

**Developmental Disabilities Council  
Policy & Law Committee Minutes  
September 13, 2019  
Panera Bread, 140 East Main Street, Newark DE  
9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.**

**Members Present:** Maitri Campbell, Derrick George, Terri Hancharick, Nancy Lemus, Daniese McMullin-Powell, William Powell

**Members Absent:** Rick Kosmalski (Chair)

**Guests:** Donna-Marie King

**Staff Present:** Stefanie Lancaster

- I. Call to Order, Approval of Agenda and Approval of August meeting Minutes –**  
The meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m. The committee reviewed the agenda and voted to approve without any further discussion. The committee reviewed the meeting minutes from August. One minor change was requested. The second sentence should be revised to read “The current Assisted Suicide Position Statement remains as is.” With this change, the committee approved the minutes.
  
- II. Review of position statements – recommendations of edits needed to each**
  - 1. Subminimum wage –** Terri Hancharick is still working on the proposed revisions to this statement. Anyone who has any thoughts regarding this statement should send their thoughts to Terri directly. A copy of the proposed revisions will be sent to Stefanie prior to the next meeting.
  
  - 2. Housing –** Daniese McMullin-Powell is still working on the proposed revisions to this statement. She will share her proposed revisions to Stefanie prior to leaving for a trip as she will not be present at the next Committee meeting.

Information was also shared with the Committee from the Arc regarding their position statement on Assisted Suicide. The committee was in favor of adopting their statement as our own. Daniese will work to compose something to share at the next meeting.

- III. Discussion regarding the Train the Trainer Contract – guest/contractor – Donna-Marie King to come speak on this project –** Donna-Marie King came to discuss the Train the Trainer Contract and to get feedback from the Policy & Law members on her proposed next steps with the project. Donna-Marie will be reaching out to past graduates of the Partners in Policymaking program (both the Adult and Junior Partners in Policymaking classes) to see who would be interested in becoming a trainer. Donna-Marie will be asking if the group of people would prefer a day or evening training to see what times are best via a short survey regarding the format,

time and what items will be discussed. The proposed date for the training event will aim to be after the first of January 2020. Once a more detailed plan is in place, Donna-Marie will request to come back to update the committee.

It was requested that those that choose to participate in this training program share a personal success story from when they took the Partners class until now. Maitri Campbell may be a good Trainer.

**IV. Brainstorm on topics to discuss with new legislators – key points** – The following are ideas that were discussed by the committee with regards to an educational/training event to provide information to new legislators about the work that the Council does and what our areas of emphasis are within our state plan.

- Hold a one-day training from approximately 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. on a Monday or Friday in April 2020 to educate new legislators on the disability community and what some of the barriers are for our community.
- Incorporate the celebration of the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the ADA into this event.
- Possible venue for this could be the Stockley Center or Delaware Hospital for the Chronically Ill (DHCI)
- Invite Rita Landgraf to help facilitate the discussion and possibly discuss the Stockley Plan Initiative Task Force developed several years ago.
- Have individuals who previously lived at Stockley or in an institutional setting tell their story then versus now living in the community.
- Serve food at the event (Terri asked that Stefanie discuss this with Kristin and our federal granting agency to see if this would be an allowable expense)

At the next committee meeting, the members will discuss more details about who to invite to the event, topics to be discussed, possible speakers, etc.

**V. Other Business From the Group** – A Free Fair Housing training will be held September 19<sup>th</sup> at 5pm in Greenwood. Anyone interested in attending should go.

Information from the Disabilities Law Program (DLP) regarding their request for the DDC to sign on and write endorsement letters for the DLP proposed program priorities that was discussed at the Council meeting on September 11<sup>th</sup>. The committee voted to have Kristin Harvey write the letters of endorsement on behalf of the Council and include the statement in each referencing “Thank you for being a part of ending institutional bias”. Stefanie will relay this information to Kristin. Copies of the final letters will be shared with the full Council.

**VI. Next Meeting Date** – The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. at Panera Bread in Newark.

**VII. Adjournment** – The meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.