

FINAL Meeting Minutes

Spring Quarterly Council Meeting

Thursday, April 25, 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

Michael Case

Randi Cole

Amy Cunningham

Jenna Garrett

Deedra Hunt

Jennifer Johnson

Mike MacGuffie

Andrew Mills

Marilu Moreno

Emily Petersen

Danielle Reff - DR

Michael Sandvig

Carly Saxe

Adrienne Seamans

Nicholas Wyatt

Edgar Zuniga

Council Members Absent

Janice Carson

Maria Juarez

Rochelle Larsen

Natali Pellens

Staff Present

Christine Pisani

Marieke Edwards

Mona Engelbrecht

Miguel Juarez

Richelle Tierney

Will Wallace

Presenters

Mel Leviton, Executive Director, Idaho State Independent Living Council and Jami Davis, Program Specialist, Idaho State Independent Living Council.

Guests

Becky Bailey, Administrator, Center for Independent Living

Francesca Barbaro, Bureau Chief, Bureau of Developmental Disability Services,
Idaho Department of Health and Welfare

Minutes

Welcome, Introductions, Ground Rules, and Perfection of Agenda

Danielle “DR” Reff, Council Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

Guests were welcomed and guidelines were reviewed.

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

Consent Agenda

- a. Draft Meeting Minutes: January 30-February 1, 2024
- b. Executive Director Report
- c. Chair Report
- d. Vice Chair Report

Christine Pisani, Executive Director, provided her executive director’s report on activities this past quarter.

Danielle “DR” Reff, Council Chair, provided her Chair report on activities this past quarter.

Marilu Moreno, Vice Chair, reported on her quarterly activities.

*ACTION: Consent Agenda

- Mike MacGuffie moved to accept the consent agenda as presented.
- Andrew Mills seconded.
- Motion passed.

Review of Vice Chair Nomination Process: Marilu Moreno, Vice Chair

The Vice Chair serves one year and must be a member appointed as a person with a disability or a parent. The Vice Chair helps the Chair prepare for Council meetings and activities and serves as Chair in their absence. The Vice Chair is not

required to attend the annual National conference but is encouraged to attend to develop their leadership skills.

Michael Case introduced guest Francesca Barbaro, the new Bureau Chief for the Bureau on Developmental Disability Services at the Division of Medicaid, Department of Health & Welfare. She will attend Council meetings in the event Michael is unable.

Presentation: Quarterly Progress Report – All Staff

Staff presented an overview of project activities for Quarter 2.

Working Lunch: Networking, All Council Members

Presentation: Idaho Based ABLE Saving Account Program Proposed Legislation, Mel Leviton, Executive Director, Idaho State Independent Living Council

Mel Leviton and Jami Davis shared information about the ABLE Savings Account Program. ABLE stands for “Achieving a Better Life Experience” and is a savings account that can be used by people with disabilities to have more than \$2,000 in the bank without it counting against their eligibility for services. That means the ABLE account balance is not looked at by the Social Security Administration or Idaho Health and Welfare as a cash resource.

The State Independent Living Council (SILC) has a workgroup with the DD Council to propose legislation in the 2025 session to join another state’s program. The SILC is recommending that Idaho joins the Ohio program.

Report: Disability Policy Seminar Experience, Richelle Tierney, Policy Analyst

Richelle Tierney, Council staff, shared reports from Larkin Seiler and Council member Rochelle Larsen who attended the seminar.

Announcement: National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities Annual Conference, Christine Pisani, Executive Director

The Council will be sending three staff, Christine Pisani, Marieke Edwards, and Mona Engelbrecht. In addition, we have funding to support the Chair, Vice-Chair

and two additional Council members. Interested Council members must submit an application that is due no later than Wednesday, May 15, 2024.

Member Reports

Jenna Garrett and Sara Bennett shared their member reports.

Meeting will resume at 9:00 AM, Friday, April 26.

