

**People with Disabilities Advisory Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**September 12, 2007**

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**Participants:** (X = attended, A = absent; E = Excused) – September 12th

<b>Members</b>			
<b>X</b>	Jan Campbell	<b>X</b>	Scott Lay
<b>X</b>	Tonita Croghan	<b>X</b>	Ruth McEwen
<b>X</b>	Sharon Ely	<b>X</b>	Mike Volpe
<b>X</b>	Kathryn Jenness	<b>X</b>	Ed Zaha
<b>Attendants</b>			
Farris Beatty, Avi Cooper, Jon Croghan, and Linda Sjoblom			
<b>Staff</b>			
Debbie Bowers, Becky Murphy, and Dawn Rustrum			
<b>Public/Guests</b>			
Sally Lawson		Kay Trask	
<b>Speakers</b>			
Debbie Bowers, Cathy Cooper & James Toews		Tom Coogan & Rick Wallaert	
Mary Gear		Sharon Hill & Jon Pelkey	

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## **Call to Order**

Jan called meeting to order and opened with announcements and introductions. Jan announced that Ruth would be late because of mechanical problems with her van and that Scott would be late because due to a conflicting meeting.

Debbie Bowers introduced Dawn Rustrum as the new Advocacy Coordinator for PDAC and ODC.

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Dawn briefly shared her work history, including Mental Health, Legislature, and SPD and expressed excitement about working with PDAC.

Debbie introduced herself as the Manager of the Legislative and Advocacy Unit and as the Future of Long Term Care (FLTC) project lead. Debbie gave a brief update on staffing and changes in office locations. Debbie pointed out that all PDAC meetings can continue to be held at the Church Street building even though staff moved to the HSB.

**DHS/SPD Update: James Toews, Cathy Cooper, and Debbie Bowers**

**PDAC Direction and Support:**

James stressed the importance of strategic planning and suggested PDAC focus on one-three issues. Touched on a few SPD priorities where PDAC could have a role in making a difference.

Cathy discussed the PDAC meeting schedule. Reiterated the original agreement between DHS and PDAC regarding having eight meetings per year, four in-person and four by conference call. Clarified that DHS did agree to support additional meetings in the early months for planning and development purposes.

Debbie responded to a question regarding the cost of PDAC meetings. Briefly touched on dedicated staff resources and meeting expenses. Shared that it is up to the committee to decide whether they want to meet by video conferencing or phone conferencing.

**ODC Update:**

James reported ODC appointments should be ready very soon. Clarified that ODC's budget would not impact PDAC's budget in any way. Explained that the groups that have resources to pay travel

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expenses, etc. for their representatives will be asked to do so. Stated that he hopes ODC will develop a disability agenda reflecting all groups in which they can impact legislation.

Jan mentioned Donna Crawford has resigned from PDAC and pointed out that she was one of the applicants for ODC. Debbie agreed to inform the Governor's office of Donna's resignation.

**Future of Long Term Care Planning & Activities:**

Cathy provided a brief update on the Future of Long-Term Care planning. Mentioned Budget Note #6. Stated that a draft report needs to be submitted to the Emergency Board by June 2008 and a final report needs to be submitted to the 2009 Legislative Assembly.

Debbie announced topic areas and members of the FLTC planning team which includes the following:

- **Healthy Lifestyles** (Jennifer Mead and Becky Murphy)
- **Livable Communities** (Lee Girard and Dawn Rustrum)
- **Community Services and Resources** (Joyce Phelps, Marc Overbeck and Judy Bowen)

Sharon stressed the importance of making sure all recommendations are sustainable.

**Money Follows the Person Grant (MFP) Update:**

Cathy reported that staff are currently being recruited for the MFP project team. Stated that the initial workgroups are just starting to meet.

**Review of Agenda**

Jan turned over the facilitation to Ruth. Dawn requested time on the agenda to speak about representation needed at the OHP Reservation List meeting.

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## **Approval of Minutes**

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

## **Follow-up Action Items from July's Meeting**

Becky gave an overview of materials included in the meeting packet and pointed out that many of the pending items on the To Do List have been completed. Becky pointed out that Phillip had volunteered to be on Work Group #9 but that he needs to be replaced.

Dawn reported on a request for a PDAC representative at the OHP Reservation List meeting on Thursday, at 10:00-12:00, in the CAF conference room at HSB. Jan volunteered to attend.

Jan asked about Donna's resignation and the Executive Committee.

**CONSENSUS: Leave Executive Committee with five members until more PDAC members can be recruited.**

## **Community Based Care/Ways and Means Presentation: Mary Gear, Administrator of Office of Licensing & Quality of Care**

Mary introduced herself and her role as Administrator of the Office of Licensing & Quality of Care of SPD.

