

**People with Disabilities Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
May 10, 2006**

Participants: (X = attended, A = absent; E = Excused) – May 10th

Members			
X	Peggie Beck	E	Kathryn Jenness
X	Jack Benson	X	Scott Lay
X	Jan Campbell	X	Ruth McEwen
X	Donna Crawford	A	James Naegele
E	Tonita Croghan	X	Dayle Niemie
X	Reta Griffith	X	Karen Showers
		X	Mike Volpe
Staff			
Morgen Brodie, Becky Murphy, Marc Overbeck, and Wendy Russell			
Public/Guests			
Tina Treasure			
Speakers			
James Toews			

Call to Order; Quorum was met at 11:35.

Introductions

Review of Agenda

No changes were made to the agenda.

Review April Minutes

MOTION: Accept minutes as written. *Passed.* (Jan Campbell/Jack Benson)

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Follow up Action Items from April meeting

Because there are so many updates, Becky will send out a revised list.

Jan had questions about EI and the community forums which were discussed by James.

Ruth and staff will work on the talking points for PDAC members to use at the community forums. Ruth will assign members to attend those forums closest to them geographically. A list will be sent out to members.

DHS/SPD Update (James Toews)

Long Range Planning - James reported the task force draft will be out in a couple of days. An all day task force meeting will be held next Friday, May 19th. The various workgroups as well as SPD staff pulled together lots of data. He reminded members that these are recommendations, not implementation plans. He is sensitive to the lack of disability specific data. He has had all graphs and charts estimate people with disabilities under 65; the information is tied to general population estimates from the last census. James will have the full draft report available for the next PDAC meeting. The task force will meet sometime in mid-summer to discuss the public input.

Home Care Commission Lawsuit Update - There is no additional information. Objections and motions are being filed. The lawsuit has been amended.

Special Session - Not much to report. The \$145 million deficit was filled in two ways: The legislature put over \$50 million back into the DHS budget and about \$87 million was given to the E-Board for

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rebalancing needs. Of the \$145 million deficit, SPD's portion was \$35 million which was due to significant caseload increases.

2007-09 Budget Update - The Department's budget forums are scheduled around the state. Staff will send the dates and times to members. DHS is building a base budget and policy option packages. The EI package is listed in the SPD budget. The budget won't be finalized until after the budget meetings and public input is submitted. The Website set up for budget input includes notice for public hearings.

ODC Update – There is nothing to report. Invitations to representatives of various organizations will be sent soon, possibly to meet in July.

Advocacy Team Move - Morgen, Wendy, and Jeff from the Advocacy Unit on Monday toured the Church street site. Morgen described the space to members. Dayle and Jan will be invited as members from PDAC to visit the building and give their input. It was decided that the Executive Committee would discuss their concerns and articulate questions in written format (email or letter).

Staff Updates

No other reports were given.

Review and Continue Strategic Planning Work from April's Meeting

What was accomplished?

Members reviewed the goal attachment and revised it with updates on what had been finished and what is still pending.

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What still needs to be done?

- Bulleted points regarding the forums (Ruth).
- The sign-in sheet for the Long Range Plan forums has been drafted up with a column specifically for disability advocates.
- Members will use the liaison report template to report back about the various forums.
- Staff will invite members of GCSS to the July PDAC meeting.
- PDAC members would like to attend the July GCSS meeting (27th and 28th) when the Commission does its debriefing on the Long Range Plan forums.
- The staff will create and maintain a tracking sheet with timelines and completions of goals and action items discussed during PDAC's planning session.
- The Employment Initiative has been added to the budget package list that SPD is submitting to DHS. PDAC will be following the progress and advocating the EI budget package so it lasts thru the process.
- Scott would like to have research data on how well EI did before the program was dropped.
- Scott had a meeting last week with Brenda Sheppard regarding the Medicaid Infrastructure Grant. He will send out an in-depth report.
- Scott will be in a workgroup to identify those involved in benefit planning and give them adequate and professional training.
- The advocate workgroup has been working on different strategies to let people know who PDAC are. A flyer stating who PDAC are and inviting others to be involved will be drafted. The workgroup will start putting together information for a brochure.
- Members asked SPD to have someone from the budget staff to speak at the June or July PDAC meeting to explain how advisory committee budgets (expenditure allocations) are calculated. The DHS draft budget won't be available until after June 1st, by then the community meetings throughout the state for the public input will be completed.

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- Jane-ellen has been named SPD Intergovernmental Liaison; PDAC will invite her to speak at a future meeting.
- The Executive Committee will discuss PDAC's specific budget allocation.

MOTION: Recommend that chair send letter to Dr. Goldberg asking about budget results as the process continues and mention EI and budget packages. *Passed.* (Scott Lay/Jack Benson)

Dr. Goldberg is scheduled to come to the July meeting.

Reports

- **Liaison** - No reports were received.
- **Liaison List** - Not all members have responded. Once all have responded, the list will be sent out. Ruth will review and decide who is the actual liaison from each group.
- **Rule WorkGroups** - Ruth will report on the OPI modernization which now allows people with disabilities to participate. Ruth will write a report.

Future of Long Term Care/Long Range Planning and Community Forums (Marc Overbeck)

About a week and a half ago the governor sent out a press release about the forums. There are 10 flyers going out. SPD is sending out a mass mailing about the community forums. The first forum will be in 15 days in Newport.

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Attendant Care Policy & Reimbursement (Morgen Brodie)

Joe Easton and Jeanette Burket suggested another proposal---that those participants who are receiving Title 19 meet with their case manager and the service plan would include participation in PDAC. SPD will continue to pay per diem and meal allowance. For those members not using Title 19, SPD would set a rate of \$60 per day for attendant care.

Members ask that Jeanette be put on the next agenda to discuss this issue.

Committee Member Comments

Reta has been appointed to a committee that looks at grant requests for state parks' accessibility. Jan will send her contact information for the Fish and Wildlife Access Committee.

New Issues and June's Agenda Items

- * Community Forums.
- * Invite Jane-ellen to discuss the budget process.
- * Budget News.
- * Follow up on flyer/pamphlet information.

Adjourn at 1:35.