



Colorado Developmental Disabilities Council
Council Meeting Minutes
September 26, 2018



AGENDA:

1. What is the role of a Council member?
2. How does ITAAC define the role of a member?
3. Approval of August 1, 2018 Minutes
4. Ratification of email / votes on continuation funding for YLF and Sewell-Dahlia
5. Voting: Executive Committee on funding for communications work
6. Voting: Executive Committee for approval of Council budget for Federal Fiscal Year 2019
7. Voting: 2019 meeting dates
8. Committee Reports: Executive, Legislative and Public Policy, Planning and Grant
9. Agency Reports
10. How can we provide financial information to you in a useful, accessible manner?
11. Six Month Plan
12. Recap action items / evaluations
13. Adjournment

DISCUSSION:

1. Alicia Eakins called the meeting to order at 12:11 pm.
2. Introductions
3. Alicia asked Council members what they believe their roles are on the Council are:
 - a. Patricia Henke: Representing Division of Voc Rehab shared that she believes her role is to share and educate on employment and the nature of the workforce in employment. Her goal is for individuals to know that competitive wages and integrated employment is feasible for everyone, including individuals with developmental disabilities.
 - b. Hal Wright: Has a 32 year old daughter with down syndrome and is an upset parent. He felt that the system was absolutely broken because his daughter was on the waistline for fourteen years and the fact that he could die before she had help was a true concern.
 - c. Patrick Hackney: Wants to make an effort to support various funding and programs to support people.
 - d. Julie Voltaire Schleusener: Feels that she came on the Council to support the Regional Centers and community homes to help their children have the option to stay in Colorado, their home state, and not be sent to another sent.
 - e. Jessica Howard: Has an 8 year old son with Autism. Feels new to advocacy and still learning the terms and steps and looks to Council members for advice and guidance. There is a lot of work to be done and someone has to do it.
 - f. Rob Buzogany: Unclear of his role. He is a parent of a child with a disability and works for a state agency. Sometimes feels he should be representing the agency but also wants to represent his child. He is learning and listening from the members and Council. The Council helps keep him grounded and stay connected.
4. Big picture Concepts about the Role of Members document passed out. Alicia reminded members that each person on the Council represents different perspectives.

5. Government touches the life of every Coloradan. Idea of Polis - Meaning of politics. People and their government where people make decisions in their role and own their participation. Goal is that every member leaves today with a clear role on the Council. Further assistance can be found on the ITACC website (<https://itacchelp.org/>) directly.
6. August Minutes: Mackenzie and Bob made amendments to the August Council minutes. Mackenzie said the sentence in item six needs to be deleted that reads "This means we can no longer have three year grants" and Bob corrected item number eleven, letter B from Public Policy to Planning and Grants. Bruce made motion to approve minutes with amendments. Paulette seconded. Council unanimously approved.
7. Council Voting Items:
 - a. Swell and the Youth Leadership Forum were both approved for continuation funding. These are the voting items Joelle emailed out to Council members with a one week deadline.
 - b. Executive Committee on funding for communications work. Goal is to have this done by March 2019, just in time for disability awareness month. A documented quote will need to be sent out. Price will be \$15,000. Council is voting to put this documented quote out. Patricia suggested asking the individuals for their availability and time to ensure they can take this on and complete in a timely manner. Hal made motion to approve. Patricia seconded. Council unanimously approved.
 - c. Executive Committee for approval of Council budget for Federal Fiscal Year 2019. Purposed budget is based on what we have spent in the last two years. Salaries have increased in the last year. Office supplies have also increased. Negotiating a larger office space to create a new conference room. Travel and accommodations are increasing. This purposed budget is not set in stone and changes would need to go through the executive committee. Hal made the motion to approve. Patrick seconded. Council unanimously approved.
 - d. Executive Committee Membership: Bruce Cline to become an at large member of the executive committee. . Hal made motion to approve. Paulette seconded. Council unanimously approved. Bruce will be replacing Patricia Henke on the committee.
 - e. Voting: Continuation for Sewell and Youth Leadership Forum: Deon made motion to approve. Bruce seconded. unanimously approved by the Council.
 - f. Voting: 2019 meeting dates: Council meeting dates for the remaining 2018 dates and for 2019: Council Retreat November 28th from 9 am until 4 pm at Christ Church United Methodist (690 Colorado Blvd, Denver). Peggy made motion to approve. Julie seconded. Council unanimously approved.
8. Committee Reports:
 - a. Executive committee: In addition to the work on the meeting space the committee is also beginning to look at bylaws and policy and procedures to ensure they can move forward on the six month plan.
 - b. Planning and Grants:
 - i. Paulette shared projects that are completed for the Federal Fiscal Year 2018 and purchase orders are being developed for FFY 2019.
 - ii. 2020 will be a busy year for planning and grants with the creation of the new Five Year Plan. Her goal is to start the momentum and invest in 2019 and the projects as this will require everyone's approval.
 - c. Legislative Public Policy:
 - i. Hal wants to be more active in the JBC (Joint Budget Committee). Relationships need to be rebuilt between the committee and JBC. The 2003 people sitting on

the wait list finally got on the call from the JBC. Unfortunately this was a onetime deal and the fight will need to continue again this year.

