


Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities
Division of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities
Meeting Minutes

	Meeting	IDD Advisory Council (DDAC) Meeting
	Date	Wednesday, January 24, 2024
	Time	10:00 am – 11:35 am
	Location	WebEx
	Call-in Number	+1-415-655-0002, access code 2330 934 4024

Chair Bruce Lindemann called the meeting to order. Council members Heather Daily, Nanditha Isaac, Julie Kable, Caroline Chandler, Shane Wellman, Gina DiPolito, June DiPolito, Twana King, Ryan Whitmire and Riad Akhras were present. A quorum was established.

Council member Heidi Moore was absent.

Staff members Ron Wakefield, Lori Campbell, Jeff Thompson, Allen Morgan, Ron Singleton, Christine Gudgin, Ashleigh Caseman and Olivia Nickens were in attendance.

Others present were Rena Harris, Clementine Rivers, Kevin McFarlin and Josette Akhras.

Council approved the minutes of the October 25, 2023 meeting and the agenda for the current meeting.

DBHDD IDD Programmatic Updates

Ron Wakefield discussed the DCH Managed Care and reported that Now and Comp Waives are EXCLUDED. Provided update on the workgroups for DBHDD Planning List/Waiver process. There have been five meetings with another scheduled in February. This will serve as a guide for the IDD work. Approximately 7,000 people on planning list. Intentions better identify/classify people/need. Commissioner requested 100 new waivers. Stated that approximately 400 people leave waiver services/year. DBHDD would like to be able to go back next year and say we can process 1,000 waivers. Realizes that workforce has to be right-sized. Governor has the rate study included in the proposed budget.

Ashleigh Caseman discussed the Workforce Development Projects. All three pilots are set to begin February 1, 2024. Will include 200 Direct Support Professionals in each pilot for a total of 600 DSPs. There will be an independent evaluation from the University of Minnesota. Ashleigh reiterated that the Governor's proposed budget includes the figures from the rate study with \$316,000,000 in federal and state dollars. Discussed possible policy or protocol for swimming safety and requested feedback on whether or not the DDAC Advisory Council thought there is a need.

Jeff Thompson and **Olivia Nickens** shared that they along with their team, have begun quarterly network meetings for Participant Direction with next meeting scheduled for February 23rd at noon. Person-Centered Training with Support Coordination agencies is in progress.

Christine Gudgin shared that the first pilot for Supported Employment has begun. Funded through ARPA.

Allen Morgan informed the group that operational changes have been made to the regional structure. He and Jennifer Dunn have been appointed as Deputy Commissioners to Commissioner Tanner. Allen will provide oversight to Regions 1, 2 and 3 with Jennifer Dunn providing oversight to Regions 4, 5, and 6.

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Ron Singleton provided an update on billing for physical therapy.

Council Member Updates (Self-advocates, Family & Participant Directed, Providers)

Bruce Lindemann shared updates regarding wound care/insurance and lift vans.

Gina DiPolito shared advocacy efforts regarding ramp at local movie theatre.

Nandi Isaac reminded everyone of advocacy efforts with Uniting for Change.

Heather Daily shared recent work with DSP Advocacy Group.

Ryan Whitmire expressed excitement about rate study.

Twana King shared thoughts of hopefulness.

New Business

Bruce requested communication from members regarding terms of commitment to DDAC Advisory Council.

Public Comment

Kevin McFarlin expressed concerns about Family Support and being served by providers outside of assigned region. He will contact Jeff and Oliva for further information.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:35am.

Remaining FY 2024 Council Meetings

- April 24, 2024

Respectfully submitted,

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DDAC Secretary