

**Developmental Disabilities Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes**

Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD)
January 11, 2017
1900 W. Washington, Ste 100
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Meeting Called By:	Chair: Linda Mecham
Type of Meeting:	Developmental Disabilities Advisory Council (DDAC): Full Council
Facilitator:	Chair: Linda Mecham
Note taker:	Celene Galaviz
Attendees:	DDAC Members Present: Jill Ryan, Linda Mecham, Karen Van Epps, Renaldo Fowler, Maureen Mills, Richard Hargrove, Gina Judy and Liz Archuleta Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) Staff: Richard Kautz, Celene Galaviz, Al Nieto, Ileen Herberg and Joe Tansill Office of the Auditor General Kristi Wisdom
Agenda Topics:	-Welcome and Introductions -Approval of November 2016 Minutes -Public Forum for February -HRC Issue with Agencies -DDD Update -Call to the Public

Welcome and Introductions

Linda Mecham

Discussion	Linda Mecham introduced herself and welcomed the other Developmental Disabilities Advisory Council (DDAC) members. Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) staff members also introduced themselves.
Conclusion	Quorum achieved.

Approval of November 2016 Minutes

Linda Mecham

Discussion	The November 2016 minutes were approved
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Public Forum for February

Linda Mecham

Discussion	<p>Linda: asked where the need is most for Public Forum.</p> <p>Rick: Due to the huge concern with Prop 206, a forum should be held in Flagstaff.</p> <p>Council: Agreed that the Forum will be held in Flagstaff, on Tuesday, February 21, 2017. There will be two sessions from 3-5 and 6-8.</p>
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HRC Issue with Agencies

Karen Van Epps

Discussion	<p>Karen: Human rights investigations have to go through APS and DCS and it takes months. DDD needs their own investigative body.</p> <p>Jill: Can council members communicate as advisory council and have investigator come so we can share concerns?</p> <p>Linda: asked Karen and Jill to look into it and come to the next meeting with specific suggestions for what the council can do. Will table until March meeting.</p>
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DDD Update

Joe Tansill

Discussion	<p>Joe: reported on Prop 206 for Dr. Love. Qualified vendors are required to have 3 months reserve of funds. Vendor blasts were sent out, identified various selected rates that are going to increase and that are more impacted by the legislation. Identified different rates where fees were adjusted for that service. DDD has posted on website, the rate book and look up rate tool has been updated. This was a targeted increase specifically to those rates that were identified based on the rate model of the individual rates that Providers were paying employees below \$10 per hour. We do not have specific information from Providers regarding rate structure. The Division looked at rates based on rate schedule per the model that Burns and Associates created for DDD. DDD believes Providers were paying sub \$10 per hour rates, and tried to target money into specific rates that DDD felt had the most impact for Providers. DDD moved those rates up as far as it could. The Division was given \$25 million by AHCCCS, intended to meet immediate needs for the first 6 months of this calendar year. It was not intended for full calendar year. The Division will be entering into negotiations with AHCCCS regarding 2018 budget regarding fiscal year 18 budget, which will be a primary topic of discussion.</p> <p>Karen: What are agencies doing with people who are currently making \$10/hour?</p> <p>Joe: Our approach was to look at not only the rates below \$10 per hour, we also identified any rates up to \$11.20 that we felt were within model. We tried to move them incrementally along. The funding received does not address any</p>
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rates that are already being provided to employees that are already at \$10 per hour. We recognize it creates a real compression issue.

Linda: You do not have the rate structure for Providers?

Joe: We do not have specific information on what Providers are paying employees today.

Gina: The Provider association did gather information from Providers, but keep in mind there are only about 100 Providers that are members of that association. 28 Providers had good data that was moved up. Those Providers, depending on services, geographic and how large they are, indicate that the ranges for that are being paid are all over the pay scale. There is not one specific rate. We looked at all rates and gave an average to the division and AHCCCS. There are some services that are going to be under \$10 an hour and some are not. Joe was on a conference call at an AAPD provider meeting, where he listed all the services that they were looking at and opened it up to the room. Anybody that had additional service that they wanted DDD to consider, had the opportunity to put that service on the list as well. There have been so many years that there has been a rate adjustment and there have been so many shifts in health care alone, that no Provider is doing the same as another Provider.

Joe: The Adjustment that we did do, our model allowed us to give a more sizeable increase. The Prop 206 has had a huge impact on Providers. It's roughly a 20% increase if you just look at the minimum wage. We do not believe the rate adjustment is sufficient to meet your needs.

Linda: What is going to happen to the agencies that have to close doors January 1?

Joe: Not aware of any that are closing.

Liz: Suggested a work session with someone from the DD legal department. Would also like a meeting with full staff.

The meeting date was scheduled for January 30, 2017, from 9:30-2:00. The Council is to formulate questions and send to Celene.

Linda: asked Rick and Gina to take the lead.

Gina: Is there any wiggle room from AHCCCS for the 3 month financial reserve requirement?

Joe: The requirement to having 3 months is not a QVA requirement; it is a recommendation from the Division.

Council moved into a Retreat lead by Liz Archuleta and Kari Blume. They will

	be responsible for the retreat minutes per Liz.
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Discussion	Meeting adjourned at 2:00pm
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