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:
   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
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.

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**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:**
1. Meeting Minutes from May 17, 2021:
   • Dawn made a motion to approve. Cami seconded. Christine abstained.