

Meeting Minutes

Public Comment Meeting

Tuesday June 2, 2026

9:00am – 10:00am MT

Joe R Williams, 700 W State St, Suite 119
Boise, ID 83702

Attendees

Council Members Present

Ann Martindale

Staff Present

Marieke Edwards

Mona Engelbrecht

Christine Pisani

Richelle Tierney

Guests

Shirre Brown, Development Workshop, Inc.

Amber Cleveland, Opportunities Unlimited Inc.

Lori Gentillon, Development Workshop, Inc., Access Idaho

Lynn Houston

McKayla Matlack, Development Workshop, Inc.

Misti Nelson, Dawn Enterprises, Inc.

Minutes

Welcome and Introductions

Marieke Edwards, Senior Research Analyst, began the meeting at 9:00am MT.

Guests were welcomed and invited to introduce themselves.

Presentation: 5-Year Plan Background, Marieke Edwards, Senior Research Analyst

The Draft 5-Year Plan for 2027-2031 was presented, Goal by Goal, with opportunity for comments after each Goal and at the conclusion of the presentation.

Public Comments:

- What defines “leadership”? Perhaps objectives under Goal 1 should be reworded to remove the word “leadership.” I.E. Support individuals to lead in advocating... Or perhaps use “developing their leadership”.
- Leadership could be interpreted only as specific people chosen to lead vs. all individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities leading.
- Assume the Council has data on hand to show where we are with the work in Goal 3. How will we measure success? Doesn’t want work on this topic to disappear.
- For Goal 3 work providers have a role to play. They can help inform parents and guardians. They are a stakeholder in these conversations.
- In Goal 4 work focus on developing leadership skills and abilities. The work the Council does is well communicated. As providers we can help the Council share their work.
- The Council is very vocal. Not many people in DWI know who the Council is or the work the Council does. How to help people hear/find what the Council is doing.
- What does respond mean under Objective 4.4? (Respond to any natural or man-made disaster that affects people with developmental disabilities and family members.)
- The listening sessions and the public forums the Council hosted statewide should be done more. Encourage more frequent small group meetings throughout the state (such as public forums).
- After hour events are tough.
- Take advantage of provider relationships. Contact them to host events.
- Virtual meetings allow more participation.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:52am MT.