

NYS Developmental Disabilities Planning Council

Full Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 28, 2021

Present:

Shameka Andrews

Wendy Cece

Peter Cole

Dave Deuel

Melinda Dolezal

Ketrina Hazell

Julie Keegan

MaryEllen Moeser

Wendy Orzel

Catherine Patterson

Colleen Scott

Joanne Siegel

Dora Lee Stanley

Susan Fox

Suzanne Swan

Jennifer Thau

Paula Vera

Tara Wood

Absent:

David Feickert

Stewart Flaum

Tamelia Laquana Fritz

Angela Lauria- Gunnink

Debora Thivierge

DDPC Staff:

Vicky Hiffa

Drew Webster

Jacqueline Hayes

Jesse Kendell

Viktoriia Borsuk

Kara Kapler

Kanisha Parfait

Kay Broughton

Kylie Gilbride

Linda Speno

A meeting was called to order at 9:32 AM 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 June 17, 2021 Full Council meeting minutes were presented for approval.

Shameka Andrews made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Peter Cole.

The June 17, 2021 Full Council meeting minutes were approved as presented. Dave Deuel abstained.

Funding Motions

Motion 1: Jackie Hayes presented a funding motion to set aside the amount of \$50,000 per year for 5 years (\$250,000 total) to release a small grant opportunity to support individuals with developmental disabilities (I/DD) and family member participation at conferences, workshops, and other activities related to the DDPC approved State Plan. Mary Ellen Moeser 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 \$50,000 per year for 5 years (\$250,000 total) to release a small grant opportunity to make available limited funding for New York State organizations to support the translation of existing documents or materials related to the DDPC approved State Plan into other languages. Peter Cole made a motion to approve the funding motion. The motion was seconded by Dave Deuel. The members voted to approve the funding motion.

Motion 3: Kay Broughton presented the funding motion to award a grantee the amount of up to \$200,000 per year for 4 years (\$800,000 total) to develop a decision-making curriculum for school-aged youth, and associated toolkits for parents and other service providers who support youth in the program. Dave Deuel made a motion to approve the funding motion. The motion was seconded by Peter Cole. The members voted to approve the funding motion.

Motion 4: Kay Broughton presented the funding motion to award a grantee the amount of up to \$150,000 per year for 2 years (\$300,000 total) to

develop a plain language training and toolkit for agencies and other organizations to translate their communications in more accessible ways. Joanne Siegel made a motion to approve the funding motion. The motion was seconded by Paula Vera. The members voted to approve the funding motion.

Motion 5: Vicky Hiffa presented a funding motion to award up to \$200,000 a year for 3 years to the NYS Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence (OPDV) to develop, implement, and evaluate a training curriculum to increase the capacity of IDD and DV providers with IDD survivors/victims of domestic violence. Mary Ellen Moeser made a motion to approve the funding motion. The motion was seconded by Melinda Dolezal. The members voted to approve the funding motion.

Leadership Reports:

Shameka Andrews, Caucus Chair, Susan Fox, Interim Council Chair, Vicky Hiffa, Acting Executive Director provided their reports.

Vicky Hiffa, Acting Executive Director presented the revised Bylaws. Joanne Siegel made a motion to approve the Bylaws as revised. The motion was seconded by Mary Ellen Moeser. Wendy Orzell abstained. All members voted to approve the Bylaws as revised.

Jesse Kendall, Associate Budgeting Analyst presented the DDPC fiscal report. Joanne Siegel made a motion to approve the fiscal report. The motion was seconded by Jennifer Thau. All members voted to approve the fiscal report.

Jacqueline Hayes, Diversity and Inclusion Program Specialist, provided updates on the DDPC cultural and linguistic competency work.

OPWDD Presentation:

Mary Ellen Moeser, who is the Interim Director for the Office of Strategic Initiatives from OPWDD made a presentation. Maryellen talked about the agency's plan for spending additional Medicaid funds and to provide a status update on the 5.07 plan.

Conflict of Interest Training

Drew Webster presented the annual Conflict of Interest training with information as well as the video related to the DDPC's conflict of interest policy.

State Plan/ PPR Presentation

Vicky Hiffa, Acting Executive Director presented the State Plan and PPR Presentation. Joanne Siegel made a motion to approve State Plan and PPR. The motion was seconded by Jennifer Thau. All members voted to approve State Plan and PPR.

Open Forum/ Closing

The members shared their news and announcements. The next DDPC Council Meeting will be held on February 16, 2022 (Caucus) and February 17, 2022 (Full Council).

Meeting Adjourned at 3:00 PM.