

Clackamas County-Developmental Disabilities Council Meeting Agenda

6/17/2024

Meeting Time: 04:30 pm – 06:00 pm

Meeting Location: Zoom <https://clackamas-us-countyhealth.zoom.us/j/84916580917> , and
Development Services Building, 150 Beaver Creek Rd. Room 120, Oregon City

Attendees:

FACILITATOR	John Merrick		
NOTE TAKER	Malika Renard		
	vacant	P	Colleen Johnston (indiv/family), term ends 5/1/27
P	John Merrick (advocate), term ends 6/30/26	A	Kalkidan (Mimi) Ezra (provider), term ends 1/1/25
P	Shasta Kearns Moore (indiv/family), term ends 12/1/26	P	Kim Cota (CDDP employee)
	Lisa Ledson (indiv/family member), term ends 12/1/24	P	Stacie Mullins (CDDP employee)
P	Sara Lambert (provider), term ends 1/1/27	P	Amy Butler (CDDP employee)
P	Sara Szwarc (indiv/family), term ends 5/1/27	A	Roxanne Cloutier (CDDP employee)
G	Brenda Durbin (CDDP employee) DD Program Director	P	Malika Renard (CDDP employee)
G	Brooke Gelfand (CDDP employee)		

	Key
P	Present
A	Absent
G	Guest

Time	Agenda	Minutes
4:30 – 4:40 pm	<p>***Reminder-council meeting will start recording***</p> <p>Call to order, establish quorum (4 members present), approval of meeting minutes from 5/20/24.</p>	<p>John: Calls to order. Asks about quorum. Amy: Confirms quorum has been met. John: Calls for meeting minutes from 5/20/24 to be approved. No objections, minutes approved.</p> <p>John: Guest introduction for Brenda Durbin, Clackamas County DD Program Director</p>

		Members introduces themselves for Ms. Durbin.
4:40 – 4:50 pm	Review County Counsel's response	<p>Kim: Reviews County Counsel's response with the group. The response was made available to group members for review as well.</p> <p>John: Requests brief refresher of response. Asks the group if anyone else has questions.</p> <p>Clarification: H3S stands for Health, Housing and Human Services. Amy can send out a visual tree chart of CC's departments and programs within each. Members agree this would be helpful.</p> <p>Amy: Sounds like no questions beyond John's on the Counsel's response.</p>
4:50- 5:30pm	Discussion/Create purpose statement-Brenda Durbin, Social Services Director, Clackamas County	<p>Amy: Brenda is here to help us create or take a look at our purpose as a council and understand that a bit better so we can have clearer meetings going forward.</p> <p>John: Asks for the difference between a mission statement and a purpose statement as a mission statement has already been approved.</p> <p>Stacie: The purpose statement is a part of the bylaws. The mission statement usually coincides with the purpose statement but the two are not actually the same thing.</p> <p>Amy: The mission statement is more values-based.</p> <p>Kim: The council is recognizing the need for each statement to be made. They may resemble each other or not.</p> <p>Brenda: If it is ok with the chair. I would like to provide some context.</p> <p>John: Please.</p>

Brenda: This council is appointed and governed by the Board of Commissioners. We are a CDDP. As such, we are under Oregon regulations (OAR's) and we are mandated to follow them. One of the additional conditions we have under the Board is to operate on Roberts Rules of Order. RRO are a way to develop agendas, safeguarding everyone's right to be heard during meetings, and allows all members to suggest items for the agenda. RRO also focus on how to ensure the meetings are directed in such a way that business will be discussed and handled properly (Motions, seconds, approvals, voting etc). We have developed training on RRO which I will look into making available to you. Generally, you'll be making recommendations as a council, but not directives.

The relationship to the Local Mental Health Authority (LMHA) under OAR 411-320-0030-11, the rules about the CDDP advisory groups. To meet at least quarterly and must advise the LMHA director. H3S is considered to be a mental authority and can direct different divisions to carry out different activities that are required under local mental health authority. The bulk of this work has been assigned to our Behavioral Health division and about 15 years ago, it was decided that Social Services would have authority over the DD Program. The Department is the official LMH authority. Communication and engagement in multiple advisory council is encouraged, whether through membership or through inviting presentations.

Shasta: Moves that we add the mission statement approved in April 24, 2023 to the website.

