



Legislative & Public Policy Committee Meeting

June 7, 2021 -- 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Zoom Only (no in-person meeting)

<https://zoom.us/j/458897508>

MEETING MINUTES:

Attendance:

Council Committee Members Present: Ali Thompson, Cami Renfrow, Christine Owen, Dawn Russell

Council Committee Members Absent: Bonnie Silva, Lisa Franklin, Lucinda Haro

Community Committee Members Present: Michael Hoover (disability rights representative and past Council member)

Community Committee Members Absent: Gerrie Frohne (excused)

Guests: Andrea Mercier, Donna Downing (past-president of the National Autism Committee)

Staff Present: Vanessa Hernandez, Robert “Bob” Lawhead

Meeting Minutes:

1. Ali called the meeting to order at 10:04.
2. Review Agenda:
 - a. No changes today.
3. Meeting Minutes from May 17, 2021:
 - a. Dawn made a motion to approve. Cami seconded. Christine abstained.
 - b. Minutes approved.
4. Old Business:
 - a. Subminimum wage elimination bill (SB21-039) was passed on Friday and will go on to governor’s desk for signing.
 - b. HB21-1122 (First Responders Interactions with Persons with Disabilities) passed the Senate and headed to the governor’s office for signing.
 - c. Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) funding stability
HCBS-DD Waitlist Update – 667 new resources still in the Long Bill.
 - d. ARPA: 10% HCBS FMAP increase until 3.31.22. HCPF will be sending their spending plan to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) soon.
 - e. Ombudsman office for people with IDD – No update.
 - f. High-fidelity wraparound services expansion funding reinstatement - No

update.

5. New Business:

- a. Ideas for the summer break when legislations is not in session:
 - Email from Lisa: Invite Josh Winkler (Lieutenant Governor's Office) or Michelle Craig (HCPF) for presentations (they serve as co-chairs for the Co-Occurring Disabilities & Behavioral Health Working Group).
 - Session starts again in January 2022.
 - One LPP committee meeting in July, August and September. Start meeting twice a month in October.
 - Will work on ideas Lisa put out.
 - Go back to meeting twice a month in October.

6. Public Comment: Andrea Mercier

- a. An idea I have for legislation would be the creation of a combined type of DSP professional known as a Provider. This professional would have cross training that would help those with combined disabilities and there would be different Tiers for Scope of Practice training needs. I am in some of the work groups for BHT and Direct Care Worker groups and I have a variety of ideas for bills to support diversity and inclusion as well.

7. Meeting adjourned at 11:14 AM.

Next Meeting: Monday July 19, 2021 10 AM until 12 noon via Zoom

Action Items:

1. Bob will send a document with Legislative updates.

Motions Made:

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 - Dawn made a motion to approve. Cami seconded. Christine abstained.