

**People with Disabilities Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
July 11, 2007**

Participants: (X = attended, A = absent; E = Excused) – July 11th

Members			
X	Jan Campbell	X	Scott Lay
A	Donna Crawford	X	Ruth McEwen
X	Tonita Croghan	X	Mike Volpe
X	Kathryn Jenness		
Prospective Members			
E	Sharon Ely	X	Phillip Pownall
E	Linda Hildebrand	E	Ed Zaha
Attendants			
Avi Cooper, Jon Croghan, and Donaldo Hill			
Staff			
Lee Girard and Becky Murphy			
Public/Guests			
Sally Lawson		Kay Trask	
Speakers			
Cathy Cooper; Debbie Bowers & Max Brown		Sharon Hill / Jon Pelkey	
Gene Sundet & Joe Easton			

Call to Order (11:05 a.m.)

A quorum was reached.

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Review of Agenda

One change was made to the agenda---to vote on the Bylaws' revision today instead of tomorrow because of the elections.

Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Approved minutes as written. Passed. (Jan Campbell/Mike Volpe)

Follow-up Action Items from June Meeting

Becky reported a few items have been revised:

- Possibly invite Mary Gear and Sue Stoner to a later meeting since they couldn't attend July's meeting.
- A listing of the Awareness Events (tab #8) is included. Will be meeting with Patricia Feeny of DHS Communications on July 18th.
- Letters for "appointment," "reappointment," and "thank you" are signed but still in the Director's Office.
- Did not receive an MMA update.

Becky also reported on:

- The meeting packet---explained information included and where located.
- Materials on the table to be reviewed---to see if copies are desired.
- Morgen Brodie informed me of the 2007 Training Conference for Adult Protective Services Specialists and Managers in September. She made a request for any informational materials to be displayed. It was thought PDAC's brochure could be one item---need input from members for any changes so revisions can be processed and printed prior to the conference.

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Staff Updates

Lee reported:

- The Adult Protective Services Conference will have information to share from Access Technologies, Senior Patrol Grant (fraud and abuse), and the Family Caregiver program.
- Display for Information – A group has been formed to look at a better way to display materials for conferences and fairs.
- October is the month for Disability Awareness in Employment. Access Technologies is planning an event.
- Building Update: Automatic doors installed for the bathrooms, large conference room, and reception areas. The intercom button was moved lower by the doorbell. Braille has been requested. Signage for the building is on order. Question about changing the way the large conference room door opens---when automatically opens, then you have to wait until shuts before you can go up the ramp. If not possible, maybe change the time of the delay.
- The OPA2 position has been put on hold for strategic planning. Marc has been asked to assist with PDAC and ODC for now.
- SPD leadership has requested that there be only a total of eight, instead of 12, meetings a year---four in-person and four video conferencing. [Because PDAC had no input in the decision, the Executive Committee would like to meet with Cathy and James.]
- Because of vacations and staffing issues, PDAC is requested to cancel their August meeting. A decision will be made tomorrow.

DHS/SPD Update (Cathy Cooper, SPD)

Legislative Session Wrap-up (Debbie Bowers and Max Brown) – The session is over; DHS did not get everything hoped for. A copy of the bills passed that were tracked by DHS was distributed. The final wrap up conference call will be July 26th. A final report will be done to include the impact of the passed bills on seniors and people with

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disabilities. Debbie mentioned the awesome job Max did during the session (reading all the bills and assigning them) and that he is going to the Director's Office on a rotation assignment. There will be a short session in February 2008---somewhat like an E-Board---limited to bills on funding.

Budget Notes Assigned to DHS by the Legislature – Cathy distributed a copy of the Budget Notes. Three items have a direct impact on SPD of which Cathy reviewed:

- #3. SB 328 – A collaborative report from DHS and the Psychiatric Security Review Board on their progress with implementation.
- #5. DHS and Department of Transportation – Work together to investigate new revenues to enhance funding for elderly and disabled transportation services (both urban and rural). [Lee will be taking the lead.]
- #6. SPD/Long-Term Planning and Acuity of Care Models – on its comprehensive and ongoing planning efforts for the long-term care system for seniors and people with disabilities. PDAC is requested to be part of the steering committee.

Follow-up with Employment Initiative Letter – Discussion included PDAC's letter to Dr. Goldberg and Clyde's meeting with Cathy. Cathy believes employment is an important issue.

Cathy suggested possibly having "employment" be a priority for Oregon Disabilities Commission (ODC) – appointments should be made in the next month to six weeks. Possibly also include representation from Addictions and Mental Health (AMH), Children, Adults, and Families (CAF), Vocational Rehabilitation (VR), etc., to the discussion.