		<p>Lisa: Seconds. John: Any discussion? I hear none. Is there a motion to vote? Sara L: I motion. Sara S: Seconded. Majority vote for approval and addition of the mission statement to the website. Group discusses adding the mission statement to the bylaws. Shasta moves to add the on-screen highlighted portion (mission) and purpose statement into the bylaws permanently. Lisa seconds. John: Questions? Sara L: Can we clarify what we are voting on? John: Mission and purpose statement, all the highlighted section on screen. John: As far as discussion, I feel like we need to maybe discuss at some point how the bylaws will be managed in terms of relationships with the Department heads and other divisions. Maybe a talking point for later. Voting: Group votes in favor of addition of the mission statement to the purpose statement in the bylaws.</p>
<p>5:30p- 5:50p</p>	<p>Bylaws check-in-John Meeting outside of official meetings-John</p>	<p>Shasta: Since we still haven't really heard why we're changing these, I would think it would be ok to leave most things as they are currently. John: I'd be interested in special meetings outside of official meetings for more discussions about the bylaws. Brenda: I would discourage meetings informally to discuss any council business as this is a public council. When you're in the community and</p>

		<p>speaking about or for this council you are a representative of the council and a county official.</p> <p>Lisa L: For the sake of time, I would move to keep the 2016 language for section A.</p> <p>Shasta: Seconded.</p> <p>Voting: Motion approved.</p> <p>Shasta: Motion to keep 2016 language for Section B.</p> <p>Sara L: I would move to combine the original language and new language for Section B.</p> <p>Colleen and Sara S. agree.</p> <p>John: I know the county can't use Equity or DEI anymore, but how can this be captured here?</p> <p>Brenda: I know there is confusion since the Equity office at the county was closed, however the County commissioners have charged the entire county staff to be leaders on equity and inclusion. We can use the words and do the work, even without the equity office.</p> <p>Shasta: I would like to amend my motion to include all language.</p> <p>John: I will second that.</p> <p>Voting: Motion approved for Section B.</p>
<p>5:50 – 6:00 pm</p>	<p>Open floor (Council)</p> <p>Public comment (Public)</p>	<p>No public.</p> <p>Shasta: I was upset about our last discussion, where it was implied that our group harasses or discrimination on guests or presenters. I don't think this is true. As members of this impacted community, the questions we ask are important and should be heard here. We need to be able to bring those concerns without them being shut down. If there are specific statements that you find objectionable, we can discuss those, but I think there is a fundamental misunderstanding of how</p>

much work it is to be a person with disabilities or to be a caregiver. We are unlike other councils in that we do not have time to do extra stuff. Just showing up to these presentations is the most we can do sometimes. John: I also acknowledge that some of my questions as advocate can be direct, but it is a matter of balance. How do we move forward in a way that is ok with guests?

Stacie: I think direct questions are ok. I think the issues did not so much come from our staff as much as for example North Clackamas and how they felt treated at this meeting. We can provide information to guests ahead of time as well to better prepare them.

Amy: I think that you should be able to express frustrations and disappointments and ask questions, but that on the receiving end it might be perceived differently.

Shasta: But you are being paid to do a job here, we aren't.

Sara L: I am surprised it was the Parks and Rec person and would have assumed maybe it would have been the Protective Services guest, because we were shocked by their information. Maybe if we can have a list of questions ahead of time.

John: Would the council object to extending this meeting by another 5-10 minutes? I hear no objections.

Lisa: I think there should also be a space for interaction with the persons having issues, directly with us, like a debrief, instead of this kind of feedback. I do wish we as people of this council would be more protected going forward.

John: Agrees and would like to remind that there are a lot of triggers that our group has been handling for a

		<p>long time, and so sometimes we do get intense and passionate. Would there be a way of hearing firsthand the messages or the issues that people might be having with us? And if they would, it might be great to have guests come back?</p> <p>Amy: I think this was just an example.</p> <p>The group hopes that it can continue to have hard discussions with others in a meaningful way to improve things for all people in Clackamas County.</p> <p>Thank you, Brenda for coming!</p> <p>Sara motions to end meeting, John seconds. Meeting adjourned.</p>
<p>Next Meeting</p>	<p>September 23rd, 2024, 04:30pm-06:00pm</p> <p>Next agenda topics: review bylaws, annual planning</p>	
<p>Chat Notes</p>		<p>16:43:49 From Sara Lambert : Im having audio issues. I might have to pop back on and try again. Sorry!</p> <p>16:43:57 From Amy Butler (she/her) : Reacted to "Im having audio issu..." with 👍</p> <p>16:57:35 From Colleen Johnston she/her : we just lost the view of the room</p> <p>17:51:40 From Malika Renard She/Her/Elle : Shasta could you speak up please? Thank you</p> <p>18:00:05 From Malika Renard She/Her/Elle : Maybe we could have a running list of questions, or questions that we could give our guests ahead of time to better prepare them?</p>

		<p>18:00:29 From Colleen Johnston she/her : Reacted to "Maybe we could have ..." with 👍</p> <p>18:09:02 From Malika Renard She/Her/Elle : It's important too to frame things well, for example some questions may have been perceived as an attack, when they were maybe really passionate</p> <p>18:09:22 From Sara Lambert : Reacted to "It's important too t..." with 👍</p> <p>18:11:34 From Colleen Johnston she/her : I need to leave.</p> <p>18:12:05 From Malika Renard She/Her/Elle : Thanks Colleen</p>
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