Friday, April 26, 2024

9:00 am-3:30 pm Mountain Time

Joe R Williams Building, East Conference Room

700 W. State St., Boise, ID

Attendees

Council Members Present

Michael Case

Randi Cole

Amy Cunningham

Jenna Garrett

Jennifer Johnson

Mike MacGuffie

Andrew Mills

Marilu Moreno

Emily Petersen

Danielle Reff - DR

Michael Sandvig

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Members Absent

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Staff Present

Christine Pisani

Marieke Edwards

Mona Engelbrecht

Miguel Juarez

Richelle Tierney

Will Wallace

Presenters

Ritchie Eppink, Attorney for Class Members, KW vs. Armstrong Lawsuit

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

Megan Anderson, Attorney, Department of Health & Welfare KW vs. Armstrong Lawsuit

Guests

Becky Baily, Administrator, Center for Independent Living

Sasha O'Connell, Medicaid Deputy Administrator - Benefits, Idaho Department of Health and Welfare

Angela Lindig, Executive Director, Idaho Parents Unlimited

Megan Anderson, Attorney for the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare

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***ACTION: Set Council Meeting Dates for 2025, Christine Pisani, Executive Director**

Proposed dates for 2024-2025 Council Meetings are:

July 18-19, 2024 (already approved) New Member Orientation: July 17

October 24-25, 2024 (already approved)

January 23-24, 2025

April 24-25, 2025

July 24-25, 2025, New Member Orientation: July 23

October 23-24, 2025

The Council will host a virtual prep meeting to review policy issues the week before the January 2025 Council meeting. This meeting will help Council members prepare for their one-on-one legislative visits. The date for the Fred Riggers Advocacy Day will take place on Wednesday, February 5. The National Association

of Councils on Developmental Disabilities (NACDD) conference dates have not been set for 2025.

- Amy Cunningham moved to accept the proposed dates.
- Marilu Moreno seconded.
- Motion passed.

Presentation: KW vs. Armstrong Lawsuit Background, Ritchie Eppink, Attorney for Class Members

Ritchie Eppink, Attorney for Class Members shared the background of the KW vs. Armstrong lawsuit.

Presentation: KW vs. Armstrong Lawsuit Status, Juliet Charron, Medicaid Division Administrator, and Megan Anderson, Attorney for the Department of Health and Welfare

Juliet Charron, Medicaid Division Administrator reported that the Department will not be able to use the Supports Intensity Scale – Adult (SIS-A) assessment tool as the creator of the assessment tool is unwilling to support the transparency required by the settlement (releasing the SIS-A user manual to the public). The Department is currently researching already developed tools being used by other

states. The Department wants to create a work group to inform the assessment selection process that will include all stakeholders in Spring 2024.

Presentation: KW vs. Armstrong Lawsuit Status, Ritchie Eppink, Attorney for Class Members

Ritchie Eppink, Attorney for the Class Members shared an update from the plaintiffs on the KW vs. Armstrong Lawsuit.

Working Lunch: Member Reports

Randi Cole and Carly Saxe provided their members reports.

Team Building: Move About, All Council Members

Danielle “DR” Reff, Council Chair, and Marilu Moreno, Council Vice-Chair led a Move About team building activity for all Council members.

***ACTION: Council Chair Election, Christine Pisani, Executive Director**

Carly Saxe and Adrienne Seamans were nominated for the Chair position. Each nominee shared a brief statement on why they would like to serve as Chair. Council member votes were recorded.

Adrienne Seamans will serve as Chair as soon the Governor appoints her to that position.

Presentation: Council Member Appreciation, Danielle “DR” Reff, Council Chair, and Marilu Moreno, Vice Chair

Nick Wyatt and Natali Pellens have completed their members terms. Danielle “DR” Reff and Marilu Moreno led the Council in appreciation of these exiting Council members.

Announcement: July New Member Orientation and Council Meeting Schedule Review, Christine Pisani, Executive Director

Christine Pisani, Executive Director shared information regarding New Member Orientation taking place on July 17. Members were asked to communicate their intention to attend by June 14th to Will Wallace.

Council Meeting Evaluation

Marieke Edwards, Research Analyst, facilitated the Council Meeting evaluation with members.

***ACTION Adjourn**

Danielle “DR” Reff, Council Chair, entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting.

- Edgar Zuniga moved to adjourn.
- Andrew Mills seconded.
- Motion to adjourn passed at 2:39 PM.

***ACTION ITEMS require a decision or a vote by membership.**

The mission of the Idaho Council on Developmental Disabilities is to promote the capacity of people with developmental disabilities and their families to determine, access, and direct the services and supports they need to live the lives they choose, and to build the community’s ability to support their choices.