

**NYS Developmental Disabilities Planning Council (DDPC)
Full Council Meeting Minutes
February 16, 2023
Meeting held in hybrid fashion, both remotely and in-person**

Members Present:

Allison McCarthy
Jamie Harla
Paula Vera
Joanne Siegel
Sue Fox
Alison Conners
Stuart Flaum
Ketrina Hazell
Dave Deuel
Shameka Andrews
Amanda Haught

Joe Tedesco
Colleen Scott
Xavier Skeeter
Suzannah Iadarola (attending at remote public meeting location)

Members Attending Remotely:

Bin Feng
Josh Phelps
Debora Thivierge
Jennifer Thau

Peter Cole
Dan Cunningham

Members Absent:

Suzanne Swan

DDPC Staff Attending:

Vicky Hiffa
Drew Webster
Regina Dalpiaz-Bulman
Kay Broughton
Jackie Hayes
Anna DeRosa

Austin Childs
Kyra Te Paske
Jennifer Goldman
Jesse Kendall
Kim Berg
Danielle Chan

Guests/Presenters Attending:

Dr. Hirah Mir, Chief Diversity Officer, NYS OPWDD
Keith Rico and Kimberly Brdar, Center for Discovery (remotely)
Dr. Laura Gonzalez-Murphy and Cynthia Stewart, Office for New Americans
Tim Ferguson, Cerebral Palsy Associations of NYS
Desiree Loucks Baer, National Alliance for Direct Support Professionals

Welcome and Opening Remarks:

The meeting was called to order at 9:31am by Interim Chair David Deuel and quorum was established by calling the roll with introductions. An overview of zoom procedures was provided. A moment of silence was held commemorating the legacy of former Council Member Marc Rosen.

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Susan Fox to approve the previous full council minutes dated October 27, 2022. The motion was seconded by Amanda Haught. The minutes were approved.

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Funding Motions:

Motion 1: Kim Berg presented a motion to fund Yes She Can up to \$150,000 per year for three years (\$450,000 total) to develop and expand an employment mentorship program for women with IDD to learn and practice soft and hard skills needed for future employment, in a work setting. Ketrina Hazell made a motion to vote, seconded by Colleen Scott. The motion passed.

Leadership Reports:

Shameka Andrews provided the Caucus Report.
David Deuel provided the Interim Chair's Report.
Vicky Hiffa gave the Executive Director's Report.
Jennifer Goldman provided an update on the State Plan.
Kimberly Berg provided an overview of the Project Priority List.
Drew Webster provided an overview of DDPC Communications.

Special Presentations:

Dr. Hirah Mir, Chief Diversity Officer, NYS Office for People with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD) presented about OPWDD's diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts to date.

Keith Rico and Kimberly Brdar, from the Center for Discovery presented on the New York State Training Center, a restraint and seclusion reduction initiative.

Tim Ferguson, from Cerebral Palsy Associations of NYS presented on grant work engaging people with developmental disabilities in outlying, rural areas.

Desiree Loucks Baer, from the National Alliance for Direct Support Professionals presented on grant work supporting for people with developmental disabilities who identify as LGBTQIA+.

Cynthia Stewart and Dr. Laura Gonzalez-Murphy, from the Office for New Americans presented on the Ramirez June Initiative.

Open Forum:

Members discussed the next full council meeting scheduled for June 14 & 15, 2023, being a hybrid meeting with optional in person and remote participation.

Adjournment:

Dave Deuel made a motion to adjourn the Full Council Meeting. Jamie Harla seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 2:59 PM.