

Delaware Developmental Disabilities Council (DDC)
Adult Issues Committee
Minutes of Meeting
Friday, September 15, 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; **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)

Members absent: **Laura Strmel**, St. John's Community Services (SJCS); **Derrick George**, Advocate; **Carol Barnett**, Division of Services for Aging Adults and Physical Disabilities (DSAAPD); **Gary Mears**, Parent Advocate

Guests Present: **Blair Hains**, The Marketing Department; **Barbara Bass**, Attendant Services; **Brigitte Hancharick**, Self-Advocate; **Diann Jones** (by phone), Self-Advocate

Staff present: **Kristin Harvey**, Social Services Administrator, Delaware Developmental Disabilities Council (DDC); **Pat Maichle**, Executive Director, DDC

I. Call to Order: Committee Chair Terri Hancharick called the meeting to order at 9:41 AM.

II. Approval of Minutes: This item was tabled. The August 18, 2017 minutes will be reviewed and voted on at the October, 2017 meeting.

III. Approval of Agenda: The committee voted to approve the September 15, 2017 agenda as written.

IV. -Chair's Report: Terri reported that Jill Rogers, Executive Director of the Delaware Division of Developmental Disabilities Services (DDDS) will be leaving her position. Terri said that she has not heard who will be replacing Jill.

V. - Staff Report: Kristin Harvey asked the committee to mark their calendars for two upcoming events. The first is "Movie Madness" on September 22 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM at the Dover Public Library. The event will feature the films "Bottom Dollars" and "Body and Soul: Kathy and Diana". Kristin noted that snacks will be served. The second item is the Outside the Box Conference, scheduled for October 6th and 7th at the Atlantic Sands Hotel and Conference Center in Rehoboth Beach. The DDC provided funding for the keynote speaker.

VI.- Current Business:

- A. **Updates on the Healthy Sexuality Program:** Cory Nourie provided the following update via email (read to the group by Kristin):

"... we've picked our dates for the workshops. After considering the points made by Harriet Ann [Litwin] last month about the Transition conference's schedule and students leaving early to get back for their buses, we've opted to look for an evening location in Dover.

We'll host New Castle County workshops (in the Al duPont Hospital for Children classrooms) on Wednesday, January 31st and Wednesday, February 7th in the evening (probably 6:30pm-8:30pm, but up for discussion). Kent County workshops will be held on Wednesday February 28th. I'm working with the Paradee Center to hopefully use their building. Sussex County workshops will be held at the Nemours Seaford office on Wednesday March 21st.

We are reviewing curriculum and participating in seminars on sexuality."

- B. Health Self-Advocacy Program:** Terri asked Diann Jones to provide a recap of what has already been discussed for the benefit of those who are new to the discussion. Diann recapped her vision for a program that would work with self-advocates helping them become informed, empowered, proactive advocates for their own self-directed health care. Diann stated that she envisions a program that will involve instructors or navigators sitting down with self-advocates, hearing their specific concerns and wishes, and coming up with a person-centered plan for each individual. Diann noted that patient care navigators are only able to help patients while they are actively going through treatment. Patients who are dealing with the lingering after-effects of an illness are typically not able to access the same level of support as they received while undergoing treatment. The committee discussed the need to include information about conditions that develop later in life such as Alzheimer's and dementia. They also felt it was important that people with disabilities whose parents are their primary caregivers be given support and information for when their parent is no longer here. Kristin referenced the Access to Health Care Facilities project that the DDC funded with Easter Seals as a starting point for materials. Terri stated that the state of Virginia may have a model program for health care navigation. Pat Maichle recommended looking at the Down syndrome Clinic at Wilmington Hospital as a model as well. Pat also recommended having Diann sit in on the review committee with the Children and Families Committee to review any proposals that may come in addressing this topic.
- C. Review of State Plan Objectives and Plan to Move Forward:** the committee reviewed the state plan objectives which were assigned to them in the 2017-2021 State Plan. They agreed that they need to focus on developing ideas for the following objective next:

"Develop and/or approve and implement one education and resource program over the course of the first year of the Five (5) Year State Plan for individuals currently receiving core services in segregated settings. The program will help to identify individuals' interests and match those interests with employment opportunities, financial literacy training and programs that promote healthy lifestyle choices. Twenty (20) individuals currently receiving core services in segregated settings will be reached during years two (2) through five (5) of the Five (5) Year State Plan through the presentation of this curriculum."

The committee requested that DDC staff reach out to representatives from DVR who can address Section 511, and also reach out to DDDS. Bernadette DeAngelis recommended Jennifer Garcias from DDDS. Kristin said she will work on reaching out to find representatives from each organization who are available to attend the October meeting.

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.

- B.** Kristin stated that she will be out of town in October, and that her vacation coincides with the committee's regularly-scheduled meeting. Following discussion, the committee agreed to move their October meeting to Friday, October 27, 2017 from 9:30 AM to 12:00 PM. Kristin said she will see if the DDDS conference room where the committee meets is available and will report back.

There being no other new business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:46 AM.