

Human Rights Committee (HRC)
District West
Open Meeting Minutes
 Department of Economic Security
 Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD)
 8990 W Peoria Ave, Peoria AZ 85345
 April 24th, 2018
 5:30 pm – 8:00 pm

Call to Order	De Freedman
Start Time	5:36pm
Facilitator	De Freedman
Note taker	Jeffrey Yamamoto
Attendees	<p>HRC Members Present: Diedra (De) Freedman, Pat Thundercloud, Brad Doyle, Jennifer McNeill, Michelle Lagas</p> <p>HRC Members Absent: Bernadine Henderson</p> <p>Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) Staff: Jeffrey Yamamoto (DDD HRC Liaison), James Smith (DDD Quality Assurance Manager)</p> <p>On the phone: None</p> <p>Public: None</p>
Agenda Topics	Call to Order, Welcome and Introductions, Approval of March Minutes, Statewide Meeting Update, Discussions on Guidelines/Bylaws, Article 9 changes and discussion, Summer Hiatus, Roundtable discussion, Adjournment to Executive Session

Call to Order

De Freedman

Discussion	De Freedman called meeting to order at 5:36pm
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Welcome and Introductions

Brad Doyle

Discussion	<p>The Human Rights Committee (HRC) members introduced themselves. Brad Doyle-member, Jennifer McNeill-member, Michelle Lagas- member, De Freedman- Chair, Pat Thundercloud –Vice Chair</p> <p>Jeffrey Yamamoto and James Smith introduced themselves as Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) staff member.</p>
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Approval of Minutes

Jennifer McNeill

Discussion	<p>Jennifer McNeill motioned to approve minutes as written and Brad Doyle seconded the motion. The committee voted and passed the approval of the March minutes as written.</p>
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Statewide Meeting Update

De Freedman

Discussion	<p>De: Brought up that Senate Bill 1450 (SB 1450) which just passed the Legislature and signed by the Governor moves the HRCs under the jurisdiction of the Arizona Department of Administration (ADOA) and will have a name change to the Independent Oversight Committee (IOC). No one knows for sure how this is going to effect the current HRCs but may know something in the future. The bill becomes law in 90 days and we all should know by then the direction of the IOCs. De asked Jeffrey if there was anything new to provide.</p> <p>Jeffrey: Answered there still is no word from DDD or ADOA on any changes and implementation of the IOCs. There is a meeting with Sherri Wince tomorrow in the current HRC's liaisons office. There may be some news then. Redactions of Incident Reports (IRs) may be a problem for ADOA since they are not direct client providers like DDD. There may be some concerns of secured privacy for the members, if ADOA is the only overseeing agency and not cleared to redact.</p> <p>De: Added that the importance of metadata is more important now since the ADOA needs to know the tracking and trending of our members and their agencies. De was asked during the statewide meeting to head up the metadata analysis of quality of care concerns incidents. She was asked to hold off until the transition to ADOA is done and to hear what the expectations from both ADOA and Senator Barto were.</p> <p>De: Also added that this is an opportunity for the IOCs to ask the ADOA for an annual conference and new member training on rights violations for the different IOCs. Also asking what can the ADOA provide more than DDD has been able to provide in the past for the IOCs? Possibly ask for specialized training for the different client populations.</p> <p>Brad: Asked what specifically it is that the IOCs need to ask the ADOA outside of the reviewing of IRs and Behavior Plans (BPs) the scope of the committee.</p> <p>De: Replied that we ask for annual conference, training and everything not being done by DDD.</p> <p>De: Asked Jeffrey about the integrated behavior and health care system in October 2018 & 2019 and what is going to be done with the Regional</p>
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	<p>Behavior Health Authority (RBHA) because they are specifically mentioned in the SB 1450.</p> <p>Jeffrey: Replied that the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS) will be dealing with the RBHA.</p> <p>De: Clarified the question and who will be providing the training mentioned in SB 1450 if the RBHA is no longer in existence due to being absorbed into the integrated health care. We don't know and we should find out. She also asked about the quality of care concerns complaints and how they are handled. These are some of the questions that should be asked.</p>
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Guideline Discussion

Brad Doyle

Discussion	<p>Brad and De: Guidelines from previous committee were looked at but due to the changes in the oversight agency over the IOC's these will be halted since any new guideline regulations may be forthcoming from the ADOA. The electing of chairs, term limits and voting numbers to change policies will need to be included in the new Guidelines. All of the members agreed that it would make sense to wait until ADOA gave their expectations of the IOC's before writing any new Guidelines.</p>
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Article 9 Changes and Discussions

Pat Thundercloud

Discussion	<p>Pat: Began by stating that the potential change in reference with the Behavior Plans (BPs) not being written if there is only behavior modifying medication is quite disturbing. She is adamant that the BPs still be written for these members because it is the best way to show what works for the member. This is also the only way the behavior modifying medication is looked at from an outside objective viewer. This allows transparency to the treatment of our members.</p> <p>De: Motioned to vote to elect Pat to become the Article 9 spokesperson for the District West IOC. Seconded by Brad. Pat will answer the letter that will be supplied by District Central to advocate no changes to the current Article 9 guidelines. This was agreed to by the whole committee in attendance.</p>
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Summer Hiatus

Pat Thundercloud

Discussion	<p>Pat: Suggested in the past that committee members take time off from IOC work due to planned summer vacations. Brad and Michelle were taking time in June and Pat was taking time in July. The committee needs to have a quorum to meet of at least 4 members for there to be an official meeting and the decision to cancel June's IOC's meeting was agreed upon by the attending members. July meeting will still be held with the absence of Pat Thundercloud.</p>
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Roundtable

Committee

Discussion	<p>Jeffrey: Handed out the Annual Report to the Committee he authored and approved by De and Pat. Adjustments for the total number of volunteer hours will need to be made due to Pat providing new hourly sheet for 2017.</p> <p>De: District West IOC members need to start to attend the Program Review Committees (PRC) on Behavior Plans (BPs). These are normally done during the day and most of the West Members work full time.</p> <p>Brad: Commented he may have some time during the summer to attend some.</p> <p>De: Added she will make some PRC meetings.</p> <p>Brad: Asked why the former chair and committee members quit.</p> <p>Pat: Answered that the former chair moved out of state and the rest of the members she recruited also left.</p> <p>Jeffrey: Said that the committee will be receiving all IRs increasing the IRs to review to 600-800 from around 200.</p> <p>Pat: Commented that she will not read any closed IRs since they are old and she doesn't feel she can effect change. She is requesting only to read the open IRs.</p> <p>Michelle and Brad: Questions that this would cause the increase in the rest of the Committee to have to read more closed reports and would be reviewing all reports twice. This is not making the best use of the Committee's time while still being new to the review process.</p> <p>Pat: Replied she will only review open IRs even though they may be being worked on with the same suggestions she comes up with. She requests not to read the "emergency measures" in open cases.</p> <p>Jeffrey: Asked De to motion what the Committee wants to review so that it's reflected in the minutes.</p> <p>De: Motioned that the District West IOC review all closed IRs and Pat will review all open with the exception of the "emergency measures". The Committee will do the best to review all or as many of the IRs presented to them.</p> <p>Jennifer: Seconded the motion and the motioned carried by a majority of members in attendance.</p>
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Adjournment

De Freedman

Conclusion	<p>De Freedman motioned to go to Executive Session at 6:42pm The next meeting will be held on May 29th 2018 at 5:30pm at the Peoria Office location. Meeting adjourned by De Freedman at 7:18pm.</p>
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