

**People with Disabilities Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
July 12, 2007**

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**Participants:** (X = attended, A = absent; E = Excused) – July 12th

<b>Members</b>			
<b>X</b>	Jan Campbell	<b>E</b>	Scott Lay
<b>E</b>	Donna Crawford	<b>X</b>	Ruth McEwen
<b>X</b>	Tonita Croghan	<b>X</b>	Mike Volpe
<b>X</b>	Kathryn Jenness		
<b>Prospective Members</b>			
<b>E</b>	Sharon Ely	<b>X</b>	Phillip Pownall
<b>E</b>	Linda Hildebrand	<b>E</b>	Ed Zaha
<b>Attendants</b>			
Avi Cooper, Jon Croghan, and Susan Johnson			
<b>Staff</b>			
Lee Girard, Becky Murphy, and Marc Overbeck			
<b>Public/Guests</b>			
Patty Brost		Peggie Beck	

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

A quorum was reached.

## **Chair's Discussion Item/Member Comments**

- Introductions were made. There was more discussion around DME and the DMAP presentation.
- Becky distributed copies of two bills (SB 716 and HB 2094) and the Budget Notes (Cathy discussed the day before).

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- Budget Notes - #5 – Transportation (Lee as lead.) One of the objectives is to investigate other funding sources. Jan and Kathryn are interested in being involved.

Other budget items were briefly discussed.

- Ruth briefly explained, for Phillip's benefit, what the Future of Long Term Care (FLTC) Work Groups #7 and #7.1 were.
- Work Group #9 (Work Force Development) – Phillip volunteered to replace Karen on Work Group #9.

**ACTION NEEDED: Becky - Send details to Phillip and contact appropriate staff for change in representation. (Kathryn would like information on the group at least.)**

- Marc reported on the Oregonians for Health Security Meeting he attended the day before. It was a group of consumers and some providers discussing SB 329: Health Oregon Act. Information was distributed.

**ACTION NEEDED – Members - If anyone interested in volunteering for any of the subcommittees (SB 329), turn in an interest form to Tim Nesbett of the Governor's Office.**

**ACTION NEEDED – Becky – Check on sending an electronic copy of the information to DSACs and SILCs.**

## **Public Input**

None.

## **Subcommittees & Ad Hoc Committees – Review outcomes in relation to PDAC Strategic Goals**

The Language and Training Subcommittee decided because of budget constraints, they will put the creation of a video on hold. When language is an issue, it was decided that members can bring it to the groups or identify the issue on groups participating in. It doesn't look like participation in training (Disability Awareness panel with William Hoar) at this time is feasible. Discussion ended with the subcommittee to disband but wanted the rest of the members' input.

**DECISION/CONSENSUS: The Language and Training Subcommittee will become an ad hoc committee when there is a need.**

**ACTION NEEDED: Becky - Cancel subcommittee meetings.**

The group reviewed PDAC Strategic Goals, making some revisions of goals and activities.

**ACTION NEEDED: Becky - Send out drafted Strategic Goals document for review.**

## **Discussion With GCSS About Collaboration Opportunities (Patty Brost & Peggie Beck)**

While Marc was setting up the conference call with Patty and Peggie, Ruth led discussion on federal legislation, Oregon reimbursement for Medicaid services, and contacting Gordon Smith's office.

Patty and Peggie participated in the general discussion on the number of facilities who are canceling Medicaid contracts (less or no Medicaid beds in many facilities).

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Suggestions:

- Possibly have a panel to present issues from different views to discuss possible solutions and what advocate groups can do.

Possible panel members: Mary Gear, David Foster, OHCA, and Housing Alliance.

Plan for September 12<sup>th</sup>, 1:00-3:00, and invite other stakeholders.

- A subcommittee from PDAC and GCSS to be formed and a phone meeting scheduled to discuss on constructive questions. Mary Gear's testimony to Ways and Means was mentioned.

PDAC: Jan, Kathryn, Mike, and Ruth. The first meeting was planned for July 26<sup>th</sup> at noon.

Ideas/Strategies:

- Revise moratorium legislation regarding Medicaid beds, at least in the counties needed.
- For profit incentives? (Tax incentive, more reimbursement, more beds, decrease utilities and other fees, etc.)
- Data – How many facilities throughout the state take Medicaid clients? How many do not? By county?
- Send letters; make calls.

