

Delaware Developmental Disabilities Council (DDC)
Adult Issues Committee
Minutes of Meeting
Friday, August 18, 2017 * 9:30 AM to 12:00 PM
DDDS Fox Run, 2nd Floor Conference Room, 2540 Wrangle Hill Road, Bear, DE

Members present: **Terri Hancharick**, Committee Chair, Parent Advocate; **Karen Gallagher**, Self-Advocate, Committee Vice-Chair; **Alvin Emory**, Self-Advocate; **Carol Barnett**, Division of Services for Aging Adults and Physical Disabilities (DSAAPD); **Bernadette DeAngelis**, Advocate; **Barbara Monaghan**, Self-Advocate; **Bill Monaghan**, Self-Advocate; **Andrew Braune**, Danio Diary, Vivian Turner, CERTS; **HarrietAnn Litwin**, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR); **Gary Mears**, Parent Advocate

Members attending via phone (no vote): **Carol Barnett**, Division of Services for Aging Adults and Physical Disabilities (DSAAPD); **HarrietAnn Litwin**, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR)

Members absent: **Laura Strmel**, St. John's Community Services (SJCS); **Derrick George**, Advocate

Guests Present: **Cory Nourie**, A.I. DuPont Hospital for Children/Nemours; **Dr. Amy Renwick**, A.I. DuPont Hospital for Children/Nemours

Staff present: **Emmanuel Jenkins, (by phone)** Administrative Support Specialist, Delaware Developmental Disabilities Council (DDC)

I. Call to Order: Terri Hancharick called the meeting to order at 9:45 AM.

II. Approval of Minutes: The committee voted to approve the July, 2017 minutes as written.

III. Approval of Agenda: The committee voted to approve the August 18, 2017 agenda as written.

IV. -Chair's Report: Terri did not provide a Chair's report at this meeting.

V. - Staff Report: Emmanuel Jenkins did not provide a staff report.

VI.- Current Business:

- A. Discussion with Cory Nourie and Dr. Amy Renwick regarding the committee's healthy sexuality and people with disabilities education and resource program:** Terri introduced Cory Nourie and Dr. Amy Renwick to the committee. Terri asked if Cory and Dr. Renwick could please recap previous discussions regarding the project for the benefit of committee members who were not at the July meeting. Cory provided an overview of July's discussion. Cory noted that Nemours Transition Clinic currently addresses healthy sexuality as part of their practice.

Regarding program logistics, Cory stated that she will address the parent participants of the DDC's healthy sexuality for people with disabilities program, while Dr. Renwick will address the young adults with disabilities. Cory stated that since "healthy sexuality" is such a broad topic, she and Dr. Renwick will need lots of input from the committee regarding content to ensure that they are meeting participants where they are. Covering all topics related to healthy sexuality in one session will be tricky, so Cory noted that the program will be more of a "healthy sexuality 101" with an opportunity for participants to follow up with program staff afterward for questions which are more involved. Resources will be shared, including contact information for Planned Parenthood, which also conducts training about healthy sexuality for individuals with disabilities. Cory stated that many of the young adults that come through the Nemours Transition Clinic a basic understanding about sexuality, since no one has spoken to them about it before. The first step is to start the conversation and say, "you need to know about sex".

The committee then discussed the timeline and logistics of the program. Cory said that the group will need to finalize message delivery by December, 2017. The goal is to then hold sessions during the December-March time frame. The sessions are each estimated to take two to three hours. The committee raised concerns about presenting the material at the Transition Conference in Dover, stating that 2-3 hours is too long for a breakout session. Cory and Dr. Renwick agreed and will work to schedule an alternate location for Kent County. The committee reminded the presenters that DART Paratransit stops running at 9:00 PM for trips that are within the same county, and by 7:00 PM for trips between counties that require a connector. The committee members stated that they can reach more individuals than the Request for Proposals (RFP) states as a goal.

The committee also asked about how they should handle someone above the age of 22 who wants to attend the training as an individual (not a parent). The group agreed that these are two separate demographics, and that combining a group of individuals who range from 14 to 40 would not be the best use of session time. Cory said that an important part of the program will include having self-advocates and parent advocates attend and co-present at each session to share their perspective. Emmanuel Jenkins stated that he feels this is absolutely crucial to the success of the program. He also added that it is important to market the program using social media to help ensure that young adults receive the message. Cory wrapped up the discussion by asking the committee to send any thoughts or suggestions to her and Dr. Renwick. Cory said that she would like to get the marketing and brochures out within the next month.

B. Health Self-Advocacy Program: This item was tabled for this month.

VII. New Business:

A. Alvin Emory spoke about attending the National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities (NACDD) Conference in July. During the conference, Alvin stated that he attended two separate breakout sessions, each focusing on a different kind of training, which were interesting to him. One is based out of Niagara University and involves in-depth training for first responders to help them interact in a positive manner with people with disabilities. The other training helps individuals with disabilities become trained as public speakers who are then added to a registry of speakers for various nationwide speaking engagements. The committee stated that the first responder training doesn't fit in with any of the objectives in the current state plan, so the Council would only be able to take a minor role, consisting of providing input rather than funds. The committee stated that they would support another agency funding the training and the Council providing input. The speaker training ties in with the objective which addresses identifying past Partners in Policymaking™ graduates and providing training to help them become future presenters at the program. The committee agreed to circle back to this topic at a later date.

There being no other new business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:38 AM.