

**People with Disabilities Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
September 13, 2006**

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**Participants:** (X = attended, A = absent; E = Excused) – September 13<sup>th</sup>

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

## **Call to Order (11:34 a.m.)**

## **Roll Call**

The roll call was taken.

## **September Agenda Review**

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

## DHS/SPD Update (James Toews)

- **2007-09 Budget Update** - James said there is not much to report; however, PDAC was not the only group that expressed concerns on the perception that the budget process was not open at times. There was a common frustration that individuals and groups couldn't track the issues from the beginning, all the way through the process. James hasn't had a chance to talk to Dr. Goldberg or Patty O'Sullivan. He encouraged the group to feel free to express their opinion. The group shared their concerns about not knowing when, where, or how the policy option packages were prioritized. James suggested that PDAC possibly join GCSS about a joint statement.
- **ODC Update** - The planning group met on Monday, September 11th, and is working on recommendations to give to the Governor's office. The core groups of ODC would have two members each. The statutory charge is interdisciplinary issues and legislation. Right now ODC will meet monthly to get started. At this point of the planning, the group is working on the bylaws and membership.
- **FLTC/Results of Community Forum** – James complimented GCSS on their report on the community forum results. The GCSS handouts were included in the meeting packets for members to read at their convenience.
- **FLTC Workgroup #8** - At their first meeting, statistics were covered from Social Security, and now they are looking for any data source that will show disability trends.

## Review of August Minutes

**MOTION: Accept minutes as written. *Passed.*** (Mike Volpe/Jan Campbell)

## Action Items

Becky reported there were not many changes since the meeting packet went out.

The proposed schedule for 2007 was discussed.

**MOTION: Approval of meeting every other month in-person for the two half days, beginning in January and every other month would be three-hour video conferencing meetings. There would be the option of not having a meeting in December. *Passed.***  
(Scott Lay/Mike Volpe)

Becky and Marc are working on a process for accepting or declining requests (for reviews or to be part of a group) and tracking them. The plan is to have weekly emails to members with the requests. Becky reported on requests for PDAC to participate in two groups that would soon be meeting---the Disaster Preparedness Advisory Committee and MLTCRAQ, which is an expenditure review board for the long term care system. She asked members to consider volunteering.

The press release regarding recruitment will include the word “physical” in regards to disability.

## Staff Updates

- **Advocacy Team Move/New Building** – Morgen reported that Jan, Ruth, and Bentley Fink were included in a building

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accessibility walk-through and made recommendations. Morgen then met with Randy McKibbin (Central Services Manager, ASD), Josh Hardage (HSB Building Manager, ASD), Linda Riddell (Facilities Administrator, ASD), Cathy Cooper (SPD), and Carolyn Wilson (SPD) and gave them the two pages of recommendations from the group. All the recommendations were deemed feasible except for adding more handicapped stalls in the rest rooms. This means PDAC meetings will be held at a different state building starting in January 2007.

- **Attendant Reimbursement Policy** - The workgroup is currently working on final clarifications for attendant reimbursement policy. Scott asked all proposals to be in writing.
- **Physical Disabilities Conference** - James has given his permission to go ahead with planning and finding funds for a conference, and the group has met once more. The goal is for policy makers, consumers, and individuals to be able to better communicate. Morgen will distribute some brief notes when they become available.

### **Estate Administration Presentation (Bill Brautigam, Estate Administrator)**

There has been estate recovery in Oregon since the 1940s. The federal government requires recovery or reimbursement of Medicaid expenditures for those 55 years or older. There is an exception that if the person is survived by a permanently disabled child under the requirements of Social Security, the state's claim is unenforceable. Bill answered many questions regarding permanently disabled individuals in regards to their parents' estate as well as their own estates. The phone number for the Estate Administration is 1-800-826-5675 and he welcomed people to call with any questions they might have.

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## **Public Input**

Tina Treasure (SILC) read the position paper from PDAC and GCSS regarding the expansion of Oregon Project Independence (OPI) and thought it was wonderful. She sits on the group that works on OPI rule changes and asked that someone else from PDAC join to be another voice as an advocate (to join Ruth or at least be her backup).

## **Reports**

**Liaisons** - All liaison reports submitted were included in the meeting packets. Ruth reminded members to routinely turn in liaison reports, even if more than one member attends.

**Subcommittees** - The members of the Subcommittee for Language and Training have come up with a basic statement about the training and education of DHS staff regarding people with disabilities. It was suggested that it read to provide technical assistance to DHS staff to recognize barriers people have to access programs and services instead of to train and educate. The Subcommittee will work on it more and bring it back to the full group.

The EPD Subcommittee will be meeting soon.

## **OPI Joint Committee Update**

The revised letter was read.

**MOTION: Accept letter as written and distribute per chair's direction. *Passed.* (Scott Lay/Karen Showers)**

## **EPD Discussion (Gene Sundet, Program Manager of the Medicaid Financial Unit)**

Gene reported that the client contribution committee previously formed did not get off the ground but will be restarted. The first week of October they will meet and PDAC is asked to attend.

She discussed the letter from PDAC and informed members that there are quarterly trainings on EPD. There are also regional trainings on financial and services and what have changed. Gene answered members' questions.

**MOTION: Officially send a revised PDAC letter on EPD to Brenda Sheppard. *Passed.* (Dayle Niemie/Mike Volpe)**

Drafted letters need to be accepted by either the Executive Committee or the full Committee before distribution.

## **Committee Members Comments**

**Donna** – She has been bombarded about the issues around rules such as relative foster care, service hours cut, survivability levels, and natural supports. Staff will contact Joe Easton and Judy Giggy and ask one to attend the next PDAC Meeting to discuss these issues. Scott asked for the differences in definitions so that PDAC can review them in advance of the meeting.

**Scott** - Brenda will be given the option to attend the next meeting.

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Requested staff to set up a teleconference for Employment Subcommittee.

**Ruth** - Oregon Health News (Healthforum.org) reported on long-term care but made no mention of people with disabilities, which is of great concern to her.

## **New Issues and October's Agenda Items**

Proposed subjects and speakers for the October Meeting at this time:

- Connie Saldana
- Christine Jaramillo
- Cindy Hannum
- Judy Giggy or Joe Easton
- Bylaws Revisions
- Meetings of Subcommittees
- Staff Feedback Form

**Adjourned (2:30 p.m.)**