MOTION: Recommend "Employment Initiative" as a priority to ODC. Passed. (Jan Campbell/Scott Lay)

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Policy Option Packages (POPs) are already being worked on for legislative approval.

Money Follows the Person Grant – The first initial meeting will be July 20th, 1:00-4:00, in the large conference room on Cherry Avenue in Salem. SPD will be sending a report to CMS and the Legislature. Ruth will represent PDAC.

Deficit Reduction Act (DRA) – There are no final regulations as yet published---the department has been told the regulations are in “clearance.” There are templates for state plan options and waivers but DHS doesn’t want to apply for anything without reviewing the final regulations. Jeannette Burke and Joe Easton are the managers to refer any questions.

Bylaws’ Revision

MOTION: Accept recommended revision. Passed. (Tonita Croghan/Phillip Pownall)

Elections

Nominations for Chair: Ruth McEwen.

MOTION: Nominations closed for chair. Passed. (Jan Campbell/Mike Volpe)

Nominations for Vice-Chair: Jan Campbell.

MOTION: Nominations closed for vice-chair. Passed. (Tonita Croghan/Scott Campbell)

Nominations for Members at Large: Donna Crawford, Tonita Croghan, Scott Lay, and Mike Volpe.

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MOTION: Nominations closed for members at large. Passed.
(Phillip Pownall/Scott Lay)

DECISION: All members will vote and sign their ballot, turning them in before leaving the building after today's meeting.
Becky will give tabulations at tomorrow's meeting.

While waiting for Gene Sundet and Joe Easton, the group started debriefing:

- Scott believed Cathy's idea about "employment" being a priority of ODC was good. Possibly ODC can continue to urge SPD on issues too.
- Scott reported HB 2094, Enhancing Individual Development Accounts (dollars match from earned income), passed. This account is for more than previously allowed—first house, education, and starting a business. Now individuals can save for employment down the road (needing a car, etc.), modifications for existing housing, and training. HB 2094 to be added to Debbie Bowers' list. A copy was made for all members.

Speakers for next time:

- Possibly have David Foster of Oregon Housing and Community Services and Mary Gear.

Other:

- Scott mentioned last month's discussion and Gene's written response emailed to all members on Shift Caregivers. Scott wanted to know if PDAC should have an official position.

DECISION by Consensus: Okay as is.

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- It was believed the second draft of the information memorandum of the Accommodation Allowance was NOT received by PDAC members.
- More discussion about Kathryn's friend who went from having in-home services to an assisted living facility to a nursing home. It was recommended to ask Mary Gear about the issue.
- Meeting schedule discussion included: it was believed PDAC needed as many in-person meetings as possible, video conferences were better than phone meetings, and Jan had understood having more meetings was an accommodation issue.

Monthly Update & Upcoming Rules [Gene Sundet & Joe Easton]

Gene reported there were no new changes in rules (summary last month).

Joe reported about in-home agencies versus home care workers and COLAS.

Also discussed were service hours, paperwork and bill paying.

Division of Medical Assistance Programs (DMAP) Update [Jon Pelkey and Sharon Hill]

Handouts were distributed---included legislative bills of importance to DMAP, an organization chart, contact lists, and the Statesman-Journal article about the health care expert leading state panel (SB 329).

Discussion included:

- All the bills listed, especially HB 5031 on Durable Medical Equipment (DME). The cut of reimbursement is effective

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November 1st. Tom Coogan of Care Medicare may be someone to contact.

- Ruth asked about the federal bill 1809, In-Home Bound rule and DME. Ruth will send information to Sharon to research. Mike mentioned that Medicare reduction spending needs to be looked at.
- Suggestions of individual letters to the congregational delegation, other legislators, E-Board/February 2008 Session, and other advocate groups.
- Sharon reported January 2008 rules are being developed right now. She will provide a listing with a statement of need of the rules for the September meeting.
- E-subscribe is available.
- Expanded Access Coalition, best practices work group - there is a need for real life antidotal of exceptional access issues needs. If interested, contact Sharon Hill (sharon.k.hill@state.or.us; 503-945-6957) before the third week of August.

Public Input

None.

DSAC's Follow-up Discussion

- Letter was sent out.
- Emailed agenda and minutes for July's meeting.
- One response since letter was sent. Lee and Tonita reported on the theater access situation in Baker City. The local DSAC wanted to know what they could and could not do as a DSAC.

Suggestions:

- Members to visit a DSAC.

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- Letter requesting input on all issues and complaints (without confidential information).
- Partnership and input avenue local issues to central level.
- Invite DSAC representatives at video conferencing sites.

DECISION/CONSENSUS: Wait a few months to see if responses. Follow-up in September.

Debriefing & Networking

- Appreciated input and the sharing of DMAP information.
- Invite Tom Coogan to discuss DME.
- Informal discussions.

Adjourned.