Mary submitted handouts and provided the following information:

- Explained the differences in Assisted Living Facilities (ALF), Residential Care Facilities (RCF) and Adult Foster Homes (AFH)
- Stated that Community-Based Care (CBC) capacity is a concern

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- Explained that the loss of CBC access for Medicaid clients means a loss of client choices and loss of low cost alternatives to nursing facility care.
- Reported that there is less and less access for Medicaid clients because of the following:
  - Medicaid rates have not kept pace with private pay rates;
  - Long-term effect of moratorium has limited new building, which has limited competition and options; and
  - Increased acuity of Medicaid-funded clients.
- Pointed out that the department is competing in a private pay market.
- Shared that many foster homes are closing because of an increased acuity and increased housing costs.
- Mentioned discussion around consideration of instituting a certification of need for new facilities (if Moratorium lifted) and financial incentives to take Medicaid (revamping financial structure).
- Explained that the Legislature gave DHS a Budget Note on acuity based reimbursement and that SPD is looking at changing reimbursement for care needs. A report is due in June 2008 and then January 2009.
- Reported that new rules regarding health services in Residential Care and Assisted Living facilities will be effective November 1st.

There was discussion on examples of facilities and issues of dignity and independence, culture change which makes all happier and less turnover of staff, choices with a balance of safety, and green home cottages.

Jan asked if there was a federal requirement because of federal monies for facilities to take Medicaid clients and if licensing requires a percentage to be Medicaid clients. Mary answered no to both questions.

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Tonita suggested if a “certificate of need” is used, the department should attach that a percentage of Medicaid clients served to it.

Mary suggested PDAC to contact Lynda Crandal from MOVE (Making Oregon Vital for Eders) for information and suggestions for involvement.

**ACTION:** Mary will check regarding ADA accessibility issues and mobility devices and will send information to Becky.

**ACTION:** Becky will send out Mary’s contact information.

**Durable Medical Equipment (DME) Update: Tom Coogan, Care Medical and Rick Wallaert**

Tom distributed handouts and introduced Rick Wallaert. Rick submitted additional handouts.

Tom provided the following information:

- There have been cuts to Medicare and that there will be cuts to Medicaid regarding power mobility devices/products.
- DMAP uses Medicare’s allowable fee schedule.
- Patient access to services will be impacted.
- On the federal level, there will be competitive bidding for the lowest and cheapest (usually less quality).
- The rule/budget item needs to be appealed---as individuals please contact legislators (state and federally)---educate on DMAP and the budget.

**Division of Medical Assistance Program (DMAP) Update: Jon Pelkey and Sharon Hill**

Jon and Sharon reported on the following:

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- Care Oregon pictures at HSB and routed one.
- One handout which showed the Oregon Health Fund Board (SB 329) and members. They plan to use existing groups.
- CAPS survey (children and adults) – fee for service and managed care by Web or phone. DMAP will share results.
- Outreach – Help Action Coalition – access concerns, developing best practices, managed care companies.
- Health Services Committee - 2008 list prioritization, a statement of intent for comfort care.
- The new MMIS System will be effective June 2008.
- Physician access improvement – CMS proposal to increase access for prevention.
- RFP improvement and quality fee for service.
- Plan to give a federal update at every meeting attended.
- The department is striving to have equity across programs and COLAs.
- October meeting regarding DME, VR, and resources?
- Consumer inability to pay or to buy up and prior authorization discussion.
- DHS is planning to use a reservation list to add more people to OHP Standard but CMS approval is pending.
- Healthy Kids initiative has been referred to the voters.
- Jeanie Philips will replace Sharon in attending PDAC meetings with Jon.

### **Public Input**

None.

### **Debriefing & Networking**

**MOTION: Scott moves to draft and submit letter to DHS regarding deep cuts to DME and what can be done regarding impact. Passed. (Scott Lay/Jan Campbell)**

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Letter to be drafted by Scott with copies to GCSS, SILC, DSACs, 04AD, and Advocacy Coalition.

Ruth reported on a Northwest Senior and Disability Services (NWSDS) meeting with Dr. Goldberg. Explained that the discussion was on the reinstatement of service levels 14-17. Reported that Dr. Goldberg suggested the advocates be more creative, looking at different programs and be preventive, keeping people out of the system longer. Mentioned OPI as an example.

Debbie reported that the Interim Committee on Services to Seniors and People with Disabilities and the Interim Committee on Human Services and Women's Wellness will be meeting jointly on Thursday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at the Capitol.

Kathryn and Jan expressed interest in discussions around the Transportation Budget Note and would like to be involved with the workgroup when formed.

Jan commented she appreciated James' comments about PDAC having more focus and looking again at strategic planning. Scott suggested the idea of individual development accounts (IDAs).

Scott pointed out that PDAC cannot lobby as a committee but that he hopes as individuals someone will take Tom Coogan up on a rally at the Capitol regarding DME.

**Adjourned.**