



## Summer Quarterly Council Meeting

Thursday, July 18, 2024, 9:00 am - 4:45 pm (MDT)

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

- 9:00 am Welcome, Interpretation, Guest Introductions, Review Guest Protocol, and Agenda Review/Changes - DR Reff, Council Chair
- 9:05 am Review Ground Rules - Marilu Moreno, Vice Chair
- 9:10 am Icebreaker - Name, where you are from, and what your favorite candy was as a child?
- 9:35 am **ACTION ITEM\*: Consent Agenda** - DR Reff, Council Chair
- a. **Draft Meeting Minutes: April 25-26, 2024**
  - b. **Executive Director Report**
  - c. **Chair Report**
  - d. **Vice Chair Report**
- 9:50 am **ACTION ITEM\*: Financial Report** - Mona Engelbrecht, Financial Specialist
- 10:15 am Break
- 10:30 am **ACTION ITEM\*: Approve 2025 & 2026 Annual Work Plan and 2025 Annual Budget** - Marieke Edwards, Research Analyst and Mona Engelbrecht, Financial Specialist
- 12:00 pm Member Networking and Member Reports (lunch provided) - Andrew Mills and Rochelle Larsen
- 1:15 pm Crisis System Improvement Program, START Services Review and Update - Stephanie Perry, Idaho START Pilot Program Director, Dr. Susan Stumph, Clinical Director, and Hayley Helm, Clinical Team Lead
- 2:15 pm Break
- 2:30 pm Why START Services are Important to the DD Council - Christine Pisani, Executive Director

- 2:45 pm     START Services and Person-Centered Planning - Sarah Allen, Supervisor  
Hayley Helm, Clinical Team Lead
- 3:15 pm     Break
- 3:30 pm     Small Group Discussion - How could our Person-Centered Planning work  
help START Services in Idaho? - Jill Smith, Program Specialist and Christine  
Pisani, Executive Director
- 4:20 pm     Report Out from Small Group Discussions - Council Members
- 4:45 pm     Break until tomorrow

## Summer Quarterly Council Meeting

Friday, July 19, 2024, 9:00 am - 3:30 pm (MDT)

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- 9:00 am     Welcome, Interpretation, Guest Introductions, Review Guest Protocol, and  
Agenda Review/Changes – DR Reff, Council Chair
- 9:05 am     Review Ground Rules - Marilu Moreno, Vice Chair
- 9:10 am     DD Council Five-Year Plan Overview - Marieke Edwards, Research Analyst
- 10:10 am    Break
- 10:30 am    Quarterly Project Report - All Staff
- 11:30 am    Break
- 11:45 am    **ACTION ITEM\*: Council Vice-Chair Election** - Christine Pisani, Executive  
Director
- 12:00 pm    Member Networking and Member Reports (Lunch provided) - Michael  
Sandvig and Emily Petersen
- 1:15 pm     Disability Rights Idaho Voter Toolkit - Sue Pierson, Legal Director, Disability  
Rights Idaho
- 1:30 pm     Disability Rights Idaho Proposed Goals and Priorities - Amy Cunningham,  
Executive Director, Disability Rights Idaho
- 2:00 pm     Council Member Questions and Annual Paperwork - Jill Smith, Program  
Specialist
- 3:00 pm     Evaluations - Marieke Edwards, Research Analyst

3:30 pm      **ACTION ITEM\*: Adjourn**

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

This agenda is subject to change in accordance with the provisions of the Idaho Open Meeting Law. Items may be addressed 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 if an agenda item is resolved in less than the allotted time.

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## **DRAFT 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

Carly Saxe

Adrienne Seamans

Nicholas Wyatt

Edgar Zuniga

**Members Absent**

Janice Carson

Deedra Hunt

Maria Juarez

Rochelle Larsen

Sara Bennett

Natali Pellens

**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

## 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 reviewed.

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

### **\*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 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

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## Idaho Council on Developmental Disabilities

### VICE CHAIR NOMINATION FORM

The Vice-Chair position is limited to Council members who are individuals or family members.

#### Vice-Chair Duties:

Performs all duties of the Chair in the Chair's absence and may be assigned other responsibilities by the Chair or the Council.

