

**People with Disabilities Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
May 9, 2007**

Participants: (X = attended, A = absent; E = Excused) – May 9th

Members			
X	Jan Campbell	X	Scott Lay
X	Donna Crawford	X	Ruth McEwen
X	Tonita Croghan	X	Karen Showers
X	Kathryn Jenness	X	Mike Volpe
Prospective Members			
X	Sharon Ely	X	Phillip Pownall
E	Linda Hildebrand	X	Ed Zaha
Attendants			
Jon Croghan and Brandi Meade			
Staff			
Lee Girard and Becky Murphy			
Public/Guests			
Tim Baxter		Morgen Brodie	
Speakers			
Cathy Cooper		Sharon Hill / Jon Pelkey	
Erika Miller / Nancy Talbot			

Call to Order (11:10 a.m.)

A quorum was reached about ten minutes later when several members arrived from another meeting.

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Review of Agenda

No changes were made to the agenda.

Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Approved March minutes with one correction.
Passed. (Jan Campbell/Kathryn Jenness) [Tonita abstained.]

Follow-up Action Items from March Meeting

Becky reported a few items have been revised.

- I discussed transportation issues (reimbursement and shared rides) with Debbie Wert, DHS Transportation Manager, and the Travel Claim Unit---their answers and policy information are behind the "PDAC To Do List" [tab #1].
- The drafted and final versions and the analysis of the Accommodation Allowance were emailed and is also in the meeting materials [tab #7].
- PDAC will be added as resource to the Network of Care website.
- I found a site for disability calendar events but I need to work on a calendar and contact DHS Communications.

Becky also reported on:

- Please review the updated revised roster [tab #8] and inform me of any corrections.
- If you'd like copies of materials on the table, be sure to mark them.
- All materials can stay in the meeting rooms overnight; however, do not leave personal items.
- The lobby doesn't want the badges kept overnight, so please turn them in (to lobby or myself) and obtain another one tomorrow morning.

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Staff Updates

- Lee gave an update on the accessible issues of the Church Street building.
- Lee thanked Ruth for her participation on the interview panel for the Operations and Policy Analyst 2 (OPA2) position to support ODC and PDAC. The offer of the job will soon be made with an effective start date of July 1st.
- Lee explained the information and website that Becky emailed. The chart shows the comparison of the poverty levels to SSI [last document of tab #1].

Prior to Cathy Cooper's arrival, there was discussion on when PDAC members do not believe program managers or staff has fully answered questions – verbally or in writing – and what can PDAC do.

DHS/SPD Update (Cathy Cooper, SPD)

SPD Budget – For the “rebalance,” there is a freeze in hiring, and restrictions on travel, training, and purchasing until July 1st. SPD felt it went well. Cathy also mentioned the “reshoot” for the Governor's Recommended Budget and the current caseload. The new economic forecast might not be helpful to the DHS' budget.

Ways and Means Presentation/Legislative Session – SPD completed the presentation with time to spare in which the legislators were happy about. SPD staff has been very busy with bills and hearings. SPD was happy to see so many advocates at the presentation and public hearings.

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ODC – Cathy understood there is a holdup in making the appointments because two groups did not submit nominations. Lee asked which groups and Cathy stated she would find out.

Becky will check if PDAC members nominated received confirmation of their application being received.

Future of Long Term Care (FLTC) – Draft #3 version of the FLTC report was discussed at the April meeting. A final draft is planned for after the legislative session. There is a plan for intensive forums and assessments in the summer or early fall. It was asked if the bill for a Task Force for Physical Disabilities is passed, what will happen. Cathy believes that SPD will view the Task Force as a partner.

Cathy reviewed the three groups that will be meeting: healthy living and community livability; changes to state plans, waivers, and the Deficit Reduction Act; and work force development.

Formation of Employer-Employee Relationship in the CEP

Program Work Group – The group discussed the difficulties that arise when a case manager needs to play the role of employer for a person who is receiving services in their own home. The current workload of case managers does not permit these employees to provide this service. There needs to be a mechanism developed for identification by the case manager---as a disability may fluctuate, to clarify those who can direct their own care. Cathy assured members that no one is to lose services. Sharon brought up Agency with Choice, a previous work group, and Cathy said SPD gained new information through the experience.

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Other

There was a brief discussion on OPI, \$16 versus \$12 million, as general fund monies as a base since funding from deferred property account can change.

The March Issues that was felt not completely answered, Cathy will take back to Gene.

Debriefing Update

Discussion on the need for more information/clarification on answers to questions asked which included:

- A follow-through process: staff, manager, chair---check for clarification.
- Rephrase to clarify.
- Work with the original person and/or also to go above them.
- Conserve solidarity.
- Time limit on response.

Presumptive Medical Disability Determination Team (PMDDT) Overview [Nancy Talbot and Erika Miller]

A summary of information about the team and process was distributed. PMDDT determines Medicaid eligibility for the Oregon Health Plan. Their criteria is the same as the Social Security Administration (SSA)—time frame to make a decision is averaging 92 days. They have four medical consultants.

Debriefing Overview

If rules change, PDAC needs to be involved.

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After Nancy and Erika left, there was questions about the appeal process. The hearing process takes about two months.

Division of Medical Assistance Programs (DMAP) Update [Jon Pelkey and Sharon Hill]

Handouts were distributed---opportunities to give input to DMAP.

Discussion included:

- Managed care (75%) and fee-for-service (25%); websites; public input; monthly meetings with contractors and medical directors.
- DMAP's Ways and Means presentation—performance goals.
- Identification of best practices (example of Lane County).
- Case manager, fee-for-service delivery system, and coordinators.
- Quality of care and customer service. Will send Becky phone numbers.
- Email Sharon to be put on her list for minutes and development of rules.
- DME (wheelchairs) and Rosanne Harkin. CMS has a narrow definition. DHS needs to be creative about another funding mechanism.
- Levels of mattresses and upgrades with Medicare funding. There needs to be a different way to discuss upgrades.
- The Appeals process – managed care organization and administrative hearing.
- The hope for better, evidence-based outcomes with Medicare and Medicaid.

Debriefing Update

Members felt the discussion was great---open communication.

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Jan mentioned that for those who work, even part-time, they can go through Vocational Rehabilitation for wheelchair upgrades. All believed there was a need to work on creative ways.

Public Input

Morgen Brodie, Adult Protective Services Program Coordinator & Trainer - Morgen is requesting PDAC to give input or consultation of a member on APS training curriculum. She discussed reporting (mandatory or volunteer), interventions, and cultural awareness.

Morgen stated she would send Becky some requested information.

Networking – Getting to Know Three Prospective Members

All three guests---Phillip, Sharon, and Ed shared information about themselves, advocacy, and also asked questions about PDAC and protocol for new members.

Adjourned.