

**People with Physical Disabilities Advisory Committee  
February 14, 2007  
Meeting Minutes**

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**Participants:** (X = attended, A = absent; E = Excused) – February 14<sup>th</sup>

<b>Members</b>			
<b>X</b>	Jack Benson	<b>X</b>	Scott Lay
<b>X</b>	Jan Campbell	<b>X</b>	Ruth McEwen
<b>X</b>	Donna Crawford	<b>E</b>	Dayle Niemie
<b>X</b>	Tonita Croghan	<b>X</b>	Karen Showers
<b>X</b>	Kathryn Jenness	<b>X</b>	Mike Volpe
<b>Staff</b>			
Morgen Brodie, Becky Murphy, and Wendy Russell			
<b>Public/Guests</b>			
Georganne Obinger (Oregon City)		Tina Treasure	
<b>Speakers</b>			
James Toews Lynda Dyer		Cathy Cooper Max Brown	

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## **Call to Order (9:06)**

## **Agenda**

Changes to the agenda include that Carol Mauser is unable to make the meeting and that James will join Cathy for the SPD Update.

## **Review of Minutes**

**MOTION: Accept the minutes as written. *Passed.*** (Mike Volpe/Donna Crawford)

## **Follow-up Action Items**

The letter to the Home Care Commission regarding “independent living” philosophy in training went out.

Peggie Beck has resigned. An application has been sent to Edward Zaha, also from Pendleton, as a possible replacement. The members requested a letter be sent to those who have resigned, thanking them for their service.

Barbara Hawk has shown interest in becoming a member of PDAC but since Tonita represents that area, a letter will be written thanking her for her interest but we are looking for members across the state.

## **Staff Updates**

- Morgen attended training on the “social norms theory” held by the Everyday Heroes Campaign; the speaker was Dr. Alan Berkowitz. It focused on how typically we, as a culture, underestimate good behavior and overestimate bad behavior. Misperceptions dictate our behaviors, and using public information campaigns to correct misperceptions can have a positive impact on behaviors.
- The reference guide that Wendy has worked on “Accommodations and the ADA” will be sent to PDAC members for review and approval before going to Human Resources.
- The travel reimbursement is now \$.485 instead of \$.445 as of February 1<sup>st</sup>.

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- Morgen is returning to Adult Protective Services as a program coordinator effective February 26<sup>th</sup>.
- There is still talk of paying for accommodations centrally instead of by program.

## **Reports**

### **Liaisons**

No written reports were received.

**7.1** - This small work group from the Future of Long Term Care main workgroup is developing consumer safeguards as part of the consideration of the integration of acute and long term care services. Their work is not finished and there have been quite a bit of changes. This is an issue that is being discussed throughout the country and Oregon is looking at the possibility of its use. Managed care is a serious discussion issue and Arizona's plan and its outcomes will be looked at as one example.

**FLTC** - At the full meeting it was reported that there was still a lot of work to be done around integrated acute and long term managed care. There is a new work group, #9, which will focus on workforce needs surrounding in-home, as well as facility-based services.

### **Subcommittees**

Jack reported the Training and Language Subcommittee met. Notes were emailed to members. Meetings will be held more often---Jack thanked Jan for being co-chair.

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Scott reported the Employment Subcommittee's last meeting was cancelled. The next meeting is scheduled for February 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Strategic Planning Goals Update**

Everything in bold has been completed. The March in-person meeting will be focused on strategic planning. Members asked that the items that still need to be done be bolded instead.

**Legislative Agendas from GCSS and ODHHS**

The agendas for GCSS and ODHHS were included in the meeting packet.

Ruth inquired about other bills:

**SB 83** - Cleans up language regarding disabilities. Jessie Martin and Ruth went through it for consistency. It was taken back to Debbie Bowers. (Max Brown and Debbie Bowers would be happy to help members formulate letters on issues that they feel are important.)