If you are interested in serving as either Vice-Chair be prepared to nominate yourself or have someone nominate you. If you know of someone on the Council that you think would be good in this position, you may nominate them, but be sure to ask their permission first.

#### Vice-Chair Nomination Form:

**Council Member Name:**

**Nominated by:**

**Years of Service on the Council:**

**Offices held on the Council (if any):**

**Outside Involvement:**

**Other Activities:**

**Reason for Seeking Office:**

**Why do you think you would be a good Vice-Chair?**

*Attach additional information and/or speech, if desired.*



**DISABILITY RIGHTS IDAHO  
STATEMENT OF GOALS AND PRIORITIES  
FISCAL YEAR 2025  
(October 1, 2024 – September 30, 2025)**

**HOW DO WE CHOOSE CASES?**

1. You must live in Idaho.
2. Your problem must be related to your disability.
3. Our funding sources have rules for service. You and your problem must meet these rules. Additional information about what we do can be found on our website [www.disabilityrightsidaho.org](http://www.disabilityrightsidaho.org)
4. Your problem must be one that we can solve. The law must be able to give you the help you are asking for.
5. Every year, our Board, Council, the community and our staff set what we will focus on or prioritize for the next year. Your case must fit one of the priorities for the year.
6. If we can give you information to solve the problem on your own or your problem can be solved by another professional, we will give you that information instead of taking your case.
7. So that we can help the most people possible, we try to take cases that can help many people before we take cases for one person.
8. DisAbility Rights Idaho (DRI) gets many requests for help and sometimes we do not have enough money or people to help everyone that calls. So sometimes we may not be able to help you, even though your problem fits one of our priorities.
9. We talk to everyone involved in a problem first to try and solve the problem before we take legal action or file cases in court.

**DRI cannot help with every issue, including, but not limited to criminal matters, divorces, custody of minors, bankruptcy, worker compensation issues, personal injury cases, taxation issues or estate planning. We always welcome suggestions for new areas of focus.**

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## Abuse and Neglect

**Goal:** People with disabilities living in or receiving services from a covered service provider or facility will be free from abuse, neglect, and rights violations, in line with their legal rights.

- **Area of Focus 1: Monitoring.**
  - DRI will conduct monitoring visits for abuse, neglect, and rights violations at adult and youth facilities and home and community-based settings.
- **Area of Focus 2: Investigations.**
  - DRI will investigate allegations of abuse or neglect as allowed under our federal authority.
- **Area of Focus 3: Individual Cases.**
  - DRI will address individual issues or rights violations identified during monitoring visits or as reported, for example, failures to provide needed assistive technology.

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## Access and Rights

**Goal 1:** Address access barriers faced by people with disabilities using public buildings, public accommodations, transportation, and K-12/Post-Secondary Education.

- **Area of Focus 1: Accessibility.**
  - DRI will accept disability discrimination cases under Title II or Title III of the Americans with Disabilities Act, or Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.
- **Area of Focus 2: Community Integration.**
  - DRI will collaborate with the US Department of Health and Human Services Office for Civil Rights (OCR) in their ongoing investigation into violations of Title II and the Olmstead decision for children with serious emotional disturbance (SED) or with a developmental disability and SED.

**Goal 2:** Assist youth with disabilities in accessing medically necessary services, including assistive technology.

- **Area of Focus 1: Medicaid Denial.**
  - DRI will provide legal representation to youth who have been denied Medicaid services under the Early Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Testing (EPSDT) Medicaid benefit.

## **Self-Determination and Independence**

**Goal:** Provide systemic, legally based advocacy to ensure that people with disabilities can exercise self-determination and independence in the community of their choice.

- **Area of Focus 1: Individual Cases (Guardianship Modification or Termination).**
    - DRI will provide legal representation to adults with disabilities to modify or terminate abusive or unnecessary guardianships.
  - **Area of Focus 2: Individual Cases (Alternatives to Guardianship).**
    - DRI will provide assistance with alternatives to guardianship including creating supported decision-making agreements (SDMAs).
  - **Area of Focus 3: Education and Outreach.**
    - DRI will provide education on SDMAs as an alternative to guardianship/conservatorship to adults with disabilities and those who work with adults with disabilities.
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## **Education**

**Goal:** Students with disabilities will have available to them a free appropriate public education (FAPE) in compliance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (Section 504).

