



Disability Services Advisory Council

Minutes

Monday, January 28, 2019, 12:30 pm - 2:30 pm

Five Oak, 209 SW 4th Avenue, Pine Conference Room

Facilitator: Michael Thurman

Agenda Item	Purpose	Lead	Next Steps and Action Items
Welcome & Introductions	Build relationships	Michael Thurman-Noche	Attendees Members: Ashley Carroll, Barb Rainish, Felicia Eckstein, Michael Elston, Grace Reed, Michael Thurman- Noche, Rai McKenzie, Robert Thurman-Noche, Steve Weiss. Voted in: Myranda Harris & Ruthie Benjamin Staff: Erin Grahek, Lee Girard, Rebecca Miller, Cheri Becerra Speakers and Guests: Commissioner Meieran, Abe Moland, Kamar Haji-Mohamed, Nicole Buchanan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Approve today's agenda ● Approve previous minutes ● Review previous action items, if any. 	Administrative	Michael Thurman-Noche & Robbie Noche-Noche	Agenda/Minutes accepted Rebecca sent out links for budget and stipend policy in last months minutes.
Commissioner Meieran <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Introduction and define her role attending DSAC 	Inform		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Commissioner Meieran was introduced. She is a board liaison for DSAC and ASAC. She is really looking forward to being connected to these groups. Her job as an emergency room doctor really lets her see issues that our clients face. ● She looks forward to hearing about lived experiences, ideas and input from our members ● A few of her priorities are mental health care, housing

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			<p>and homelessness.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● The HSRI report that was done led us to some conclusions:<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Develop shared vision on mental health systems.-At the county level establish position for someone to help with policy that has these experiences-Additional study of funding and reimbursement-They are working on how to put all these things into play.● Michael Elston asked about a forum on mental health that he attended at the library-he wanted to know what came out of it. This lead to sponsorship of a system analysis, community listening sessions, individual interviews and an online survey.● A second question was asked concerning ER and crisis with dual diagnosis. We have few resources. People often fall in between. This is a big legislative issue at the state level. Reimbursement really drives the help and mental help is very low reimbursement. We need parity on this. The payment amount should not be a barrier to help.● Grace talked about wanting to help, and having the knowledge to help, but not having the opportunities.● Barb asked if AMSAC would be something the commissioner participated in and also what was the reality we could expect for her participation in DSAC/ASAC. The commissioner is personally connected to AMSAC but not officially. She will try and attend
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			<p>ASAC/DSAC as much as her schedule allows, if she is not there a liaison will attend.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Rai wanted a little more clarification on the parity she talked about. Commissioner concerns are that things be equal in all areas of care. The reimbursement from Medicaid is the issue. She is pushing for county legislation to help with this parity on a state level.
Introduce and vote on new members	Update	Barb Rainish & Mike Elston	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mike and Barb reviewed the applications of Myranda Harris and Ruthie Benjamin. ● Myranda told us she believes in our work. She has been participating in the Ryan White council as well as others over the last 3 years. ● Ruthie is a community advocate volunteer. She volunteers and serves on many committees. She is very involved in homeless issues. ● The applicants left the room, show of hands approved their membership unanimously. ● Barb wanted us to please remember to reach out and look for people who would like to be on this committee.
Introduce consensus-based decision making & practice	Learn & ask questions	Erin Grahek & Rebecca Miller	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Erin explained we have been looking at our decision making over the last few years. We worked with Resolutions NW to make changes on how we make decisions. We really want to remove barriers - such as dominant culture. This is our value and practice and it will make a voice for all. ● Rebecca talked about how this system works. The idea is that dissenting voices are heard. She passed out

			<p>different models of how to use this process.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● We practiced with the question “How many meetings does a prospective member need to attend before voting on them to become members”
Ride to Care/NEMT update and planning	Update & discussion	Abe Moland, Kamar Haji-Mohamed, Gridworks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Copies were passed out for the Gridworks/NEMT presentation. They also passed out a question sheet that they can address in February when they return to talk with us. ● This presentation was created using the questions we submitted to them. ● Rebecca has emailed out the presentation to members. ● Commissioner Meieran asked about actual metrics on no shows and timeliness. Abe stated the new platform with timestamping and geocoding is going to give them better metrics. ● Michael mentioned two instances he knows of where Uber had to be called because the ride never showed up. Both Abe and Kamar understand this is not acceptable. They are hoping the financial incentive they are putting in place will help. ● 48 hours is really what they would like for booking rides, but are not telling people no if it is 24 hours out. ● They are also booking recurring rides ● Mike mentioned his worry that the incentive for timeliness may make for unsafe driving. ● Barb passed out Ride to Share membership info. She also stressed the need to get your trip number at the

			end of your booking and write it down.
Legislative Update & Committee	Update & Decision	Rebecca Miller	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Passed out info on important legislation. This info was also emailed to members from Rebecca. ● Please make sure you are signed up for O4AD email list. ● Legislative calls on Wednesday and Friday - info was emailed on these. ● Anyone interested in Legislative Update Committee - Myranda, Barb and Rai would like to be. Myranda will be the chair-and please use the consensus based decision making if a different chair needs to be elected.
ADVSD Mgmt Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Budget, planning 	Inform	Erin Grahek-Lee Girard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Erin discussed early issuance of SNAP benefits. ● Participant Experience Project is being relaunched. This is an evaluation tool to see how our customers experiences are when visiting our branches or partners. ● Facility planning is happening for our Tabor Square and Mid County buildings. Leases are getting close to being up, and we are trying to figure out if we want to stay or move to other sites. ● Lee discussed that we are having a 3% reduction to our general fund at the county. Program offers will be posted on February 22nd and she would like to come back to the next meeting to talk about the offers. ● The Chairs budget will be released on April 25th. ● We are watching the state level-transportation bill issues closely. ● Lee has applied to be on the National Association of Area Agency Board. She will be going to N4A policy

			briefing in March this year
New business; public comment; announcements	Public to address DSAC or share other information	Michael Thurman-Noche	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Congresswoman Suzanne Bonamici will be recognized by N4A at the upcoming Policy Briefing for her advocacy around the Older Americans Act. ● Steve spoke on Housing Bill 608 that will limit annual rent increases and prohibit no cause evictions. He is hearing talk that landlords are resigned to this bill passing
Feb agenda and actions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Bylaws ● Consensus decision making ● Grace & Michael's topic ● Committee updates ● NEMT/HealthShare 	Review items for clarity and accountability	Cheri Becerra	Bylaws Consensus Decision Making Committee Updates Gridworks Grace and Michael - 15 Healthshare Lee Girard Program Offers - 15
Adjourn		Michael Thurman-Noche	Adjourn

*****Happy New Year!*****

The purpose of the Disability Services Advisory Council (DSAC) is to advise Multnomah County Aging, Disability, & Veterans Services Division (ADVSD), a division of the Multnomah County Department of County Human Services, on basic policy guidelines for those clients receiving disability services, on reviewing and evaluating the effectiveness of the services, and other related topics.