

Developmental Disabilities Council
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 8, 2017
Margaret M. O’Neill Building, Dover, DE
Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, Pencader Corporate Center, Newark, DE
9:30 a.m.

Members Present: Barbara Monaghan (Chairperson), Carol Barnett, Maitri Campbell, Laura Greene, Terri Hancharick, Michael Harris, Brian Hartman Esq., Katie Howe, Nancy Lemus, HarrietAnn Litwin, Debra McCann, Karen McGloughlin, Daniese McMullin-Powell, Carrie Melchisky, Beth Mineo, Angela Mitchell, Shawn Rohe, Steven Yeatman

Members Absent: Angela Ehst, Alex Eldreth, Alvin Emory Jr., Karen Gallagher, Lillian Gibbons, Rick Kosmalski, Katie Macklin, Joseph Merritt Jr., Sue Ellen Powell, Jill Scannell

Staff Present: Pat Maichle, Kristin Cosden Harvey, Stefanie Lancaster, Emmanuel Jenkins

Guests: Nicole Johnson (Intern at DDC), Carmen Watson (Intern at DDC), Anita Walls (Intern at GACEC), Bill Monaghan, Catherine Prince, William Powell, Victoria Counihan, Hannah Rohe, Libby Cusack, Paul Boyd, Derrick George

- I. Call to Order** – Barbara Monaghan called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m.
- II. Approval of Minutes** - Brian Hartman made the motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Katie Howe seconded. The minutes were approved by Council.
- III. Approval of Agenda** – Barbara Monaghan asked Laura Strmel if she would like for her presentation to be moved up within the agenda and Laura stated she was ok with presenting under the New Business section. Katie Howe made a motion to approve the agenda as submitted. Brian Hartman seconded. The agenda was approved by Council.
- IV. 5 Minute Public Comment Period** – Bill Monaghan stated that Delaware People First will be hosting their annual Self Advocacy Conference on May 20th at Dover Downs. They will also be hosting a fundraiser for their non-profit on March 20th at Red Robin in New Castle County.
- V. Chair’s Report** – Barbara Monaghan stated that she and her husband Bill Monaghan presented at the Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training that was held at Wesley College yesterday. They shined during their presentation.

Barbara noted that the Developmental Disabilities Council Annual Survey is in the handouts provided to all those in attendance. Members were asked to fill survey out and hand it in before they left. The information gathered allows for us to ensure that our Council is doing the best work possible to better the lives of persons with disabilities.

VI. Staff Report – Pat stated the following:

- a) Pat reported that March is Disabilities Awareness Month. This is a national event that Councils and many national organizations celebrate. Pat asked for members to send stories and pictures to share to please send them to Emmanuel so that they can be shared on our social media.
- b) Pat received information from the Administration for Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities providing a toolkit that contains information that may be helpful in communicating the importance of preparing for severe weather. If any member has family members or friends that could benefit from this information, please share this with them.
- c) An alternative bill to Obamacare was introduced yesterday. Pat has received several alerts and emails regarding this. She has also received statements from CCD in Washington, AARP, The Arc, ADAPT, NACDD and several more regarding concerns for our disability community.
- d) Pat attended the Rare Disease Day event at Nemours on February 28th. This project welcomed students from local schools to prepare a project on a particular rare disease and present it to parents and families during this event. This was a great opportunity especially for those students wanting to go into the healthcare field.
- e) The Delaware Crime Victims Tribute hosted by the Victim's Rights Task Force will be held on April 5th at the Delaware State University Martin Luther King building.
- f) The Interagency Collaboration Team (under the Department of Education) has released their annual report. Wendy Strauss shared this with Pat. Pat can share with Council if needed.
- g) Kristin attended a webinar on March 7th titled "Methods and Techniques for Early Screening for Dementia for People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities". The webinar was hosted by the National Alzheimer's and Dementia Resource Center (NADRC) and the Administration for Community Living (ACL).
- h) Emmanuel Jenkins reported that March is Developmental Disabilities Awareness month. Our national organization is hosting a campaign on social media called Side by Side. The Council is asking for individuals to share their personal stories. A hashtag has been created and it is #ddawareness17. The Council's Facebook page is currently at 816 likes. Emmanuel's goal is still to get us to 1000. If any members have not yet liked our page, please go in and do so. Twitter is up to 223 followers. We are following 76. Emmanuel also stated that the Supported Decision Making video on the DDC's YouTube page has reached over 1000 views.

VII. Financial Report - Financial Advisory Committee Report – Stefanie Lancaster reported that there is still \$47,620.13 left in FY2016 grant funds that needs to be obligated on a purchase order by September 30, 2017 and spent by September 30, 2018.

