

NYS Developmental Disabilities Planning Council

Full Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 25, 2021

Present:

Susan Fox
Shameka Andrews
Dora Lee Stanley
David Feickert
Ketrina Hazel
Wendy Orzel
Joanne Siegel
Julie Keegan
Deidre Stanley
Suzannah Iadarola
Paula Vera
Colleen Scott
Melinda Dolezal
Tara Wood
Melissa Bennet
Suzanne Swan
Angela Lauria-Gunnik
Stuart Flaum

Absent:

Tamelia Fritz
Peter Cole
Jennifer Thau

DDPC staff:

Vicky Hiffa
Kimberly Berg
Viktoria Borsuk
Kay Broughton
Jackie Hayes
Jesse Kendall
Linda Speno
Drew Webster
Anna Weiskopf
Megan Trigg

Guests:

Lawrence Force, Mount St. Mary College
Elaine Sproat

A meeting was called to order at 9:35 by Susan Fox, Interim Council Chair.

Welcome and Introductions-Susan Fox, Acting Council Chair

Susan Fox welcomed everyone and reviewed the agenda for the day

Approval of Minutes

The October 29th Full Council meeting minutes were presented for approval.

The requested edits or amendments to the presented minutes are as follows:

- Edit Paula Veras to Paula Vera; and
- Mark Melinda Dolezal as absent in the meeting attendance list.

David Feickert made a motion to approve the amended minutes. The motion was seconded by Deirdre Staley. The October 29, 2020 Full Council meeting minutes were approved as amended.

DDPC Updates

Vicky Hiffa provided DDPC projects, membership, and staff updates.

Mount St. Mary Presentation

Staff from the Mount St. Mary College, the Center on Aging and Disability Policy, provided a presentation on the ProActive Caring Caregiver Support 3-years project funded by the DDPC. This included overview of the key project components, project reach, and project impact. The ProActive Caring Digital Resource Center at [Home | Pacp \(proactivecaring.org\)](https://www.proactivecaring.org) and a video testimony from a project participant were shown.

Funding Motions

Motion 1: Jackie Hayes presented a funding motion to award the amount of \$150,000 per year for three years (\$450,000 total) to the National Alliance for Direct Support Professionals (NADSP) to develop a training curriculum on serving people with IDD who identify as LGBTQ+ and deliver that training to Direct Support Professionals (DSPs) and other key staff across NYS. David Feickert made a motion to approve the funding motion. The motion was seconded by Deirdre Stanley. All members voted to approve the funding motion.

Motion 2: Kimberly Berg presented a funding motion to award the amount of \$150,000 per year for three years (\$450,000 total) for the Strong Center for Developmental Disabilities (SCDD) at the University of Rochester to develop an apprenticeship program for individuals with IDD so that they can participate and succeed in the State's Apprenticeship Program. Suzannah Iadarola recused. Melinda Dolezal made a motion to approve the funding motion. The motion was seconded by David Feickert. The members voted to approve the funding motion. Suzanne Swan abstained.

Motion 3: Vicky Hiffa presented a funding motion to award the amount of \$150,000 per year for three years (totaling \$450,000) to the Westchester Institute for Human Development (WIHD) to purchase and pilot enabling technologies for use by individuals with IDD in non-certified settings. Melinda Dolezal and Susan Fox recused. Deirdre Stanley made a motion to approve the funding motion. The motion was seconded by Colleen Scott. The members voted to approve the funding motion. Suzanne Swan abstained.

Motion 4: Jackie Hayes presented a funding motion to award the amount of \$180,000 for one year to the Rose F. Kennedy University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (RFK UCEDD) at the Albert Einstein Medical Center to increase access to and understanding of information on the COVID-19

vaccine among individuals with IDD and their family members, with a particular focus on un- and under-served communities across NYS. Joanne Siegel recused. The members voted to approve the funding motion. Melissa Bennet and Suzanne Swan abstained.

DDPC State Plan Presentation

Vicky Hiffa, Kimberly Berg, and Jackie Hayes provided a presentation on development of the next State Plan and overviewed the draft State Plan objectives and goals. David Feickert made a motion to approve the State Plan objective and goals. The motion was seconded by Joanne Siegel. All members voted to approve the State Plan objective and goals.

Leadership Reports

Deidre Staley, Interim Caucus Chair, Susan Fox, Interim Council Chair and Vicky Hiffa, Acting Executive Director provided their reports.

Jesse Kendall presented the DDPC fiscal report. David Feickert made a motion to approve the fiscal report. The motion was seconded by Shameka Andrews. All members voted to approve the fiscal report. Jackie Hayes provided updates on the DDPC cultural and linguistic competency work.

Open Forum/Closing

The members shared their news and announcements. The next DDPC Council Meeting will be held on June 16, 2021 (Caucus) and June 17, 2021 (Full Council).

Meeting Adjourned at 12:35.