

# NYS Developmental Disabilities Planning Council

## Full Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, June 17, 2021

**Present:**

Peter Cole  
Colleen Scott  
Angela Lauria-Gunnink  
Dave Deuel  
Debora Thivierge  
Shameka Andrews  
Dora Lee Stanley  
Jennifer Thau  
Julie Keegan  
Maryellen Moeser  
Melinda Dolezal  
Paula Vera  
Susan Fox  
Stuart Flaum  
Suzannah Iadarola  
Suzanne Swan  
Tamelia Fritz  
Tara Wood  
Ketrina Hazell  
Wendy Cecce  
Wendy Orzell

**Absent:**

Joanne Siegel  
Deirdre Staley  
David Feickert

**DDPC staff:**

Drew Webster  
Jacqueline Hayes  
Jesse Kendall  
Jessica Pidgeon  
Kay Broughton  
Kimberly Berg  
Linda Speno  
Vicky Hiffa  
Viktoria Borsuk

**Guests:**

Allison Kleinman  
Caitlin McInerney

Kathryn Carrol  
Matt Seubert  
Melissa Regan  
Raquel Rozdolski  
Young Seh Bae

A meeting was called to order at 9:35 by Susan Fox, Interim Council Chair.

### **Welcome and Introductions-Susan Fox, Interim Council Chair**

Susan Fox welcomed everyone and reviewed the agenda for the day.

### **Approval of Minutes**

The February 25<sup>th</sup> Full Council meeting minutes were presented for approval. Suzannah Iadarola made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Colleen Scott. The February 25, 2021 Full Council meeting minutes were approved as presented. Wendy Cecce abstained.

### **Funding Motions**

**Motion 1:** Jackie Hayes presented a funding motion to set aside the amount of \$75,000 per year for 5 years (\$375,000 total) to competitively select one grantee to strengthen the diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) of New York's self-advocacy network. Shameka Andrews and Jennifer Thau recused. Peter Cole made a motion to approve the funding motion. The motion was seconded by Colleen Scott. All members voted to approve the funding motion.

**Motion 2:** Jackie Hayes presented a funding motion to set aside the amount of \$100,000 per year for 5 years (\$500,000 total) to release a small grant opportunity to seed new advocacy organizations, build the capacity of existing advocacy groups, and create new advocacy opportunities in NYS. Maryellen Moeser and Suzannah Iadarola recused. Suzanne Swan made a motion to approve the funding motion. The motion was seconded by Colleen Scott. The members voted to approve the funding motion.

**Motion 3:** Drew Webster presented a funding motion to award up to \$250,000 per year for 2 years (\$500,000 total) to the New York Alliance for Inclusion and Innovation (NY Alliance) to refine and enhance the Regional Housing Collaboratives pilot. Ketrina Hazel and Peter Cole recused. Melinda Dolezal made a motion to approve the funding motion. The motion was seconded by Tamelia Fritz. The members voted to approve the funding motion.

**Motion 4:** Kimberly Berg presented a funding motion to award Strength Solutions/Boundless Connections the amount of up to \$75,000 per year for 2 years (\$150,000 total) to expand and strengthen the TECH Launch project and to further solidify partners to sustain the project long-term. Stuart Flaum made a motion to approve the funding motion. The motion was seconded by Dora Lee Stanley. The members voted to approve the funding motion.

**Motion 5:** Kimberly Berg presented a funding motion to award a grantee the amount of up to \$250,000 per year for 2 years (\$500,000 total) to develop an accessible, online resource that provides people with IDD and their families a roadmap of opportunities and options at different transition points throughout

the lifespan. Colleen Scott made a motion to approve the funding motion. The motion was seconded by Debora Thivierge.

### **Leadership Reports**

Jennifer Thau, Caucus Chair, Susan Fox, Interim Council Chair, and Vicky Hiffa, Acting Executive Director provided their reports.

Jessica Pidgeon provided the 2022-2026 State Plan updates.

Jesse Kendall presented the DDPC fiscal report. Peter Cole made a motion to approve the fiscal report. The motion was seconded by Dora Lee Stanley. All members voted to approve the fiscal report.

Jackie Hayes provided updates on the DDPC cultural and linguistic competency work.

### **COVID-19 Response Small Grantees' Presentations**

Staff from the Touro College of Dental Medicine (Smiles Unites dental care for people with IDD project), AccessCNY (Enabling Communication between providers and people with IDD and their families through text messaging and voice calls), Marlene Meyerson JCC Manhattan (Partners4Housing project to help families and advocates create a housing plan), Community Inclusion & Development Alliance Inc. (CIDA) (COVID-19 Resource Center project for Korean-American Individuals IDD and their families) provided a presentation on the COVID-19 Response small grant projects funded by the DDPC. This included overview of the key project components, project reach, and project impact.

### **Breakout Sessions**

Members were assigned to the breakout sessions to provide their feedback on the future DDPC projects to address COVID-19 impact on people with IDD, their families, and their communities as well as provide feedback on the upcoming Full Council meetings format.

### **Open Forum/Closing**

The members shared their news and announcements. The next DDPC Council Meeting will be held on October 27, 2021 (Caucus) and October 28, 2021 (Full Council).

**Meeting Adjourned at 2:53 PM.**