

OREGON DISABILITIES COMMISSION

Thursday • March 5, 2009 • 1:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.

Large Conference Room • DHS Cherry Ave. Building • 3420 Cherry Ave. NE Salem.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Frank Armstrong
Ann Balzell
Janet Campbell
Judith Cunio

Cindy Helvington
Marcie Ingledue
Bill Lynch
Ruth McEwen

Frank Synoground
Tina Treasure

MEMBERS EXCUSED:

Martha Simpson
Sherry Stock

Kedma Ough
Bill Wellard

Bob Pope

GUESTS:

Mary Alexander

Karen Bigler

STAFF PRESENT:

Max Brown, Advocacy Coordinator
Kelsi Eisele, Administrative Staff

AGENDA ITEMS:

CALL ALL TO ORDER

- Introductions
- Review and Approval of Agenda
- Review and Approval of Minutes
- Updates/Announcements

CURRENT ISSUES

- Overview of the Stimulus Bill – Mary Alexander
- Questions and Discussion

COMMISSION BUSINESS

- EPD Subcommittee – Update and Priorities
- Update and Action on Legislation Priorities
- Policies and Procedures Document – Membership and Accessible Materials Policy Updates

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CALL TO ORDER

Bill Lynch called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m.

Introductions

Commission members, staff, and guests introduced themselves.

Review and Approval of Agenda

Members reviewed and approved the agenda as presented.

Motion: By consensus without objection, the committee approved the agenda as presented.

Review and Approval of Minutes

Members reviewed and approved the minutes with corrections.

Ruth McEwen made a correction to the action item on page 8. It should read that Bill Lynch will receive information from Ruth on the Campaign for Seniors and People with Disabilities. Ruth also made a correction to page 6 under Commission Business. The word “employee” should be changed to “employed”.

Motion: Jan Campbell moved to accept the minutes with the two corrections. Cindy Helvington seconded the motion.

Vote: 8-0-0-7

Yeas: Balzell, Campbell, Cunio, Helvington, Ingledue, Lynch, McEwen, Synoground

Nays: 0

Abstentions: 0

Excused: Armstrong, Ough, Pope, Simpson, Stock, Treasure, Wellard

Motion carried.

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Bill Lynch reviewed the action items from the January ODC meeting with the commission.

Updates/Announcements

- Marcie Ingledue reported on the Mega Conference that will be held June 25th through the 27th. The conference will be held at the Sheraton Hotel by the Portland Airport. Frank Synoground suggested to Marcie in having a verbal layout of the conference emailed out prior to June 25th for to those who need assistance in seeing. This will help people familiarize themselves with the surroundings at the conference.
- Bill Lynch reported on the Developmental Disability Awareness celebration at DHS on March 19th at 3pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.
- Bill Lynch reported on the outreach letter to the other organizations. Max Brown collected the updates on the Cross Disabilities Coalition roster so now the Commission can proceed with outreach to other groups.

Action Item: Bill Lynch will draft the letter to the other organizations and will send to Max Brown.

CURRENT ISSUES

Overview of the Stimulus Bill

Mary Alexander, Senior Policy Analyst with the Office of Federal Finance and Policy, discussed and distributed a handout on Key Health Care Provisions in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA, aka Stimulus Bill) was signed into law by President Obama Feb. 17th, care, education, energy, infrastructure, expansion of unemployment benefits and other social welfare provisions. Specific Programs in the Seniors and People with Disabilities Division within the Department of Human Services (DHS):

- Aging Nutrition Services
- Social Security Administration Expense
- Moratoria of Medicare Hospice Budget Neutrality

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- Social Security Income (SSI)
- Title XIX (Medicaid) Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP)
- Moratoria of Medicaid Regulations

Specific Programs in the Children Adults and Families Division within the Department of Human Services (DHS)

- Vocational Rehabilitation

Motion: Ruth McEwen made a motion that the ODC work with other groups in sending a letter to the Legislature and Governor's Office regarding the concerns of the stimulus money and how it will be handled including using DHS dollars for general funds purposes. Judy Cunio second the motion.

