

DRAFT Meeting Minutes

Winter Quarterly Council Meeting

Thursday, January 23, 2025

8:30 am – 4:00 pm Mountain Time

Joe R. Williams Building, Aspen Conference Room

700 W State St., Boise

Attendees

Council Members Present

Sara Bennett

Janice Carson

Randi Cole

Amy Cunningham

Deedra Hunt

Jennifer Johnson

Mike MacGuffie

Andrew Mills

Marilu Moreno

Emily Petersen

Danielle Reff – DR

Michael Sandvig

Carly Saxe

Adrienne Seamans

Edgar Zuniga

Council Members Absent

Rochelle Larsen

Maria Juarez

Kevin Swearingen

Jenna Garrett

Staff Present

Marieke Edwards

Mona Engelbrecht

Miguel Juarez

Christine Pisani

Jill Smith

Richelle Tierney

Presenters

Amy Cunningham, Executive Director, Disability Rights Idaho

Guests

Eric Brown, Bureau Chief, Bureau of Developmental Disabilities Services, Division of Medicaid, Idaho Department of Health and Welfare

Cris Cuevas, Observer - Spanish Language Interpreter

Minutes

Welcome, Introductions, Ground Rules, and Perfection of Agenda

Adrienne Seamans, Council Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:40 AM.

Guests were welcomed and guidelines were reviewed.

Carly Saxe, Vice Chair, reviewed the ground rules for meeting protocol.

Presentation: Review of Proposed Guardianship/Conservatorship Statute Changes, Amy Cunningham, Executive Director, Disability Rights Idaho

The guardianship statute specifically for adults with developmental disabilities and the Uniform Probate Code has been merged to create proposed legislation with updates to guardianship and conservatorship. This legislation will be presented again this year. Amy shared a fact sheet with talking points to Council members. Of note, person-centered planning, least restrictive alternatives such as supported decision-making plans or power of attorney are to be considered if those options would meet the person's needs. The proposed legislation also specifies that guardians cannot present unnecessary barriers to communication and visitation for the person under guardianship without the Court's approval of such restrictions. The statute changes emphasize the importance that individuals under guardianship or conservatorship do not become isolated, which could lead to greater neglect and/or abuse.

ACTION:

- Emily moved to make the guardianship conservator statute changes a Priority Two (2): Lending Support.
- Andrew Mills seconded.
- Motion passed unanimously.

ACTION:

- Jen Johnson moved to amend the agenda to include a discussion on School Vouchers over the lunch hour today.
- Mike MacGuffie seconded the motion.
- Jen Johnson requested to withdraw her motion.

Presentation: Review of Legislative Packets, 2024 Annual Report, and Scheduled Hearings at Capitol, Richelle Tierney, Policy Analyst

Richelle reviewed the fact sheets and support available to Council members for their visits, to attend scheduled hearings and to complete their legislative reports.

Leave for Capitol Visits: Council Members and Council Staff

Working Lunch: Review Legislative Meetings, Council Members

Leave for Capitol Visits: Council Members and Council Staff

Discussion: Review Legislative Meetings and Turn In Meeting Reports, Council Members

Members provided updates as they returned from their visits and completed their reports.

Meeting will resume at 8:30 AM, Friday, January 24

Friday, January 24, 2025

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Jennifer Johnson

Mike MacGuffie

Andrew Mills

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Staff Present

Marieke Edwards

Mona Engelbrecht

Christine Pisani

Miguel Juarez

Jill Smith

Richelle Tierney

Presenters

Dwayne Davis, Human Resources, Idaho Department of Health and Welfare

Toni Capra, Principal Consultant, Consultare Partners

Guests

Eric Brown, Bureau Chief, Bureau of Developmental Disabilities Services, Division of Medicaid, Idaho Department of Health and Welfare

Cris Cuevas, Observer - Spanish Language Interpreter

Minutes

Welcome, Introductions, Ground Rules, and Perfection of Agenda

Adrienne Seamans, Council Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:32 AM.

Guests were welcomed and guidelines were reviewed.

Carly Saxe, Vice Chair, reviewed the ground rules for meeting protocol.

