



Colorado Developmental Disabilities Council
Council Meeting Minutes
May 23, 2018



AGENDA:

1. Introductions and lunch
2. Changes to Today's Agenda
3. Approval of January and March Minutes
4. Chair and Vice Chair Elections
5. Sharing Session
6. Break/network
7. Executive Director Report
8. Voting Items (5)
9. Budget update
10. Planning Grants update
11. Legislative and Public Policy Committee Update
12. Open/Public Comment
13. Adjournment

DISCUSSION:

1. Jeanette called the meeting to order at 12 pm.
2. Melissa asked that the agenda be changed to read Sue and Melissa will present voting items and not Joelle and Sue.
3. Minutes: Council reviewed minutes from January, March 7th and March 23rd. Melissa made motion to approve all three sets of minutes. Paulette seconded approval. Minutes approved.
4. Elections for Chair and Vice Chair: Rob explained the election process and procedure.
 - a. Alicia Eakins and Deon Gillespie were nominated for Council chair and accepted. Alicia gave her speech to the Council and no one had questions. Deon gave her speech and there were no questions. Vanessa and Rob passed out the ballots and counted the votes. With a vote of nine to seven Alicia Eakins won the position of Council Chair.
 - b. Jeanette Cordova and Alicia Eakins were nominated for the Vice Chair positions prior to the Council meeting. At the meeting Jeanette removed herself from the voting ballot and nominated Deon Gillespie. Deon has accepted her nomination and with no other nominations Deon won Council Vice Chair.
5. Sharing Session: The Council members and staff shared an object that helps define them to help get to know one another a little more.
6. Budget Update: Federal Government passed the budget. FFY18 \$972,974. Mackenzie shared what he feels should increase. Salary for new employee Tina Trammer. Travel increase by \$8000. Printing and library, not too much to share. Computer rental and office rent may be increasing. Postage and phones increased a bit. We have three phones and the hot spot. Projects increased the most- this is what we take the grants and projects we are funding through the office from. Allowable Admin. Is what the federal government allows us to spend and then no more than 30% of our budget on Admin and no less than 70% on projects. The staff is paid via admin and project salaries.

7. Executive Director Report: Thanked the Council for all their hard work. She also thanked the Chair and Vice Chair nominations for putting themselves out there and agree to the nominations. Joelle shared with the Council that she is very optimistic of the future but is aware change and action cannot happen immediately due to government protocol. Does not like vintage policy and retro approaches to policy because it has gotten us to a place where we are not necessarily moving forward. She really wanted this job but realized that is it not about her but what can happen in her lifetime. Believes this work, committee, and Council are not what we can do now but instead about what we are going to leave in the next 50 years for the future. She has also heard that people need more guidance on their roles. Has also met with the grantees and hopes to build strength and grow. Questions about the Council meeting structure. Everyone present knows what the Council purpose is and every person is willing to help. Joelle recognized Senator Irene Aguilar and thanked her for the service and dedication she has provided.
 - a. Joelle asked for volunteers in the communication field to help the Council's website.
 - b. She also shared that she has an idea on March 1st 2019 to have an inclusive day of service in the community. The basic vision is to have some service projects organized throughout the state but one of the goals is to draw attention to marginalize people.
 - c. Her goals were: First 30 days to meet with Council staff, members, and grantees. Second 30 days meet with other departments and anyone Council members believe will benefit.
 - i. Gina suggested that the Council meetings times be held differently and able to get up and move and work together instead of sit and listen the entire day.
8. Melissa: Voting Items. There are five voting items and all are about grant funding continuation. Sue gave a summary of each grant outcomes and successes.
 - a. First voting item: Colorado Allies in Leadership, Policymaking and Systems Change (ALPS) Sibling Leadership Development Project (Sibling Tree). Senator Irene Aguilar asked the success of the grants that are up for voting items. Sue shared that this year they had 15 people commit and 12 graduated. They have a group of people that are ready to start the process now. Deborah made the motion to approve this grant. Jeanette seconded. Council unanimously approved this grant.
 - b. Second voting item: Family Leadership Development in Denver, Sewall Child Development Center, Fillmore Campus. Jessica made motion to approve this grant and Deborah seconded. Council unanimously voted to approve the grant.
 - c. Third voting item: Emergency Preparedness Training. Senator Irene Aguilar Jennifer Martinez seconded. Jeanette abstained from voting due to her connection with University connection. Council approved.
 - d. This is the third year the Council would be funding the grant. Willie made the motion to approve this grant. Peggy seconded. Council unanimously approved this grant.
 - e. Northern Colorado Youth Leadership (Access and Ability). Alicia made motion to approve. Melissa seconded. Council unanimously approved this grant.
9. Planning and Grants Update: Sue and Melissa shared an update about the Youth Leadership Forum (YLF) and two documents, one in English and another in Spanish, and asked that Council members share on their social media to help spread the word.

10. Legislative and Public Policy: Hal shared he has two goals for the committee- 1) Empower more Council members to be involved with the Legislative agenda and 2) Wanted more committee members on the committee but it was not successful.

- a. The committee had a meeting yesterday and decided they would like more training, maybe in August. Community members that join the committee with their own agenda is a concern and some type of contract is needed to help this. Also would like to have a Vice Chair on the committee.
- b. Joelle was pleased of the passage of 18145 and the medical waiver.
- c. Paulette suggested that any training with the Legislative and Public Policy be put on the Council website for others to view and use.

11. No Public Comment

12. The Council meeting adjourned at 3:59 PM.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: August 1, 2018
LOCATION: 455 S Colorado Blvd, Denver, CO 80246

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Action Items:

1. Sue will reach out to Jeff with School Resource Officer Crisis Intervention grant and ask about funding Senator Irene Aguilar mentioned that was given for school resource training.
2. Vanessa will send the Council Dan B. Davidson posting for their social media in English and Spanish.
3. Joelle suggested we follow up conversation on the SDM Resource document Sue brought to the table. She will send some resources for the Council to review that might be a better explanation. The document will be emailed to the Council.

Those in attendance: Sen. Irene Aguilar, Jeanette Cordova, Jennifer Martinez, Deon Gillespie, Margaret (Peggy) Spaulding, Alicia Eakins, Melissa Mannix, Rob Buzogany, Julie Voltaire Schleusener, Jessica Howard, Deborah Marks Willams, Willie Wade, Kristen Erby, Gina Herrera, Hal Wright, Paulette Steinhoff

Those absent: Sandra Friedman, Jennifer Munthali, Patricia Heinke

Staff Present: Joelle Brouner, Mackenzie Helton, Susan Fager, Robert Lawhead, Vanessa Hernandez

Guests: Lisa Franklin (serving a leave of absence), Mary Russell, Bruce Cline, Mary Ann Mangelsen (HCPF state employee), Doug Creech