She urges all of the Committees to really think about projects that we can get started on so that these funds are not reverted back to our federal granting agency and therefore lost. Pat also added that Congress has not approved our final grant payment on 2017's grant. At this time we are uncertain whether we will get all of our funding. Pat is holding all requests to attend the upcoming NACDD Conference until we know more about our funding situation. The Council should hear something by our next Council meeting.

VIII. Current Business

- 1. Cultural Competence/Targeted Disparity** – Kristin Harvey had applied for training in San Jose this June relating to Cultural Competency and Targeted Disparity. However her application was not accepted this year. This training would be a week-long training that would educate her on this topic so that she could help educate the Council to ensure our compliance with this area within our State Plan. She will apply again next year.
- 2. Legislative Update-** Pat stated that legislators have been out of session for the month of February during Joint Finance Committee hearings. They should have returned this week. Some bills our Council are following:
 - a. Accessible Parking bill – We are unsure at this point where this will go. The Chamber of Commerce, League of Local Governments and Health Care Association are all against this bill. The Council will continue to try to move this bill forward.
 - b. Organ Transplant bill has not yet been added to the agenda.
 - c. HB50 – An Act to amend Title 14 of the Delaware code relating to school nurses.
 - d. HB24 relating to school attendance.
 - e. HB49 relating to school safety.
 - f. HB11 relating to eligibility for public assistance.
 - g. A safety bill on motorcycle lighting.
 - h. Uni-Count bill k-3.
- 3. LIFE Conference** – Kristin Harvey stated that the 2017 Life Conference went very well. There were 555 people in attendance not including the contractor's staff and volunteers. There was a 57% increase in number of families or people with disabilities in attendance. The planning process is underway for next year's conference. There is currently an RFP out awaiting proposals. If any member has an idea for a session topic for next year, please share with the staff.
- 4. Public Policy Seminar** – Pat stated a number of members will be traveling with Pat to the Public Policy Seminar on March 19th – 22nd. Appointments have been scheduled with each of Delaware's Congressional folks. Packets of information are being put together to share with each of them to discuss federal issues that could affect people with disabilities.
- 5. Annual NACDD Conference/TA Institute** – This was discussed earlier in the financial report.

6. **Disability History Project – DelTech Interns & Funding** – The Developmental Disabilities Council and the Governor’s Advisory Council for Exceptional Citizens have three interns from DelTech currently working collaboratively to gathering information for the Disability History in Delaware project that the Council is beginning to work on. These ladies have put together a short presentation to discuss a particular topic that they have chosen which is Sterilization in people with disabilities in Delaware. A PowerPoint was provided and is available upon request. They discussed the when sterilizations began, what it is and why they were done, societal views of people with disabilities and some statistics they have found. This information that they have gathered will be shared on the DDC’s website in the near future. Also, Pat informed the Council that the three outcomes we are looking to develop is oral histories on video, a pictorial history that will be displayed at the Public Archives building as well as some other locations and a performing arts piece. A copy of a quote received from Sue at OK Video was shared with Council. This quote is for Sue to do the videotaping of the oral histories. We are looking to begin this piece of the project in the near future. Pat is asking for the Council to approve funding for \$7,500 to begin a contract with Sue. Brian made the motion to approve and Karen McGloughlin seconded. This was approved by Council.

IX. Committee Reports

1. Adult Issues

- a. **Sexual Education & Resource Training – Need Approval** – Terri stated that the committee has develop an RFP regarding Sexual Education and Resource Training. This RFP stated that the DDC will provide funding up to \$20,000 for a contractor to utilize an existing or develop a new education and awareness resource program focused on promoting healthy sexuality for young adults with disabilities, and develop and/or utilize an existing separate companion program for parents/caregivers. The contractor would be responsible for coordinating a minimum of two education/resource sessions during the project term. The targeted attendance for the project term is at least 20 young adults with disabilities. Beth Mineo stated that Terry Burke with U of D may be able to help with this. After little discussion this RFP was approved by Council.