**SB 360** - Ombudsman for DMAP.

**HB 2032** - Counties requesting tax deferred monies. This is OPI money; Lee Girard has testified.

## OPI Training (Lynda Dyer)

Handouts were included about how the training plan is coming together. Lynda went over the handouts and listened to feedback as well as answered questions. Regional trainings are planned starting in late August or early September. Members may be asked to participate in the planning stages and the actual regional training. There will be a prerequisite of the Disability culture or ADA and TANF trainings. PDAC will be involved in the training curricula. Lynda hopes to have the administrative rule finalized by October 1<sup>st</sup>. Lynda's direct phone line is 503-373-1750.

## EPD (Scott Lay)

PDAC will use the papers written by Scott to start working on improving the employment results for people with significant disabilities.

**MOTION: Scott to draft a cover letter to Dr. Goldberg along with the two employment documents. Copies will be sent to Administrators of SPD, OVRs, CAF, and the MIG2 grant.**  
*Passed.* (Jack Benson/Donna Crawford)

Scott has been reading that people with developmentally disabilities (DD) are allowed to use services for leisure, recreation where those with physical disabilities are not. It was the consensus of the group that Scott put together a paper regarding this issue and how it is imperative for mental health as

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well as being a human right that people be able to interact with their community.

## **Public Input**

Tina Treasure is concerned about the OAR regarding the shelter exception policy that was rewritten. The State Independent Living Council would like a copy of the letter and response PDAC sent and received from Lauren Mitchell.

## **DHS/SPD Update**

**Advocacy Unit Manager** - Temporarily Lee Girard will be supervising the Advocacy Unit. At this point SPD is trying to add additional support. SPD is moving forward with Operations and Policy Analyst (OPA) position for ODC, ODHHS, and PDAC. Ruth will represent PDAC on the interview panel.

**SPD Budget** - Caseloads are flat and administration doesn't anticipate any reductions in staffing. There will be a request to increase Adult Protective Services by ten positions and five more surveyors. The Department will present a staffing study including a caseload vs. workload analysis at Ways & Means.

**ODC Update** - The letters have gone over to the Governor's office, and James is waiting to meet with Ree Sailors who is the new human services advisor to the Governor. The goal is for the letters to go out and appointments be made soon.

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**Money Follows the Person Grant Update** - Oregon did not receive the grant the first round but there is a second chance. There are three Oregon specific questions and then some budget questions that SPD must respond to by next Tuesday. The second round of awards will be made in late March or early April.

**FLTC Update** - The second draft was sent out to members. The next full Future of Long Term Care meeting will be held April 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Network of Care** - It was brought to the attention of administration that when you use the link from the SPD website for the Network of Care that it immediately brings up care facilities. Cathy reported this would be taken care of.

**Ways & Means** – Ways and Means started this week. SPD will begin on April 23<sup>rd</sup>. As it gets closer, copies will be disbursed and partners invited to be involved.

## **Legislative Update (Max Brown)**

Dawn Rustrom is the new support staff for the Legislative Team. She had experience working with the 2005 legislature.

The Senate and the House are now meeting in full sessions twice a week. All DHS bills have been introduced. The last day to introduce a bill is the end of February unless legislature extends that. At this point the legislature is holding off on amendments to bills.

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SB 157 and SB 158, regarding the Home Care Commission, should be heard next week. HB 2575 creates insurance to pay bills while employees are out on family leave. Besides the bills DHS is tracking, all bills can be tracked on the Network of Care.

Max reported annual legislative sessions as a pilot program this biennium has already passed. Next year the Legislature will meet the first week of February to end of February, mostly looking at budget issues.

### **Next Meeting Agenda Items**

There will not be a lot of speakers, but more of a work session on where PDAC is going and how it wants to proceed.

The homework assignment (questionnaire) will be discussed at the next Executive Committee Meeting, which will be two hours, 10:00-12:00, via phone on February 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Wendy will send individualized directions on how to get to the new building prior to the March meeting.**

**Adjourned (12:03)**