Consent Agenda

- a. Draft Meeting Minutes: October 24-25, 2024
- b. Executive Director Report
- c. Chair Report
- d. Vice Chair Report

Christine Pisani, Executive Director, provided a report on her activities during the last quarter.

Adrienne Seamans, Council Chair, provided a report on her quarterly activities.

Carly Saxe, Vice Chair, reported on her quarterly activities.

ACTION: Consent Agenda

- Andrew Mills moved to accept the proposed consent agenda.
- Edgar Zuniga seconded.
- Motion passed.

Presentation: Financial Report, Mona Engelbrecht, Financial Analyst

Mona Engelbrecht presented the financial report from Fiscal Year Quarter 1.

ACTION: Financial Report

- Michael Sandvig moved to approve the Financial Report as presented.
- Mike MacGuffie seconded.
- Motion passed.

ACTION: Enter Closed Session

- Andrew Mills moved to go into Closed Session for discussion regarding the Executive Director Evaluation.
- Danielle "DR" Reff seconded.

- Motion passed.

Presentation: Executive Director Evaluation Process, Dwayne Davis, Idaho Department of Health and Welfare, Human Resources

Dwayne reviewed information regarding Council member survey results and next steps with Council members.

ACTION: Executive Director Review Decision

- Sara Bennett moved to provide a rating of Solid Performance for Christine Pisani, Executive Director.
- Randi Cole seconded.
- Motion passed.

Presentation: Council Member Roles and Responsibilities as a Governing Body - Toni Capra, Principal Consultant, Consultare Partners

Toni Capra presented the roles and responsibilities of a governing board. The information presented was to help Council members with the work that will begin soon to update the Council's organizational by laws, policies, and procedures. Ms. Capra outlined the timeline of her work over the next several months to assist in the updating of Council policies and by laws. Ad-Hoc Council committee members include Amy Cunningham, DR Reff, Make Sandvig, and Adrienne Seamans.

Working Lunch: Membership Update, Jill Smith, Project Specialist

Jill Smith updated Council members regarding the application and recruitment status for members. The Ad-Hoc Membership Committee includes Sara Bennett, Jen Johnson and Kevin Swearingen. The Ad-Hoc Committee will use Zoom to meet, review applications, and complete interviews. Recommendations will be

made by April 1, 2025, to meet the request made by the Governor's Office to allow additional time for processing appointments.

Presentation: Review Questions on Quarterly Progress Reports – Adrienne Seamans, Council Chair

Adrienne invited members to ask questions of the highlights of Council work provided in the quarterly project report.

Presentation: Five-Year Planning Discussion – Marieke Edwards, Senior Research Analyst

Marieke reviewed the timeline for the Council's five-year planning development. She updated the Council on the status of the Council survey. Three-hundred and eighty (380) completed survey responses will be needed to have a meaningful representation of Idaho's needs and priorities. Council members and community partners will receive survey links soon. Marieke also shared information on the statewide public forum plan. Marieke outlined leadership roles needed by Council members to plan and host the statewide public forums. A detailed outline and timeline was provided for Council members. Council members are asked to consider additional leadership opportunities to provide local organizational support and leadership. Training and financial support is available for those members serving in this local leadership role. The deadline for members to sign up for these leadership opportunities is February 14th.

ACTION: Consideration to Add October 22 to October 23-24, 2025 Fall Council Meeting Dates – Adrienne Seamans, Council Chair

- Danielle "DR" Reff moved to add October 22nd to the October 23-24 Council meeting dates.
- Edgar Zuniga seconded.
- Motion passed.

ACTION: Council Member Action Request

- Jen Johnson moved that we hold a meeting Thursday, January 30th from 9:30 to 11:30 (mountain time) for the purpose of reviewing state legislative school choice voucher proposals and for the Council to better understand the issue.

- Mike MacGuffie seconded the motion.
- Motion passed.

Council Meeting Evaluation

Adrienne Seamans, Council Chair asked for Council members to share their experiences during this meeting as an evaluation of this meeting.

ACTION Adjourn

Adrienne Seamans, Council Chair, entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting.

- Edgar Zuniga moved to adjourn.
- Andrew Mills seconded.
- Motion to adjourn passed at 2:15 PM.