded.
- Motion passed.

### **Presentation: Quarterly Progress Report, Marieke Edwards, Research Analyst**

Council staff shared an overview of project activities for the first quarter. Will Wallace provided an update on the SUN (See Us Now!) activities under Goal 1 in the Work Plan. Jill Smith spoke to Goal 2 in the Work Plan on person-planning capacity building. She reported on the November Person-Centered Planning Summit held in Boise. Miguel Juarez shared the Council's funding support for training on Trilingual Interpretation for the IdahoRID (Registered Interpreters for the Deaf) 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference under Goal 3 of the Work Plan. Richelle Tierney reviewed the Our Care Can't Wait advocacy training and Legislative luncheon that took place November 8-9 that is part of Goal 4 in the Work Plan.

### **Presentation: Overview of Legislative Issues, Richelle Tierney, Policy Analyst**

Richelle Tierney, Policy Analyst, reviewed current legislative issues and corresponding fact sheets.

### **Working Lunch: Review Council Member Talking Points for Legislative visits**

Council members received support from their Council member partner and staff to prepare for their legislative visits Wednesday and Thursday.

### **Discussion: Review Fred Riggers Disability Awareness Day Schedule, Debrief Legislative Visits, Christine Pisani, Executive Director**

Christine Pisani, Executive Director, reviewed the schedule for Fred Riggers activities tomorrow. In addition, she and staff identified supports available throughout the day for Council members, both at the Capitol and at the Council



meeting conference room. Council members left for their legislative visits and returned to debrief and complete their legislative reports throughout this section of the meeting.

### **Council Meeting Evaluation**

Marieke Edwards, Research Analyst, provided the Council meeting evaluation to members.

Meeting will resume at 9:00 AM, Thursday, February 1.

**Thursday, February 1, 2024**

**9:00 am-3:30 pm Mountain Time**

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**First Floor Rotunda**

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Lily Shelton

Jen Magelky-Seiler

Larkin Seiler

Noll Garcia

Kevin Swearingen

## **Council Members proceed to the First Floor Rotunda for Fred Riggers Disability Awareness Day Activities and continue Council Member Legislative Visits**

### **Working Lunch: Completing Council Member Legislative Reports, JRW East Conference Room**

Council members returned to JRW East Conference Room at 12:30 pm before returning to the Capitol for additional Disability Awareness Day Activities at 1:30 pm. Staff were available to assist members in completing their legislative reports.

### **Discussion: Council Member Legislative Visit Reports**

Council members shared discussions that took place with their legislators and any questions or information needs Legislators had that Council members were

unable to answer. Council members completed their legislative reports and submitted them to staff.

### **Council Meeting Evaluation**

Marieke Edwards, Research Analyst, provided the Council Meeting evaluation to members.

### **ACTION: Adjourn**

Danielle “DR” Reff, Council Chair, ended the meeting for lack of a quorum at 3:40 pm.