Lee mentioned that PDAC also wanted to know if GCSS might be interested in a future collaboration to do with the low income of Medicaid (disability benefits are about \$624 monthly). Peggie and

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Patty thought it might be a possibility. Marc suggested for Ruth to attend a Legislative and Advocacy Committee meeting.

After the phone conversation ended with Patty and Peggie, discussion followed about the conference room and equipment.

**ACTION NEEDED: Lee – Check on video conference equipment for the building.**

## **Liaison Reports**

No written liaison reports were sent in.

Verbal Reports:

**State Personal Plan of Care Work Group** - Ruth reported that this group is working on the rules around personal care (which can include housecleaning). Ruth is very happy about the receptivity in language/terminology; however, federal terms cannot be changed.

Ruth was very concerned that GCSS (for seniors) was not involved with the rule making.

**MOTION: Send letter to GCSS Chair, John Helm, expressing concern more seniors participate in Medicaid rule writing.**  
Passed. (Mike Volpe/Kathryn Jenness)

**Employer-Employee Relationship in the CEP Program Work Group** – Mike briefly reported on the meetings. Discussion includes feasibility on clients' competency in managing their own care and in-home services, such as recruiting home care workers, etc.

Lee facilitated more discussion on “directing one’s own care” in relationship to seniors, empowerment, and differences in various age

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groups. Lee mentioned in the OPI training curriculum, cross-generational groups were included. Another example was the suggestion to learn alternative modes of transportation (like the bus) before the need arises. Phillip interjected it also can be a matter of perception.

## **Subcommittees**

**Language and Training** – Previously discussed the meeting and recommendation.

**Employment** – This subcommittee did not meet as there was a problem with the conference call.

## **Debriefing**

- Lee and Phillip led the discussion about specific reports and questions. It was felt generalize updates are effective; however, there is a need to develop standardized protocol and a list of specific questions.
- Consumer letter discussion.
  - Clear with consumer to forward letter to James and Cathy (cover letter), and copies to Tim Baxter and Sarah Kendall (MIG).
  - Inform Scott to recruit for Employment Subcommittee.

**MOTION: Cancel August Meeting.** Passed. (Jan Campbell/Kathy Jenness)

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## **Election Results**

### Chair – Vote Tally:

Jan Campbell	-	Ruth McEwen
Tonita Croghan	-	Ruth McEwen
Kathryn Jenness	-	Ruth McEwen
Scott Lay	-	Ruth McEwen
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Phillip Pownall	-	Ruth McEwen
Mike Volpe	-	Ruth McEwen

**Ruth McEwen was elected Chair.**

### Vice-Chair – Vote Tally:

Jan Campbell	-	No Name
Tonita Croghan	-	Jan Campbell
Kathryn Jenness	-	Jan Campbell
Scott Lay	-	Jan Campbell
Ruth McEwen	-	Jan Campbell
Phillip Pownall	-	Jan Campbell
Mike Volpe	-	Jan Campbell

**Jan Campbell was elected Vice-Chair.**

### Members at Large – Vote Tally:

Jan Campbell	-	Donna Crawford, Tonita Croghan, Scott Lay, Mike Volpe
Tonita Croghan	-	Donna Crawford, Tonita Croghan, Scott Lay, Mike Volpe
Kathryn Jenness	-	Donna Crawford, Kathryn Jenness (write-in), Scott Lay, Mike Volpe

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Scott Lay - Donna Crawford, Tonita Croghan, Scott Lay, Mike Volpe  
Ruth McEwen - Donna Crawford, Tonita Croghan, Scott Lay, Mike Volpe  
Phillip Pownall - Donna Crawford, Tonita Croghan, Scott Lay, Mike Volpe  
Mike Volpe - Donna Crawford, Tonita Croghan, Scott Lay, Mike Volpe

**Donna Crawford, Tonita Croghan, Scott Lay, and Mike Volpe were elected as members at large.**

### **Next Meeting Agenda Items**

- Panel - two hours the first day.
- Meeting Scheduling.
- Update on Letter from Consumer.
- Cathy/James' update.
- Tom Coogan, Care Medical.
- Gene/Joe (IC update).
- DMAP update.

**MOTION: PDAC empowers the Executive Committee forward to negotiate with SPD leadership.** Passed. (Jan Campbell/Phillip Pownell)

**Adjourned.**