

NYS Developmental Disabilities Planning Council
Full Council Meeting Minutes
June 16, 2022
Meeting held remotely via WebEx

Members Present:

Bin Feng
Dave Deuel
Colleen Scott
Joe Tedesco
Marc Rosen
Tara Wood
Amanda Haught
Susan Fox
Stuart Flaum
Suzannah Iadarola

Paula Vera
Dora Lee Stanley
Jennifer Thau
Catherine Patterson
Suzanne Swan
Shameka Andrews
Melinda Dolezal
Julie Keegan
Daniel Cunningham
Ketrina Hazell

Members Absent:

Wendy Cecce
Peter Cole
David Feickert, Jr.
Tamelia Laquana Fritz
Joanne Siegel
Debora Thivierge

DDPC Staff Attending:

Vicky Hiffa
Drew Webster
Regina Dalpiaz-Bulman
Lucie Benvenuto
Kay Broughton
Jackie Hayes
Anna DeRosa
Bharti Arora

Cameron Stewart
Elizabeth McCormick
Jennifer Goldman
Jesse Kendall
Kanisha Parfait
Kim Berg
Viktoria Borsuk

Guests/Presenters Attending:

Dianne Henk, OPWDD
Shelly Okure, OPWDD
Angela Castillo-Epps, Georgetown University National Center for Cultural Competence
Wendy Jones, Georgetown University National Center for Cultural Competence

Welcome and Opening Remarks:

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 am by Interim Chair David Deuel and quorum was established by calling the roll with introductions.

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Colleen Scott to approve the previous full council minutes dated February 17, 2022. The motion was seconded by Suzanne Swan. Amanda Haught and Marc Rosen abstained. The minutes were approved.

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Funding Motions:

Motion 1: Kim Berg presented a motion to fund one grantee up to \$200,000 per year for two years (\$400,000 total) to develop a web-based mental health literacy online curriculum to build capacity among practitioners, family members, and people with IDD who have co-occurring mental health challenges. Susan Fox made a motion to vote, seconded by Jennifer Thau. The motion was passed, with the caveat it should be two separate tracks for professionals and families.

Motion 2: Kim Berg presented a motion to fund two grantees up to \$200,000 per year for four years (\$1.6 million total) to develop a two-track peer mentoring program—one for people with dual IDD and mental health diagnoses and one for parents of dually diagnosed family members. Marc Rosen made the motion to vote, seconded by Shameka Andrews. Melinda Dolezal voted in opposition. The motion was passed.

Motion 3: Kim Berg presented a motion to fund the University of Indiana, and at least two community-based organizations, up to \$350,000 per year for three years (\$1,050,000 total) to administer the FEAT program in at least two communities in New York, to raise expectations around employment for people with IDD. Ketrina Hazell made a motion to vote, seconded by Bin Feng. Colleen Scott, Melinda Dolezal abstained. Paula Vera voted in opposition. The motion was passed.

Motion 4: Kim Berg presented a motion to fund Abilities First up to \$250,000 in Year 1, and up to \$150,000 in Year 2, to develop an accessible, online resource that provides people with IDD and their families a roadmap of opportunities and options at different transition points throughout the lifespan. Colleen Scott made a motion to vote, seconded by Melinda Dolezal. The motion was passed.

Motion 5: Kim Berg made a motion to fund one grantee up to \$250,000 per year for three years (\$750,000 total) to develop and administer a series of small business development classes for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) and their families. Marc Rosen made a motion to vote, seconded by Colleen Scott. Melinda Dolezal, Amanda Haught and Colleen Scott abstained. The motion passed.

Presentation from Dianne Henk, OPWDD Chief Diversity Officer:

Ms. Henk gave a presentation highlighting Executive Order 187: Ensuring Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) and combating harassment and discrimination in the workplace, and outlining ways OPWDD is working to strengthen DEI within the organization

Presentation by Wendy Jones, Senior Policy Associate and Angela Castilla-Epps, Senior Program Manager, Georgetown National Center for Cultural Competence (NCCC):

NCCC representatives gave a presentation helping to define DEI and highlighting how to be DEI mindful in language, access to services and information presented.

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Small Group Sessions were held for those in attendance to discuss diversity, equity and inclusion in DDPC projects, outreach and all policies and programs.

Leadership Reports:

Shameka Andrews provided the Caucus Report.

David Deuel provided the Interim Chair's report.

Jesse Kendall provided a Financial Report

Jackie Hayes provided an update on Cultural Competency.

Vicky Hiffa was excused from afternoon portion of meeting, and was forwarding Acting Executive Director's report to members under separate cover

Open Forum:

Members recommended an orientation or mentor program for new council members to assist with rules, responsibilities, and processes.

Members discussed the next full council meeting scheduled for October 27, 2022 being a hybrid meeting of optional in person and remote participation.

Adjournment:

Jennifer Thau made a motion to adjourn the Full council meeting. Dave Deuel seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 2.51 PM