

Clackamas County-Developmental Disabilities Council Meeting Agenda

10/28/2024

Meeting Time: 04:30 pm – 06:00 pm

Meeting Location: Zoom <https://clackamas-us-countyhealth.zoom.us/j/86821227992> , and
Public Services Building, 2051 Kaen Rd. Room 288, 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	P	Kalkidan (Mimi) Ezra (provider), term ends 1/1/25
A	Shasta Kearns Moore (indiv/family), term ends 12/1/26	P	Kim Cota (CDDP employee)
P	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	Ann Wilkinson (guest)	A	Malika Renard (CDDP employee)

	Key
P	Present
A	Absent
G	Guest

Time	Agenda	Minutes
4:30 – 4:45 pm	<p>***Reminder-council meeting will start recording***</p> <p>Call to order, establish quorum (4 members present), approval of meeting minutes from 9/23/24.</p>	<p>Call to order. Quorum established. John asks for corrections to the September notes. Edits have been made. September notes approval will be tabled to our next council meeting.</p>

Re-election for Lisa Ledson

Update on DD Council applicants - Amy Butler

Of note, emails from the County may come through to your Spam/Junk folders, please be sure to also check those for invitation links and other emails.

Before the vote for Lisa's re-election, John voices his concern over having a situation such as a parent and child voting the same way in a council vote. This arises from his desire for equity and equality and diversity being well represented in the council. He also mentions his concern of having too many parent/individual roles being represented at once in the council, and for too long of terms.

Sara S. responds with clarifying questions and voices that she doesn't necessarily feel that anything has been done incorrectly.

Kim clarifies the difference between discussing business vs. having side conversations. When the Council is not in session, it is still ok for members to discuss council work, collaboratively. It would not be ok to discuss official business or vote outside the council.

Amy adds that Brenda discouraged outside meetings unless they were sanctioned by the council, such as a subcommittee working on a project.

Sara L. asks whether Lisa is running as a parent or provider. Lisa states that whichever role is needed for the benefit of the Council is fine. Amy follows up with a reminder that per bylaws, the Council only has 3 provider roles and that all 3 are current occupied. The vote today is for a continuation of Lisa's last term. A change to another role would need to go through County Council and PGA.

		<p>A provider role in the council will open up and be up for vote in January 2025. Mimi will not be renewing her term; however, the Council wishes to thank Mimi for all of her time, work and contributions with the Council.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Thank you Mimi!</p> <p>Amy asks which role Lisa would like to be elected for, and if the council needs to wait for a vacated provider role for her. Lisa states she would like to run as a parent role, a continuation of her current term.</p> <p>Sara L. motions for the election to proceed. Colleen seconds. John asks for Yes votes, votes are unanimous in favor of re-electing Lisa.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Congratulations Lisa!</p> <p>Amy updates on recruitment: All applications are still under review.</p> <p>[End of Topic Discussion]</p>
<p>4:45 – 5:25 pm</p>	<p>Develop Annual Plan</p>	<p>Sara L. reads through an email string between council members, describing ideas and suggestions put forth for the development of the annual plan.</p> <p>To start, some concerns listed are accomplishing things in a timely fashion, being a little more organized, and having more of a focus and a purpose. She hopes that creating a plan will help in addressing those points.</p> <p>Additionally, some ideas given include for case managers to be a little more knowledgeable, or able to help with the kids to adulthood transitions,</p>

obtaining more information on how parents can become their kids' DSPs. It would also be good to have some more, or better understanding of adult foster homes and group homes. Education on different models, training barriers, placement barriers, county barriers with providing services, etc. Perhaps all of these topics could be combined under a larger umbrella of kids to adult transitions.

The topic of rates/wages also came up several times, and whether we want to discuss that more deeply or take a position on it as a council could be up for discussion.

Another idea was around the idea of knowing more about other counties' advisory councils and perhaps future collaboration on certain projects.

Additionally, how best to support and educate self-advocates at our meetings and bring them in.

Everyone also wanted additional education or information regarding the abuse reporting website idea.

Finishing the bylaws is of importance to the council members as well.

Providing more support around the resource fair and how the council can become more involved in helping out with that.

Identifying what pre and ongoing service training looks like, directly pertaining to ODDS ODHY changes in the adult 1915 Medicaid HCBC Waiver.

Whether or not the Council wants to take a stance on any 2025 legislation (runs Jan-Jun), with a specific suggestion for Pense (sp?) law (link in group email) or Senate Bill 91 if applicable.

Also, the idea of keeping the Council a diverse, inclusive place, including non-voting members is of importance to some members.

In summary, Sara L. reminds the Council that it meets 8 times a year, and that there are at least 8 solid topics of discussion for these meetings. In terms of planning, Sara suggests planning the whole year's meetings around these topics with wiggle room. Sara adds that collaboration could also be done with GoogleDocs or other type. John mentions the lack of privacy with using GoogleDocs and needing to use a personal account to access it. States pdf files for letter drafts and communications would be preferable and safer to use. Some people do not have Word either.

Sara suggests the Council should decide how many legislative sessions it will want to weigh in on, for example, let's say the council picks two sessions in a year, then it can focus on those and move on. Lisa L. mentions that she would look for the council to remain more locally active rather than fully legislation-focused, as there are locally county issues and topics that need addressing. This sentiment is echoed by Colleen and Sara S.

John speaks up to say it would be nice to have an idea of what the county wants or where the council

could make effective and positive change within the county. Stacie responds by saying the county and the program are working on things that she hopes will be able to be brought forth to this council for input and consideration, for example, a new quality assurance process. It would also be important for the council to let the county know what is being seen in the field from the perspective of its members, along with the county's view. She also mentions it would be good not to overfill the council's agendas to the point that it could not advise.

