

**People with Disabilities Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
March 15, 2007**

Participants: (X = attended, A = absent; E = Excused) – March 15th

Members			
X	Jan Campbell	X	Ruth McEwen
X	Donna Crawford	E	Dayle Niemie
X	Tonita Croghan	X	Karen Showers
X	Kathryn Jenness	X	Mike Volpe
X	Scott Lay		
Prospective Members			
X	Ed Zaha		
Attendants			
Avi Cooper, Jon Croghan, Susan Johnson, Connie Scott, and Linda Sjoblom			
Staff			
Lee Girard and Becky Murphy			
Public/Guests			
Tim Baxter		Laura Woodruff	
Speakers			
Dr. Bruce Goldberg; Cathy Cooper Tom Keating/Gerald Stolp; Jon Pelkey/Sharon Hill			

Call to Order (9:00 a.m.)

Roll was called and a quorum was reached.

Chair's Discussion Items

Ruth opened general discussion prior to Development of PDAC's Plan.

- Scott questioned Cathy's statement about FPL and SSI calculations. It was decided to create a list of all issues to ask Gene to report on.
- Accessibility issues of the building were discussed more. Lee said a list will be created of what needs to be done, a timeline, and when completed. She will be meeting with Facilities.

MOTION: PDAC to meet at a different location until accessibility issues have been addressed. Passed. (Jan Campbell/Scott Lay)

- Advocates need more time for networking on issues and social interaction in in-person meetings.

DECISION: One hour debriefing to be worked into the agenda.

Development of Plan – Goals and Objectives

Many issues were discussed while going through each goal and action item of PDAC's Strategic Planning document.

DECISION: Have two separate lists – current and completed. A quarterly report will be distributed to members, James, Cathy, and Dr. Goldberg.

- Donna is interested in representing PDAC at the Medicaid Long Term Care Quality and Reimbursement Advisory Council.

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- Karen interested in being on the FLTC work group #9 (Development of the Work force).
- Revisit list of issues after Dr. Goldberg's visit.
- Discussion on video conference sites.
- Question on travel reimbursement for ODC---entity represented will pay reimbursement if possible.
- Lee suggested using "Awareness Events" to share PDAC information. Public Service Announcements were discussed. Also questioned if PDAC is listed a resource on Network of Care.
- During discussion of budget development and PDAC's involvement, Donna suggested possibly narrowing the focus for effectiveness.
- DSAC outreach and community input to be included in May's agenda.
- Donna, Karen, Tonita, Kathryn, and Jan were part of Jack's Language/Training Subcommittee. Jan suggested at their next meeting a decision for co-chair needs to be made.

Dr. Bruce Goldberg & Cathy Cooper

Dr. Goldberg and Cathy were given handouts reporting on PDAC accomplishments/successes, barriers/new goals, and issues members wanted discussed.

Dr. Goldberg was unaware of any department changes in the philosophy of clients living independently in their own home. He, however, stated that sometimes new rules or changes for meeting

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compliances or audits has unintended consequences. All decisions and resolution of issues need to keep the DHS mission and values in mind. Dr. Goldberg told the members that a process to work together will be set up to resolve issues and/or explain.

CMS Grant/Housing and Assistive Technology (Tom Keating and Gerald Stolp)

Tom presented a power point presentation. A copy will be requested and then sent to members.

Debriefing: Tom and Gerald commented that sometimes assistive technology can be worked into client's service plan which was news to many and worth checking out.

Public Input

Tim Baxter, Legal Aid of Eugene and a local DSAC member in Eugene.

Their DSAC's priority is to have greater consumer inclusion in medical assistance programs and DMAP be more receptive of consumer inclusion. Consumers need to give input to DMAP regarding the quality of managed health plans and then reports to consumers. Tim said he appreciated representative of DMAP to a previous DSAC meeting and happy that they were including PDAC in rule and policy involvement.

Laura Woodruff emailed testimony to be read into the minutes: In the last few years there have been many DSACs around the state that have not met. There have also been many DSACs that are not living up to the mandate set forth by the legislature. I would like an accounting of the number of times each DSAC has advised its local state agency on anything such as budget, accessibility, providing of

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services to those who qualify, etc. Which DSACs are not meeting and why? Where can one DSAC go to get information about what another DSAC is doing, who the contact person, when do they meet, where do they meet, and how do we bring one county's concerns to the entire state if this committee is not formed of people sitting on DSACs from around the state?

It seems that committees and boards are being formed to "help" the disabled population of Oregon, but when these meetings are held, and the information from these meetings never reach the local level, there is something wrong. What can be done about this and other issues that are state issues? How does an individual hear about these? How does an individual hear about what is going on at the state level if there is no one at the local level involved at the state level that is willing to share information at the local level?

DECISION: PDAC will revisit "DSACs" at another meeting.

DMAP & Rules Process (Sharon Hill and Jon Pelkey)

Jon reported he was new to DMAP; however, he wanted an ongoing relationship for input, collaboration, and partnership. He not only wanted clinical quality in medical plans but also customer service in monitoring plans and comparison of services. Jon's phone number is 503-947-2315.

Sharon distributed a handout that shows groups and websites. She welcomed expanded access and interested volunteers to who could even phone in at meetings. She suggested using Esubscribe to get notices. Discussion included: all inclusive issues, websites, Medicare/Medicaid guidelines, and possible development of criteria and funding separate from Medicare. Sharon's phone number is 503-945-6957.

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Donna reported interest in the DME group which Ruth and Mike are also a part of.

Debriefing: Members are pleased of the beginning of a working relationship with DMAP. Members would like to invite DMAP to meetings, at least on a quarterly basis.

Next Meeting Agenda Items

April Meeting: Gene Sundet (issues brought up yesterday and today) and Nicole Palmateer (O4AD update).

May Meeting: Jon and Sharon from DMAP, time to debrief and socialize, and DSAC outreach and community input.

Adjourned.