

**Developmental Disabilities Council**  
**Policy & Law Committee Minutes**  
**August 9, 2019**  
**Panera Bread, 140 East Main Street, Newark DE**  
**9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.**

**Members Present:** Rick Kosmalski, Maitri Campbell, Terri Hancharick, Nancy Lemus, Daniese McMullin-Powell, Bill Powell

**Members Absent:** all members present

**Staff Present:** Stefanie Lancaster

- I. **Call to Order, Approval of Agenda and Minutes** – The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. The committee reviewed the agenda and voted to approve without any further discussion. The committee reviewed the May and June Meeting minutes. Without any further discussion, both sets of minutes were approved as submitted.
  
- II. **Review of position statements – recommendations of edits needed to each**
  1. **Assisted Suicide** – The committee was made aware that no further comments were received from the full Council as to recommended edits to the proposed revised Assisted Suicide Position Statement. The current position statement will remain in effect as previously written.
  2. **Subminimum wage** – Terri Hancharick will begin working on developing a one-page executive summary of bullet points that can be handed out to any legislator that the Council needs to educate on the Council’s position on various topics. Terri will bring her recommended revisions to the next committee meeting for review and discussion.
  3. **Housing** – Daniese McMullin-Powell will begin working to update this document and develop an executive summary page document to share at the next committee meeting.
  
- III. **Review/Discussion regarding the Self Advocacy RFP and status of that request** – The committee reviewed the current wording in the Self Advocacy Request for Proposal (RFP) that was advertised and a proposal was received. After review by the full Council, it was decided not to accept the proposal. Therefore, Government Support Services (GSS) asked for any additional recommended wording to add to the RFP before putting it back out for bid again. The recommended wording to be added is as follows: “The Contractor must be part of a self-advocacy organization that has successfully made systems change and are working towards ending institutional bias”.
  
- IV. **Other Business From the Group** – The committee discussed that there were many new legislators this last legislative session. There is some educating that needs to take place with those individuals so that they can better understand the DD Council’s position on various disability related topics. The committee would like to invite these

legislators to come meet and discuss topics sometime in October. Rick Kosmalski will work to get these scheduled and report back to the committee.

V. **Next Meeting Date** – The next meeting date will be held on September 13<sup>th</sup>. Location to be determined. Information will be sent to all committee members closer to the meeting date.

VI. **Adjournment** – The meeting adjourned at 11:05 am.