John asks how the council members can balance the relevant and current issues brought forth and the annual agenda without wasting time or going too far out of scope. Stacie replies that some issues are state-driven and that there is sometimes no warning or time to come to the council for input, but that there are many opportunities for suggestions and feedback from the council on other topics, such as upcoming service coordinator core competencies revisions and training on which the county would seek collective input from the council.

Sara S. says that while those pressing issues are important, she is interested in those, she would like the website and the bylaws for the Council to get done. She is very interested in the completion of projects the council has already discussed.

Amy suggests that we could allot a short amount of time each meeting to airing out pressing community concerns while reserving 30-40 minutes for the important work. Perhaps we could line up the annual planning with those topics

brought forth earlier today in order of priority so that each meeting, something concrete can be accomplished. For the legislative work, subcommittees could be established so that not too much council time is spent on that work. John asks if a county staff member would be available to those subcommittees as well. Stacie replies that completing the bylaws would be a great first step into knowing how this would be treated. Sara S. would like to see the bylaws completed before welcoming new council members, so that the new members could have those to read coming in.

Sara L. asks the council if, given the time constraints between now and the time new members would come in, current council members would all be willing to take time away from the council meetings to read, review and write down any suggestions to the bylaws before the council reconvenes in January 2025. The idea would be to then work on and complete the bylaws in January and February.

At this point, the council revisits the earlier mentioned different ways of collaborative or group work alternatives to GoogleDocs which would be inclusive for all members. John says sending him a pdf with everyone's notes every two weeks or so would be acceptable to him so he can review and make suggestions as well. At Kim's suggestion, John agrees that the other members could make use of the GoogleDocs format for their edits, so long as he is given a pdf version to review, outside of GoogleDocs.

5:25 - 5:45pm	Update/discussion-Letter to ODDS regarding abuse allegations tracking system	<p>Via email to Colleen and the group, Shasta mentions that she will be presenting the letter to Washington Co on December 6th. Her questions for the council are, who are we sending this to, and who else would we like to approach with this and sign this letter?</p> <p>This letter was approved at the last meeting, as was Shasta going to another county to present it. The question now is what do we want to do with it? Sara L. and Lisa also mention wanting to be very informed and sure about what we are asking for as a council, especially as we think about involving other counties. They both agree that this letter should be an agenda item as we go forward, so that we can be as informed as possible.</p> <p>Kim suggests the council should decide if they would like to send this to state policymakers first, let other counties know we've sent it, and then invite other counties to also send the letter or their own version to the same policymakers.</p> <p>The ask from the council for today's meeting is this: Who exactly do we want to send this letter to?</p> <p>Sara S. would like Multnomah County, and all Oregon counties to be a part of this.</p> <p>Colleen would like this sent to state legislators, such as Senator Sara Gelser.</p>

		<p>Lisa names Senator Patterson but would prioritize other DD councils in other counties. John is concerned with self-advocates being heard as part of this conversation and initiative. Also of concern for John is the potential unionization of counties behind such a movement. Sara L. clarifies that this would not be sent as a petition for signatures, but just as an fyi that our DD council has sent this letter.</p> <p>Lisa commits to meeting with Shasta and John in a subcommittee to make minor, but inclusive language edits to the letter prior to emailing all other Oregon county DD advisory councils. Kim mentions that if the subcommittee lets county staff know, perhaps a staff member can be present for the subcommittee discussion. Sara S. would like to be part of the subcommittee. It is agreed by the council at this time that after revisions are done during our break through the subcommittee, that an electronic vote/approval would be the appropriate way to proceed before sending this letter out.</p> <p>Lisa motions for the above, seconded by Colleen and Sara S. Five members vote yes to approve this decision.</p> <p>[End of Topic Discussion]</p>
5:45 – 6 pm	<p>Open floor (Council)</p> <p>Public comment (Public)</p>	<p>Ann asks whether having some people work on assignments and report back to the council is something that is possible for the sake of having a bigger impact. The council agrees this could be a very interesting idea to develop.</p> <p>Meeting is adjourned.</p>

<p>Next Meeting</p>	<p>January 27th, 2025, 04:30pm-06:00pm</p> <p>Next agenda topics: (determined by Annual Plan)</p>	<p>Next meeting will focus on Bylaws.</p>
<p>Chat</p>		<p>17:02:41 From Colleen Johnston she/her : thank you Mimi</p> <p>17:03:13 From Sara Szwarc (she/her) : Thank you!</p> <p>17:03:55 From Lisa Ledson : Thank you, Mimi!!</p> <p>17:04:10 From Kalkidan the best mommy ever's iPhone : Reacted to "Thank you, Mimi!!" with ❤️</p> <p>17:04:15 From Kalkidan the best mommy ever's iPhone : Reacted to "Thank you!" with ❤️</p> <p>17:04:18 From Kalkidan the best mommy ever's iPhone : Reacted to "thank you Mimi" with ❤️</p> <p>17:32:01 From Colleen Johnston she/her : I have to be off at 6pm</p> <p>17:32:17 From Amy Butler (she/her) : Reacted to "I have to be off at ..." with 👍</p> <p>17:53:15 From Lisa Ledson : People to send the letter to:</p> <p>17:54:33 From Lisa Ledson : All DD Council Committees in each County, possibly public-facing on our website, then maybe legislators?</p> <p>17:57:52 From Kalkidan the best mommy ever's iPhone : Thank you all</p> <p>17:59:12 From Colleen Johnston she/her : I need to go. Happy holidays everyone.</p> <p>17:59:31 From Lisa Ledson : Reacted to "I need to go. Happy ..." with ❤️</p> <p>17:59:34 From Lisa Ledson : Reacted to "Thank you all" with ❤️</p>

