

MINUTES
DISABILITY SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL

Friday, January 18, 2019, 10:30 – 11:15 a.m.
Buford Room - Park Place Building
859 Willamette Street Eugene, Oregon

Members present Lana Junger, *Chair*; John Ahlen, Joe Basey, Hoover Chambliss, Marianne Malott, Tina Powell, Amy Scott, Peggy Thomas, Dennis Weirich, Lucy Zammarelli

Excused Sheila Thomas

Staff Kate Scott, Brooke Emery, Emily Farrell, Tammy Lanz, Haven Purbaugh

Guests Jamie Daignault, *Oregon Council on Developmental Disabilities*

1. Call to Order/Additions to Agenda/Introductions

Ms. Junger's called the meeting to order at 10:30. Those present introduced themselves.

2. Consideration of Meeting Agenda

The agenda was accepted by consensus.

3. Consideration of November 16 DSAC meeting minutes

Ms. Thomas provided a correction to the minutes on page two *ODOT Settlement Update*. Correction: Ms. Thomas, not Ms. Malott, made the comment about Marlene Blackhager, a former member of DSAC.

MOTION: Mr. Necker moved, seconded by Mr. Basey, to approve the November 16 minutes, as corrected. The motion carried unanimously,

4. Oregon Council on Developmental Disabilities

Ms. Daignault thanked the group for the opportunity to speak. She stated the Oregon Council on Developmental Disabilities (OCDD) was an advocacy group working in policy and legislative decisions.

Mr. Necker asked if the council served the entire state of Oregon. Ms. Daignault confirmed that it does.

Mr. Weirich asked where OCDD is based. Ms. Daignault replied that the office is based in Portland.

Mr. Necker asked if the organization's bylaws require a majority of members to be consumers. Ms. Daignault confirmed that 60% of members must be consumers according to a federal statute.

Ms. Mallot asked if the speaker was familiar with community health care for the homeless. Ms. Daignault said that she was not and would look into it.

Ms. Daignault reported that OCDD works on advocacy, capacity building, on systems change. OCDD also supports the Oregon Housing Alliance.

Ms. Mallot asked for more information on their affiliation with the Oregon Housing Alliance. Ms. Daignault explained OCDD works on creative projects with developers to establish community housing with universal design. She shared that they hope to promote connections with this program across communities.

Mr. Chambliss asked if the housing efforts are to accommodate the growing number of young people with disabilities. Ms. Daignault agreed that is one factor. She explained that OCDD is holding focus groups to learn about what people want/need with regards to housing. These efforts have shown that many families who have a young person with a disability want to live in community housing.

Ms. Mallot asked if the partial government shutdown is impacting their work. Ms. Daignault responded that it is not because the Department of Human Services was funded before the shutdown.

Ms. Daignault spoke about the GO! Project, which brings people to the capital to speak with their legislators. She explained that the GO! Bulletin has updates on Bills and upcoming advocacy days.

Ms. Carlone asked if there were any positive outcomes from advocacy sessions. Ms. Daignault affirmed that Federal- and State-level advocacy makes a difference. She noted that advocates have played an important role in moving the Fairview Trust funds to community foundations and achieving support for employment services funding.

Ms. Daignault encouraged members to sign up for the GO! Bulletin at:
<https://www.ocdd.org/legislative-advocacy-the-go-project/>.

Ms. Scott asked if a focus groups was planned for Lane County or nearby. Ms. Daignault said that she will look into this. She shared that the project is funded by Meyer Memorial Trust and has just been extended for another year.

Mr. Weirich asked if people from around the state could be involved via online conference calls through OCDD. Ms. Daignault said that there are several ways different communities to participate. She stated that a legislative training will be filmed

and available on the website in February or March. OCDD is also reaching out to people who want to talk to legislators through video conference for a 5-minute meeting.

Ms. Daignault presented on their Better Together Grants, which offer up to \$500 to help make communities a better place, specifically through addressing and building relationships between people with and without disabilities. The grant requires at least four people and an idea to engage people with and without disabilities.

Mr. Necker asked if the project has to include people with a developmental disability or any disability.

Ms. Daignault responded that it includes anyone with a disability.

Ms. Carlone asked about successful grants. Ms. Daignault shared that a woman on the autism spectrum presented a sensory-friendly musical performance. Another grant connected women in a homeless shelter and people with disabilities to do cooking classes at New Seasons.

Mr. Necker clarified the purpose for the grants. Ms. Daignault said that Better Together grants are about bringing people together and creating authentic relationships.

Mr. Ahlen arrived at 11:04.

Ms. Daignault shared two handouts about the grants and encouraged people to call for help submitting an application.

5. Behavioral Health Updates

Ms. Scott shared that Ms. Emery will start attending the County's Mental Health Advisory Committee – Alcohol and Drug Planning Commission.

Ms. Zammarelli said that the County is working on the 2020 Alcohol and Drug plan to address strengths and gaps in services. She asked if S&DS staff had been involved in the process yet. Ms. Zammarelli encouraged Ms. Farrell to contact Doug Daniel.

6. Call for Next Meeting Agenda Items & Reminder of Next Meeting

Ms. Junger reminded the group of the next meeting.

March 15, 2019, 10:00 AM – 11:15 AM
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Ms. Scott stated that someone from ODOT will attend to discuss the ADA ODOT Settlement. She said that the presentation will likely take longer than the allotted meeting time so the meeting will start 10:00am.

Ms. Scott encouraged the group to consider a Better Together Grant.

7. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

(recorded by Dana M. Shinnars)