

NYS Developmental Disabilities Planning Council (DDPC)
Full Council Meeting Minutes
June 15, 2023
Meeting held in hybrid fashion, both remotely and in-person

Members Present:

Ketrina Hazell
Peter Cole
Dave Deuel
Shameka Andrews
Daniel Cunningham
Xavier Skeeter
Val Gregory
Shawn Fultz
Joe Tedesco
Susan Fox
Joanne Siegel
Julie Keegan
Suzanne Swan
Alison Connors
Jamie Harla
Colleen Scott

Members Attending Remotely:

Bin Feng
Josh Phelps
Josh Christiana
Debora Thivierge

Guests/Presenters Attending:

Stacey Hengersterman, CEO & President Special Olympics NY
Matt Graham, Special Olympics NY
Renee Synder, Special Olympics NY
Casey Vattimo, Special Olympics NY

Welcome and Opening Remarks:

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 am by Interim Chair David Deuel and quorum was established by calling the roll with introductions. An overview of zoom procedures was provided.

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Sue Fox to approve the previous full council minutes dated February 16, 2023. The motion was seconded by Peter Cole. The minutes were approved.

Jennifer Thau
Allison McCarthy
Suzannah Iadarola
Stuart Flaum

Members Absent:

Dave Feikert
Marilee Boylan
Amanda Haught

DDPC Staff Attending:

Vicky Hiffa
Regina Dalpiaz-Bulman
Kay Broughton
Jackie Hayes
Anna DeRosa
Austin Childs
Kyra Te Paske
Jennifer Goldman
Jesse Kendall
Kim Berg
Myia Samuels

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Funding Motions:

Motion 1: To fund one grantee up to \$250,000 a year for 3 years (\$750,000 total). The grantee will use funds to develop and pilot a self-advocacy training. And to set aside an additional 2 years of funding (\$500,000 total). These additional funds will be dependent on grantee performance in annual evaluations. Recusals: Shameka Andrews, Bin Feng, Jenn Thau. Colleen Scott made a motion to vote, seconded by Stuart Flaum. None opposed or abstained. The motion passed.

Motion 2: To fund a small grant opportunity up to \$200,000 a year for 3 years (\$600,000 total). Small grants are for field-initiated transportation projects. Joanne Seigel made a motion to vote, seconded by Sue Fox. None opposed or abstained. The motion passed.

Motion 3: To fund New York State Industries for the Disabled (NYSID) up to \$150,000 a year for 2 years (\$300,000 total). NYSID will use funds to develop an employer toolkit and hiring campaign. Colleen Scott made a motion to vote, seconded by Shawn Fultz. None opposed. Stuart Flaum abstained. The motion passed.

Motion 4: To fund University of Rochester \$200,000 a year for 5 years (\$1,000,000 total). The grantee will use funds to increase support for students with disabilities at the Onondaga Nation School. At 2 years, the grantee will provide a progress update to the Community and System's Change Committee (CSCC). At 3 years, the grantee will present a progress update to the Council with more specific identified areas of focus for years 4 and 5. Recusals: Suzannah Iadarola. Xavier Skeeter made a motion to vote, seconded by Ketrina Hazell. None opposed or abstained. The motion passed.

Motion 5: To fund up to \$100,000 a year for 5-years (\$500,000 total over the 5-year State Plan) to support the creation and execution of a DDPC media plan. Recusals: none. Peter Cole made a motion to vote, seconded by Jamie Harla. None opposed or abstained. The motion passed.

Motion 6: To fund up to \$20,000 to host an in-person advocacy learning opportunity for self-advocates, family members and caregivers across the state, taking place in Albany, NY from September 20 – 21, 2023. Recusals: none. Xavier Skeeter made a motion to vote, seconded by Dan Cunningham. None opposed or abstained. The motion passed.

Motion 7: To change current DDPC policy to allow the DD Network, which includes the three University Centers for Excellence (UCEDDs) and Disability Rights NY (DRNY), to apply for DDPC competitive grant opportunities. Recusals: Susan Fox, Joanne Siegal, Julie Keegan, Suzannah

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ladarola. Dan Cunningham made a motion to vote, seconded by Josh Christiana. Bin Feng voted in opposition. Peter Cole, Dan Cunningham, Colleen Scott and Stuart Flaum abstained. The motion passed.

Presentation: Special Olympics NY

President and CEO Stacey Hengsterman and Athlete Matt Graham highlighted the benefits of Special Olympics teams and competitions and explained the organization's free health screening program.

Leadership Reports:

Shameka Andrews provided the Caucus Report.
David Deuel provided the Interim Chair's Report.
Vicky Hiffa gave the Executive Director's Report.

Presentation: DEIA Strategic Plan

DDPC Diversity & Inclusion Program Specialist, Jackie Hayes and DDPC Program Research Specialist, Anna DeRosa presented the Goals and Objectives for the agency's Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Accessibility (DEIA) 5-year Strategic Plan.

Shawn Fultz made a motion to adopt the plan, seconded by Ketrina Hazell. The DEIA Strategic Plan passed.

Open Forum

Adjournment:

Sue Fox made a motion to adjourn the Full Council Meeting. Jamie Harla seconded. The meeting adjourned at 2:57 PM.