

Council Meeting Minutes

December 15, 2020 / 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Approved 3/9/2021

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Attendance: Brandy Olsen, Bryn Peterson, Courtney Edgington, Crystal Pyne, Jared Stewart, Jaret Winn, John Crowley, Kelie Hess, Kimberly Jensen, Matthew Huskinson, Stephanie Hill, Stacey Cumming(for Sarah Brenna), Kimberly Evans, Tracy Smith, Adina Zahradnikova, Saska Rajcevic, Deanna Taylor, Mathew Wappett, Nels Holmgren Absent: Ian Summers, Rachael Norton, Staci Christiansen, Tom Davidson, Tracy Johnson, Glen Larsen, Krissie Summerhays Excused: Sharon Cook, Sarah Brenna, Noel Taxin, Stephanie Roach, Lisa Wade
Staff: Libby Oseguera, Avery Pince-Hyder, Rickie Crandall, Eric Stoker, Julie Hanna

10:00 1. Welcome and introductions – Jared Stewart, Chairperson
I am, Jared Stewart, chairperson of the Utah Developmental Disabilities Council. I would like to call this meeting to order. It is now (time) ___10:00am___ on December 15, 2020. This meeting is being held online via Google Meet. In compliance with Utah’s Open Meeting laws, this meeting is being recorded in its entirety. This recording is classified as public record. All UDDC motions and votes will be recorded in the minutes. Julie will now read each member’s name to take attendance. Please say “here” when your name is called.

Julie calls attendance and each person tells us something about what they like or dislike about Winter or any family tradition they may have.

10:15 2. Public Comment
Call for public comment Jared calls for any public comment, there are none.

10:20  3. **VOTE:** Approval of the September 2020 Meeting Minutes
Call for any discussion about the September 2020 Meeting Minutes. After discussion call for a motion to approve the September 2020 minutes.

Motion to approve: Jaret Winn

2nd: John Crowley

In favor: All

Opposed: None

Abstain: Jared Stewart

10:25 🖐️ 4. **VOTE:** UDDC Mission Statement

Jared begins the meeting he goes over the mission statements, the options are now between two and the council will need to vote on one during the meeting today. Libby reads both of them to the Council. Jared asks Libby when we will read the results of the Mission statement vote. Libby said lets be sure that everyone has the chance to vote and we will read the results later on before the meeting is adjourned.

Remind the Council that a subcommittee has spent many hours working to revise the mission statement. The Council reviewed some options in September and the committee responded to the feedback by producing two final options. Present the two statements.

1. The Utah Developmental Disabilities Council supports and empowers people with intellectual and developmental disabilities to achieve inclusive, meaningful, and self-determined lives in their communities through its ongoing support of leadership, education, policy, and advocacy actions.
2. The Utah Developmental Disabilities Council supports and empowers people with intellectual and developmental disabilities to achieve meaningful, self-determined lives where everyone lives and participates in their communities equally, by driving and supporting efforts in policy, leadership, advocacy, and education.

Council staff will paste the voting form link in the chat box and ask everyone to choose only 1 statement to vote for. Results will be tallied and presented later in the meeting.

Libby posts the link to vote and lets everyone know that if they cannot access it we are happy to also email it to them.

10:30 🖐️ 5. **VOTE:** UDDC Draft State Plan to open for public feedback

Each of you received a copy of the State Plan Draft in your materials. We want to thank the Council members who have been working so hard on this. Staff will hold public meetings (virtually) to discuss the plan twice in January. The staff will share public feedback with the subcommittee in February and make changes. The Council will vote to finalize the plan and begin the 45 day public comment period (March-May). Call for any discussion about the State Plan Draft. After discussion call for a motion to approve the State Plan Draft for the first round of public feedback.

Jared explains that we are working on the new state plan and that we will have upcoming meetings to review it and make changes.

Libby then reads the 2 objectives under Health & Safety and ask if there are any questions, there are none. Libby then reads the 2 objectives under the transportation goals and asks for questions, no questions. Libby reads the objectives under Leadership and Advocacy there are 3, she asks for questions, no questions. Last she reads the objectives under Community access and supports and asks for questions, the council has none.

Motion to approve: Matthew Huskinson

2nd: Jaret Winn

In favor: All

Opposed: None

Abstain: Jared Stewart

10:45 6. Committee Reports

Call on each committee chair to report on the committee meetings earlier in December.

Health- Tracy Johnson

Leadership- Stephanie Roach

Employment- Kelie Hess

Libby asks Avery to go over the Health Committee Meeting highlights. Avery covers quickly the things that the Health Committee has been working on and will continue to work on. There are no new programs or updates to announce regarding the Health Committee at this time.

Libby does a recap on Leadership Committee as Stephanie Roach is excused from this Full Council Meeting. Libby asks if anyone at this time would like to volunteer to be vice chair of Leadership as we do not currently have anyone filing this role. There are no volunteers at this time.

Jaret comments that we need to talk about the budget in case the economy goes bad due to Covid-19.

Employment committee is recapped by Kelie Hess she has no new announcements but touches on each area including Take your Legislature to Work program that is up and running again and so far is going well.