Vote: 8-0-0-7

Yeas: Balzell, Campbell, Cunio, Helvington, Ingledue, Lynch, McEwen, Synoground

Nays: 0

Abstentions: 0

Excused: Armstrong, Ough, Pope, Simpson, Stock, Treasure, Wellard

Motion carried.

Action Item: ODC will write a letter to the Governors Office and Legislature regarding where the stimulus money should be spent.

COMMISSION BUSINESS

EPD Subcommittee – Update and Priorities

Bill Lynch reported on the first Employed Persons with Disabilities (EPD) meeting. The next meeting will be held right after the ODC Executive meeting on March 16th. Bill shared that Max Brown and Kelsi Eisele will be limited on time to assist the EPD Subcommittee during the legislative session. Bill thought the first meeting was very productive.

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Action Item: Bill Lynch would like the educational brochure EPD is creating, which is a brief one page profile of individual EPD clients and a cost benefit analysis of the EPD program in Oregon to share with Legislature, to be sent out to the commission by email for review.

Update and Action on Legislative Priorities

Bill Lynch discussed new bills and set priority levels.

- HB 2599 will be tracked as a priority 1 and under protective services.
- HB 2600 will be tracked as a priority 1.
- HB 2668, 2669 and 2670 will not be tracked.
- HB 2677 will be tracked as a priority 1. Jan Campbell spoke of the volunteer parking patrol and suggested that they should be the ones to patrol.
- HB 2685 will be tracked as a priority 2.
- HB 2724 will be tracked as a priority 1.
- HB 2752 will be tracked as a priority 1 and in opposition.
- HB 2770 will be tracked as a priority 2 but will have the executive committee review.
- HB 2783 will be tracked as a priority 3.
- HB 2813 will be tracked as a priority 3 and will have the executive committee review.
- SB 550 will be tracked as a priority 2.
- SB 551 will be tracked as a priority 2.
- SB 552 will be tracked as a priority 2.

Bill Lynch reported that the Executive Committee will pickup where the commission has left off in tracking and prioritizing bills.

Action Item: Max Brown will add a support or opposed heading to the bill tracking sheet.

Action Item: Bill Lynch asked Max Brown to add the priority levels and their definition to the header of the bill tracking sheet.

Policies and Procedures Document

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Max Brown discussed the policies and procedures document that was in the packet. Max addressed the tenure and group representation.

Motion: Ruth McEwen mad a motion to approve bills addition to the tenure and group representation section of the Policies and Procedures document. Frank Armstrong second the motion.

Vote: 8-1-0-6

Yeas: Armstrong, Balzell, Campbell, Cunio, Helvington, Ingledue, Lynch, McEwen

Nays: Synoground

Abstentions: 0

Excused: Ough, Pope, Simpson, Stock, Treasure, Wellard

Motion carried.

Max Brown discussed section (c) of the Accessible Materials Policy regarding materials handed out at commission meetings. Marcie Ingledue suggested that ODC not be flexible on handouts at the meeting and stick to the Policy and Procedures.

Bill Lynch suggested a change to the policy in section C to read as: “however, these materials will not be distributed during the meeting.”

Motion: Judy Cunio made a motion to state in the Policy and Procedures that materials will not be distributed during the meeting. Frank Synoground second the motion

Vote: 9-0-0-6

Yeas: Armstrong, Balzell, Campbell, Cunio, Helvington, Ingledue, Lynch, McEwen, Synoground

Nays: 0

Abstentions: 0

Excused: Ough, Pope, Simpson, Stock, Treasure, Wellard

Motion carried.

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- Frank Armstrong reported on this afternoon's Ways and Means hearing on the budget for the Commission for the Blind. Frank shared the hearing went very well.
- Judy Cunio reported on the Home Care Commission. The Commission reviewed health insurance, public testimony, reviewed a packet from (Homecare Union Benefits Board (HUBB), update on STEPs program (the Commission's training program) and emergency preparedness.
- Ruth McEwen discussed On the Move program. This program moves people out of nursing homes and into the community.
- Bill Lynch reported that Bob Nikkel is looking for a liaison from ODC to be on the Building Commission board. Bill Wellard was suggested by the ODC to be the liaison if he is interested.
- Ruth McEwen reported on the Durable Medical Equipment Meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Meeting Adjourned: 3:58 p.m.