



Colorado Developmental Disabilities Council
Council Meeting Minutes
September 27, 2017



AGENDA:

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Presentation: Video of Community Inclusion
3. Planning and Grants Committee Update, Including Two Voting Items
4. Budget Update
5. Discussion of Meaningful Roles
6. Executive Director's Report
7. Legislative and Public Policy Committee Update, Including One Voting Item
8. Colorado DD Council's Five Year Plan
9. Open/Public Comment
10. Adjournment

DISCUSSION:

1. Council convened at 12:07 PM by Shannon Secret .
2. Guest Max Grange introduced the video, *Big Air Max*, the story of how his community supports him, with the following comments: “Being part of my community rocks!”; “it helps me to have friends by my side—they help me laugh and dream”; and “to dream something is to take a risk”. Katie Grange included additional background on how the video came to be and future plans for sharing it.
3. The Planning and Grants Committee Report included two voting items for the Council from the Committee. A great deal of discussion ensued around the voting item focused on the development of a new employment resource for young children, their families, and their support teams. The voting item was presented by Committee Member, Willie Wade, Deon Gillespie moved to approve it, Paulette Steinhoff seconded, and the entire Council voted to approve. The second voting item proposed to bring in a national speaker on understanding behavior as communication and was presented by Committee Member Melissa Mannix; Julie Voltaire Schleusener moved to approve, Alicia Eakins seconded and the entire council voted to approve the voting item.
4. Mackenzie Helton provided a budgetary update for the Council including a review of state travel rules pertaining to reimbursing travel and distributed W-9s so Council members could receive reimbursement. Mackenzie reviewed the three year federal funding cycle, including encumbering and expending funds.
5. The minutes from the July 26, 2017 Council meeting were reviewed—Jeanette Cordova moved to approve them, Claire Dickson seconded and the entire Council voted to approve the minutes.
6. Marcia Tewell presented the Executive Director's Report, highlights of which included an update on the status of hiring someone for the Admin position (hopefully by mid-October) and the annual retreat for Council Executive Directors in October in New Mexico, at which clarity around lobbying and DD Councils will be provided. Marcia requested that Council members indicate which committees they will be serving on via a checklist passed around at the meeting.

7. The Legislative and Public Policy Committee update was provided by Hal Wright and included a discussion of nine areas committee members were interested in addressing at upcoming meetings; exploring potential collaborative partnerships with other groups in the State; and providing an educational opportunity at upcoming committee meetings once the legislature is in session. A discussion ensued about Council's ability to lobby; Marcia Tewell clarified that the primary purpose of Councils is to educate, advise, and inform. Bob Lawhead introduced the next Voting Item focused on writing letters to Colorado's Congressional Delegation requesting their sponsorship of the Federal Disability Integration Act. Melissa Mannix moved to approve the voting item; Claire Dickson seconded, the full Council voted to move forward with the letter. Senator Irene Aguilar shared provided insight on reaching out to friends of people with disabilities in the Senate. A discussion about abuse at the Pueblo Youth Center ensued with ways the Council may want to consider getting involved.
8. Council Planner Sue Fager provided background on the relationship between Councils, their federal funding agency, Five Year Plans and annual reports. She also covered where the current Five Year Plan came from and the role of Colorado Citizens in its development.
9. Open/Public Comments: None
10. The Council meeting adjourned at 4:05 PM.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: November 29, 2017
LOCATION: Fellowship Hall, Christ Church United Methodist Church
690 Colorado Blvd., Denver CO

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Action Items:

1. Use of Go To Meeting or Zoom at Council Meetings.
2. Send link to the website of David Pitonyik, a potential speaker on behavior as communication, to Council Members.
3. Send "Board Profile" Worksheet to Council Members.
4. Send guidance document from NACDD to Council members to clarify our role in lobbying efforts.
5. Send email reminding Council members to prepare for the retreat.
6. Send letters requesting co-sponsorship of the Disability Integration Act to Colorado's Congressional Delegation.

Those in attendance: Sen. Irene Aguilar, Jeanette Cordova, Claire Dickson, Alicia Eakins, Kristen Erby, Lisa Franklin, Sandy Freidman, Deon Gillespie, Patricia Heinke, Jessica Howard, Melissa Mannix, Jennie Munthali, Julie Voltaire Schleusener, Shannon Secrest, Peggy Spaulding, Paulette Steinhoff, Willie Wade, Deborah Marks Williams, Hal Wright

Those absent: Rob Buzogany, Gina Herrera, Jennifer Marinez, Sarah Metsch, Corey Mineo

Staff Present: Marcia Tewell, Robert Lawhead, Mackenzie Helton, Susan Fager

Guests: Katie and Max Grange