Adina thanks all of the committees for their hard work and also for the Councils support!

11:15 7. Legislative Training and Priorities

Turn the time over to Avery Pince-Hyder to present the Legislative priorities and a refresher on how to engage lawmakers in 2021.

Avery goes over a short version of how the legislative process goes, she then asks everyone on the council to reach out to their own Legislatures. Share their thoughts, voices, ideas or concerns. Avery shares her screen and shows us all how to navigate le.utah.gov to find our representatives and their information. She tells us to follow the committees or sub-committees that most interests us, and also shows us how to follow bills. She reviews the handouts given to each member before the meeting.

Libby then explains what types of things that we are able to do and not do as a council member in the Legislative procedures.

Libby asks the council members to please reach out to our Legislatures and advocate, our voices are very important and The UDDC are always here for support

Libby then explains to the council that there is an upcoming Disability Advocacy Day training that CPD and USU have created and encourages us to attend if possible.

Before the break Libby posts the 2 video links in the chat and asks us to watch one of them and we will reflect on them when we return.

12:00 8. Stand up, stretch!

(Take a break then choose 1 video from the chat to view before we return)

Before the break post the video links into the chat box and ask people to view and return with thoughts about what happens if we put people in boxes and how stereotyping can be dangerous when it comes to disability as a culture.

<https://www.goodnewsnetwork.org/triathlete-chris-nikic-finishes-iron-man-race/>

<https://www.ksl.com/article/50038566/teen-creates-music-video-to-celebrate-abilities-joys-that-come-with-having-down-syndrome>

12:30 9. Video reflections

Ask Council- which video did you watch and what did you learn or feel when you watched the video?

Matthew Huskinson watched both of the videos and said "We can do it, if you believe that you can then you can." But we also need to have a plan and action.

Rickie watched the Iron Man and that it relates to us all and the work that we all do, she loved it!

Sofia said that we should be sharing these on our social media, the council agrees.

Courtney said the music video is "just awesome the message behind it is so inspiring and heartwarming."

Deanna loved the music video she found it to be inspiring and uplifting.

Bryn says that there can be equal expectations and equal actions and that there should be.

Jared agrees he says absolutely there is no way to make change without a plan. Also we cannot just make decisions for people and how their lives are going to be or what their future will look like!

Courtney adds in the chat, we shouldn't label each other as individuals with disabilities because we label streets and places not people. So we should not try to put a label on others.

12:45 10. Budget review

Turn the time over to Rickie Crandall to review the current budget and spending for the first quarter of this fiscal year.

Rickie explains the budget review handout and asks if there are any questions, comments or concerns. Kim Jensen asks if we have funds "leftover" from one section of the budget can we move it to another that could possibly use it. Rickie explains that it requires a vote by the Full Council if we are moving funds to a new unit.

Kim also asks Libby about Health and rationing of care? Libby explains that we are happy to reach out at the UDDC but would prefer to share what for example Adina and her team have already created. Adina says that she is happy to answer any questions that the council members may have. She also lets us know that they at the DLC have created a hotline to address the critical care once the hospital reaches 95%. Adina said that we are prepared for the worst but hoping for the best. Kim asks Adina if we will have access to that hotline, Adina said yes and that the hotline would be ready after tonight if needed.

We are ahead of time so we switched the agenda order to do the Executive Report before our guest speaker.

Libby reviews and covers highlights from the 10 page report. First is the Nurse Practitioner report (Avery posts link in chat.)

Libby explains where we are with our Ready & Able program and the outreach.

Para transit- The pilot is underway running and working.

1:00 11. COVID-19 and the Impact on Native American Communities with
Griselda Ching

We have a special guest with us today, Griselda Ching, and she is going to talk to us about COVID-19 and how devastating it has been in Utah's Navajo Nation and other cultural perspectives. She is a friend of Council Member, Kim Jensen. Thank you Griselda for being here today.

Griselda explains to the Council that she tested positive for Covid-19 in October, her family is from the Navajo Nation and her mother still lives there on the Reservation. Her mother sent her some remedies that they believe would help her fight off the virus. She said that she sent her Pinon sap which she swallowed with water twice a day, she sent her sage to use to bless her house with, and Cedar and sage that she boiled and drank, her mother told her to drink the majority then give a small amount to her children. She was then instructed to sit out in the sun with her back to it whenever possible. Griselda explained that she had it pretty bad and was quit sick. Nobody else in her household has gotten it, her sister did but that she had mild symptoms other than her hair was falling out.

Griselda told us that the Stimulus checks that everyone got did not make it to the reservations, nobody that they are aware of received one.

1:30 12. Executive Director Report

Before turning the time over ask Council staff to share the newly adopted Mission Statement. This will be effective in October 2022.

Libby will share with us some of the highlights that have happened this quarter

2:00  13. **VOTE:** Close the meeting

Motion: Matthew Huskinson

2nd: John Crowley

Approve: All

Opposed: None

Future Meetings

Mar. 09, 2021 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

June 08, 2021 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Sept. 14, 2021 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

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