**Delaware Developmental Disabilities Council (DDC)**

**Adult Issues Committee**

**Minutes of Meeting, Friday, February 19, 2016**

**DDDS Fox Run, 2nd floor training room**

**2540 Wrangle Hill Road, Bear, DE**

**And**

**Teleconference**

**302-526-5475**

**Conference ID 6940783#**

**9:30 AM to 12:00 PM**

**Members present at meeting location: Gary Mears,** Parent Advocate, Committee Chair; **Bill Monaghan**, Advocate, Delaware People First; **Barbie Monaghan**, DDC Chair, Advocate, Delaware People First; ); **HarrietAnn Litwin**, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR); **Terri Hancharick**, Parent Advocate; **Tina Fields**, Advocate, Delaware People First; **Vivian Turner**, Director- Collaborative Efforts to Reinforce Transition Success (CERTS); **Laura Strmel**, St. John’s Community Services; **Carol Barnett**, Division of Services for Aging Adults and Persons with Physical Disabilities (DSAAPD)

**Members Absent: Alvin Emory**, Self-Advocate

**Members Attending Via Teleconference:** **Karen Gallagher,** Self-Advocate, Committee Vice-Chair

**Staff Present: Kristin Cosden**, Social Services Administrator, DDC

**Guests Present: Aaron  Brown**

**I. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 9:38 AM. Chairperson Gary Mears noted that a quorum was present.

**II. Approval of Minutes:** The committee voted to approve the January, 2016 minutes as written.

**III. Approval of Agenda:** Under Item VII, “New Business”, the following item was added at the request of Bill Monaghan. VII-A-Delaware People First Update. The committee voted to approve the agenda with this addition.

**IV**. **Chair’s Report:** Gary Mears thanked everyone for coming. He shared that the committee has completed all of their 2012-2016 State Plan objectives and will now await the new objectives decided on at the upcoming Joint Strategic Planning Retreat in April. Gary said that he is looking forward to seeing what the upcoming five year state plan will bring.

**V. Staff Report:**  Kristin Cosden asked committee members who are also members of the Developmental Disabilities Council (DDC) to place the Joint Strategic Planning Retreat and half-day DDC Planning Retreat on their calendars. The retreat will be held jointly with the State Council for Persons with Disabilities (SCPD) and the Governor’s Advisory Council for Exceptional Citizens (GACEC). The Joint Strategic Planning Retreat will be held on April 7, 2016 all day at the Duncan Center in Dover. Appointed members of the Governor’s Advisory Council for Exceptional Citizens (GACEC) and the State Council for Persons with Disabilities (SCPD) are invited. A second, half-day retreat will be held for DDC members only on April 29, 2016.

Kristin noted that she would have to leave today’s meeting early to travel to Dover for the first session of Partners in Policymaking (PIP). The PIP sessions will continue to occur one Friday/Saturday per month through September 2016. Kristin noted that many of the Friday PIP sessions coincide with the AI Committee meeting dates, and that she may need to leave early from time to time. She also noted that she would be on vacation on the date of the scheduled June meeting. An informal discussion took place regarding whether to hold the meeting without staff present. The committee agreed to re-visit this question as June draws closer. Preliminary comments indicated the committee would prefer not to meet without staff present, but may need to do so if there are pressing issues.

**VI.**

1. **Presentation- St. John’s Community Services,** Laura Strmel, St. John’s Community Services

Laura provided copies of her PowerPoint presentation to the committee. The presentation covered a variety of services available through St. John’s Community Services.

1. **Lifespan Services Waiver**- Terri Hancharick, DDC

The committee discussed the upcoming hearing at Legislative Hall regarding the Division of Developmental Disabilities Services (DDDS) Lifespan Services Waiver. Terri encouraged those who are impacted by the Family Support Waiver and/or the proposed Lifespan Support Waiver to attend the hearing and share their thoughts and concerns.

**VII. New Business:**

1. **Delaware People First Update-** Bill Monaghan, Delaware People First

Bill provided an update regarding what is happening with Delaware People First (DPF). Currently, DPF is working to finalize the details of their Spring Self-Advocacy Conference. The conference will be held in April at Dover Downs Hotel and Conference Center. The theme is “Spring Into Health and Wellness”. Bill asked the committee to be on the lookout for further updates.