2. Children and Families – Alex Eldreth was not present to report.

3. Policy and Law

- a. **Update Current Position Statement – Transportation** – Terri Hancharick stated a copy of the updated position statement was within the packets. Very few changes were made to the document. The suggested changes are highlighted on the second page of the document. After little discussion, this was approved by Council.
- b. **Self-Advocacy RFP – Review and Release** – Anyone present that may have had a conflict of interest was asked to recuse themselves. At this time, Bill and Barbara Monaghan as well as Nancy Lemus all recused themselves. Terri Hancharick stated that a copy of the Request for Proposals (RFP) was in the packets of information that was distributed. The Developmental Disabilities Council is required each year to

- provide up to \$5,000 in funding to establish a new or strengthen an existing self-advocacy organization led by individuals with developmental disabilities with a focus on increasing diversity in the membership and leadership of the organization. With no discussion or abstentions, this RFP was approved by Council.
- c. **Consumer Caucus** – Joseph Merritt was not present, therefore Barbara Monaghan reported. The last meeting was held on February 11th at ChesDel Restaurant. The next meeting will be held on May 13th at 9:30 a.m. at ChesDel. If you would like to attend, please let Pat know. Minutes of all meeting are available on the statewide calendar.
 4. **Partners Oversight** – Junior Partners in Policymaking application deadline was on February 28th. There have been 23 applications received. The next meeting will be held on March 30th to review the applications and begin notifying the individuals selected to participate. This program will be held at Delaware State University beginning on June 18th. All Council members are welcome to attend any and all of the sessions for this program.
 5. **Membership** – Karen McGloughlin reported that Steve Slotkin has resigned from Council. In appreciation for his time served as a member on the Council, on behalf of Karen Gallagher and the Council, Kristin presented Carol Barnett with a plaque that she will give to Steve for us. Steve will greatly be missed. Karen also stated the Council currently is seeking two individuals with disabilities. If members know of anyone interested in joining, they were asked to complete an application and forward to the Governor's office for review.

X. **New Business**

1. **Laura Strmel – Reinventing Service Organizations** – Laura Strmel, with St. John's Community Services, attended to discuss the Transformation to Community Based Services. St. John's Community Services believes that each person should: 1) be included, respected and valued. 2) Have on-going information, experiences and expectations from which to make choices. 3) Have a variety of relationships. 4) Live and participate in the community of his or her choice. 5) Have a career, have dreams for the future and make meaningful contributions. Laura participated in a national training in Alexandria last June. She is working towards bringing this training through Association of People Supporting Employment First (APSE) to Delaware to help managers and providers understand the need to support those with disabilities. A hard copy of the presentation was available for all.
2. **Annual DDC Survey** – Members were asked to complete the survey that was distributed at this meeting. They were asked to hand in, mail, email or fax the completed survey to Stefanie so that she can compile a final report to share at the May Council meeting.
3. **Future Speakers** – Upcoming speakers are as follows:

- i. May - Cheryl Bates Harris will discuss the “Bottom Dollar” video that was produced by the National Disability Rights Network (NDRN).
- ii. July - Lanny Edelson with Families Speaking Up group will come to discuss segregated settings and share their views with the Council.
- iii. September - Brian Freedman from the Center for Disabilities Studies at University of Delaware will come to discuss work they are doing on autism.
- iv. November - Jane Donovan may come to speak about risk surveys being done in schools but Pat will confirm this.

XI. Other Council Business – There were two members that wanted to share some information:

- Karen McGloughlin reported that the Bureau of Health Equity is hosting a 2017 Health Equity Summit on June 29, 2017 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Delaware State University in the Martin Luther King Student Center. This summit will feature topics such as Healthy Neighborhoods, Opioid and Heroin Abuse, Plan 4 Health, Oral Health and have exhibitors present. Please come if you able. Also, the Division of Public Health in conjunction with the Sexual Assault Network of Delaware and Delaware State University will be hosting a 2017 Statewide Prevention Conference. In the spirit of the 2017 Sexual Assault Awareness Month theme, “Engaging New Voices”, we will hear the voices of the community and provide tools to enhance our ability to engage in culturally-relevant, community specific prevention efforts. Karen McGloughlin will share these flyers with the Council via email.
- Katie Howe stated that New Castle County Schools will be sponsoring its first Annual New Castle County Transition to Adult Life Fair. This fair is designed for student and their families from middle school to 21 years old who are receiving special education services. This event will take place on Wednesday, March 22nd from 5:30-8:30 p.m. at the Wilmington Chase Center. She will share the flyer with Council. Katie also stated that the Pathways to Employment program have exceeded its expectations. Currently there are 353 individuals enrolled in the program.
- Pat stated that LeDerick Horne will be speaking at an upcoming event hosted by the Department of Education. This event will take place on March 14th at Del Tech in Wilmington, March 15th at Del Tech in Georgetown and March 16th at Del Tech in Dover. Each session will be held from 6:00-7:30 p.m.

XII. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 11:07 a.m.

“Executive session may be held to discuss legal advice, pursuant to 29 Delaware Code Section 10004.”