- **Area of Focus 1: Education and Outreach.**
    - DRI will provide education on issues, including but not limited to, special education eligibility, access to assistive technology, and dispute resolution.
  - **Area of Focus 2: Training and outreach on transition services.**
    - DRI will conduct training and outreach on transition services available to youth with disabilities.
  - **Area of Focus 3: Individual cases.**
    - DRI will represent students with disabilities on issues related to special education, accommodations, and related services in K-12 schools.
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## **Employment**

**Goal:** People with disabilities will have equal employment opportunities and be free from employment disability discrimination.



- **Area of Focus 1: Individual Cases (Client Assistance Program (CAP)).**
    - DRI will provide advocacy assistance to applicants or clients of Rehabilitation Service Administration (RSA) Programs: Idaho Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired (ICBVI), Idaho Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (IDVR), DAC (Disability Action Center), LIFE (Living Independently for Everyone), and LINC (Living Independence Network Corporation)
  - **Area of Focus 2: Individual Cases (Social Security Beneficiaries).**
    - DRI will assist people who receive SSI/SSDI to secure, advance in, keep, or regain employment.
  - **Area of Focus 3: Outreach.**
    - DRI will conduct targeted outreach visits to segregated employment environments.
  - **Area of Focus 4: Education.**
    - DRI will create informational materials on the Idaho Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Order of Selection process.
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## **Public Policy**

**Goal:** Participate in systemic advocacy that promotes and protects the rights of people with disabilities.

- **Area of Focus 1: Collaboration.**
    - DRI will collaborate with the Idaho Council on Developmental Disabilities (ICDD), the University of Idaho Center on Disability, and Human Development (CDHD) to support the Disability Advocacy Network of Idaho (DANI).
  - **Area of Focus 2: Group Advocacy.**
    - DRI will participate with other stakeholders and disability groups on task forces, work groups, and councils that present opportunities to advocate with and on behalf of people with disabilities.
  - **Area of Focus 3: Systemic Activities.**
    - DRI will address systemic issues throughout the year that affect people with disabilities, including assistive technology needs.
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## **Short-Term Assistance, Education, and Outreach**

**Goal 1:** Provide detailed information, strategies, and resources about disability rights and laws to assist people with disabilities in addressing issues related to their disability.

- **Area of Focus 1: Short-Term Assistance.**

- DRI staff will provide information to people about disability rights, laws, and services, including assistive technology available in the community.

**Goal 2:** People with disabilities will have increased awareness about rights, laws, and services for people with disabilities, including the services offered by DRI.

- **Area of Focus 1: Outreach and Education.**

- DRI will participate in outreach and educational activities to increase awareness about rights, laws, and services for people with disabilities, including unserved and underserved populations.

- **Area of Focus 2: Long-Term Care Ombudsman Collaboration.**

- DRI will collaborate with the Long-Term Care Ombudsman to provide a training on effective communication requirements under Title III of the Americans with Disabilities Act to nursing home and/or residential assisted living administrators.

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## Voting

**Goal:** Address barriers which prevent eligible Idaho voters with disabilities from voting.

- **Area of Focus 1: Education for Full Electoral Participation.**

- DRI will provide information and education to support full participation in the electoral process for eligible Idaho voters with disabilities, including registering to vote, voting by mail, using assistive technology, and accessing polling places.

- **Area of Focus 2: Voter Accessibility Toolkit.**

- DRI will promote an informational media campaign and voter accessibility toolkit regarding voter registration and valid identification requirements under Idaho law.

- **Area of Focus 3: Accessibility in Voting.**

- DRI will collaborate with and educate election officials and poll workers to support eligible Idaho voters with disabilities to fully participate in the electoral process.

- **Area of Focus 4: Voting Policies and Practices.**

- DRI will monitor state policies and practices to ensure they are consistent with the Help America Vote Act.

- **Area of Focus 5: Individual Cases.**

- DRI will provide representation to eligible Idaho voters with disabilities whose voting rights have been violated.