

**Human Rights Committee (HRC)
Public Meeting Minutes
District South**

Department of Economic Security
Division of Developmental Disabilities
400 W. Congress Street. Suite 500
Tucson, AZ 85701
February 28th, 2018
2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Call to Order	Lynda Stites
Start Time	2:00 PM
Facilitator	Lynda Stites
Note Taker	Taylor Pike
Attendees	<p>HRC Members Present: Lynda Stites, Genevieve Valenzuela, Christine Small, Cynthia Fielding, Tyler DeMers, Bill Burnett, Bliss Gifford</p> <p>HRC Members Absent: Cathy Curtin, Lynne Tomasa</p> <p>Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) Staff: Taylor Pike</p> <p>Remote Participants: Jessica Richards</p> <p>Public in Attendance: JoAnna Mendoza</p>
Agenda Topics	Call to Order, Welcome and Introductions, HRC Updates, Approval of January 2018 Minutes, Call to the Public, Adjournment

Welcome and Introduction

Committee

Discussion	<p>The Human Rights Committee (HRC) members introduced themselves in person and on the phone.</p> <p>JoAnna Mendoza introduced herself to the committee as a potential new member. Previously worked with a DDD provider agency and dedicated 20 years of service with the Marine Corps. Wants to continue to advocate and fight for vulnerable populations.</p> <p>Lynda Stites explained what the HRCs primary responsibilities are. The HRCs ensure there are no human rights violations during processing of incidents, making sure members are being treated with dignity and respect by reviewing Behavior Plans, reading them to ensure there is no programmatic abuse that might infringe on members rights. Goal is to have them be able to function to their highest capacity and have highest quality of life, which is the essence of the committee.</p>
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Discussion

Taylor Pike shared with the committee information received regarding the Arizona Training Program at Coolidge (ATPC).

Leah Gibbs and **Bruce McMorran** gave a presentation to the District East HRC.

In order to be in compliance with Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) the relationship between ATPC and District East HRC needs to change.

The Intermediate Care Facilities (ICFs) at ATPC are funded by Medicaid and are surveyed by the Arizona Department of Health Services, Long Term Care Licensing Division annually. All must comply with CMS regulations.

ATPC first opened as Arizona Children’s Colony in 1952. The facility had a capacity of 300 residents and at one point housed 1,200 individuals. In the 1970s the state decided training programs in Phoenix and Tucson would be opened, an estimated 300 individuals went to each area.

Bruce informed the HRC that a significant amount of money has been spent on renovating the campus. This includes replacing floors, bathrooms, sealing roads, putting in LED lights and painting.

ATPC currently houses a total of 82 residents. 60 individuals are served in the six ICFs and 20 individuals reside in the five group homes at ATPC.

Lynda stated that this was a big discussion two years ago. People were institutionalized in the 1960s and have lived in the facilities there ever since. People believed that the mortality rate would increase by forcing out the individuals that lived there their whole lives. The state argued that it was the most cost-effective solution, others argued that it wasn’t because these individuals would need specialized care. **Taylor** clarified ATPC will close with the last member.

That the Article 9 and Cholla Pilot Webinar will take place on March 21st at 1:30 PM.

The Article 9 revisions include updating and simplifying language. Proposed change: “Behavior Modifying Medications” to “Psychotropic Medications” **Lynda**– are sleeping pills included? It modifies a person’s behavior. Consider how that language change would be perceived by others.

The Cholla Pilot introducing the new ISP documents, geared towards person centered planning. An argument is that there are so many fields in the form that are subjective or that require input from DDD members and many of them are unable to communicate or go through the process of quantifying certain things the ISP covers.

Participation in the Webinar is highly encouraged.

Approval of January 2018 Minutes

Lynda Stites

Discussion	Jessica Richards made a motion to approve the January 2018 meeting minutes. Christine Small seconded this motion. All in favor. Motion carried.
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Action Items

Lynda Stites

Discussion	Taylor will email the committee: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Updated District South HRC contact list• Article 9 and Cholla Pilot Webinar information/corresponding documents• Fillable Behavior Plan Disposition Form• ATPC PowerPoint Christine made a motion to accept JoAnna Mendoza and her membership and Francelia Garcia's resignation. Tyler DeMers seconded the motion, vote was unanimous in favor of both.
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Adjournment

Lynda Stites

Conclusion	Next meeting will take place at the Tucson location March 28 th , 2018. Meeting adjourned by Lynda Stites at 4:00 PM.
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