- ii. Hal would like to have six to ten community members on the committee. Benu Amun-Ra is the newest community committee member as she was recommended by Hal and Bob and approved by the executive committee. Michael Hoover is a community member and an extraordinary contributor to the committee.
- iii. Last year Jennifer Martinez created a great relationship and collaboration with HCPF.

9. Agency Reviews:

- a. Patricia- Division of Voc Rehab- Announcements October 9th SB 15 meeting with HCPF. Requires HCPF and DVR to create rules for training. If you want the information email Patricia to get on the list. DVR is launching a pilot for discovering customized employment launching in possibly five areas of the state.
- b. Katie Oliver- Department of Education- Working with special education staff to prepare families and students for the next part of their journey. Every student succeeds act. Right now the state is collecting input and Katie asked Vanessa to forward an email to the Council for input.
- c. Sandra Friedman- JFK Partners: Has two core grants for developmental disabilities. Focused this year on plan to collaborate with adults in Voc Rehab. Focus on training. Self advocates and family members are part of their trainees. Do training and research, and involved in clinical research, clinical care, but focus is transition of individuals with developmental disabilities, and community outreach. Process of setting up advisory committee and anyone can join. If interested let Sandra know for an application.
- d. Peggy: Department of Human Services Division of Aging and Adult Services- Would like to hold a public forum at the retreat with aging individuals with an I/DD because early onset of alzheimer's is a big issues.
- e. Patrick- Disability Law Colorado- State protection and advocacy PNA agency. Serve individuals state wide. Create yearly plans and Currently up to 8 different grants. He has been advocating to ensure benefits are not lost in the combination of state waivers. Home and Community Based Homes (HCBS) if regulations are implemented as written you will see a drastic change in services in the I/DD community. Also interested in representative payee program where they go and review organizations that serve as representative payees to ensure entity are properly using money and spending correctly. Will review 51 entities to review.

10. Six Month Plan: When we talk about the work that is before us, We inherited a great foundation (the car in the road trip example) from those that came before us. The next six months will get us to the future we envision. Strategic Map that will get us from point A to point B. How we are during the process and decisions we make will help us determine what our values are. Visualize the future. Let go of any money, time constraints. This is a rough draft that is open for collaboration. We are not going to recreate the wheel but determine the parameters.

- a. Alicia lead a visualization exercise with the members to help them think of where the Council can be in a six month period.

11. Public Comment- None given

12. The Council meeting adjourned at 4:15 PM.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: October 25, 2018
LOCATION: TBD

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Action Items/ Motions Made:

1. Motions Made:

- a. Bruce made motion to approve minutes with amendments. Paulette seconded. Council unanimously approved.
- b. Communication Plan: Hal made motion to approve. Patricia seconded. Council unanimously approved.
- c. 2019 Purposed Budget: Hal made the motion to approve. Patrick seconded. Council unanimously approved.
- d. Executive Committee Membership: Hal made motion to approve. Paulette seconded. Council unanimously approved.
- e. Voting: 2019 meeting dates: Peggy made motion to approve. Julie seconded. Council unanimously approved.
- f. Voting: Continuation for Sewell and Youth Leadership Forum: Voting: Continuation approval? Deon made motion to approve. Bruce seconded. unanimously approved by the Council.

2. Actions Items:

- a. Patricia suggested asking the individuals from CDLE who will complete the website for their availability and time. This will ensure they can take the project on and complete in a timely manner without any delays or increase in cost.
 - b. Vanessa will update the meeting date invites.
 - c. Gina Herrera would like to be on the agenda for a Council meeting to discuss the stakeholder opinion for the Department of Education.
 - d. Peggy would like an hour on the agenda to host an open forum.
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Those in attendance: Alicia Eakins, Deon Gillespie, Willie Wade, Kristen Erby, Hal Wright, Patricia Henke, Rob Buzogany, Jessica Howard, Peggy Spaulding, Paulette Steinhoff, Bruce Cline, Julie Voltaire Schleusener, Katie Oliver, Sandra Friedman, Sandra Friedman, Milly Segura Cubas (on the phone)

Those absent: Sen. Irene Aguilar, Debroah Marks Williams, Joe Morrone, Elizabeth (Lisa) Potter, Jennie Munthali, Jennifer Martinez 6

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

Guests: Lisa Franklin (on the phone)