

Zoom Call

4.2.2020

Due to the nature of the zoom call the minutes do not show all participants and all details of the discussions.

- Joey Hanna asked for a motion to approve the minute, motion presented and seconded and passed – all in favor
- DSPD report: Jamie gave an update on the steps DSPD is taking to work through the crisis. They have been working closely with providers to provide a cohesive response. Weekly video calls are held and a FAQ page, that is continually updated, can be found on the web site. The videos are recorded and can be viewed at any time. <https://dspd.utah.gov/covid-19-information/>

Updates from members:

- Janet Wade gave information on Easterseals-Goodwill Programs. The Early Intervention Program in Provo and the Pre-Employment program along the Wasatch front and St. George are continuing providing services through virtual platforms. Early Intervention has a private FB page that has daily stories and therapy strategy suggestions. Join on Facebook at Provo Early Intervention Alumni and Friends
- Nathan Crippes reported that the Disability Law Center is monitoring everything. Taking calls from clients and doing advocacy around Corona virus. The DLC has a plan to work with the Utah Parent Center regarding care facilities. In development is a letter to ask the Governor for a Stay at Home order. In order for people with disabilities and their support staff to stay healthy there needs to be a higher level of precautions taken. Once the letter is developed the DLC will send it to LCPD. Janet will send it out to members for a vote on the LCPD signing on to this letter.
- Jennifer Miller-Smith reported that the Democratic caucus cancelled all meetings. Jennifer is working on developing virtual meetings
- Andrew Riggle: Andrew asks for members to send information to the Division of Services for People with Disabilities to let them know of concerns regarding the changes to regulations that are being made. Please contact the Division today. The Department and the Utah Department of Health are working on easing requirements while keeping within Human Rights. The Division is working on the Appendix K amendment to provide services in places not usually approved. Worked with Medicaid to expand family support plans for one year. The DLC is concerned that regulations will be eased and this might mean people receiving the services might not be safe. The DLC has sent the Division a list of 20 items. One of them is to not admit new provider sites before the sites are reviewed
- Stacy: Utah Health Policy sent DOH and the Governor a list of recommendations. State did say that they planned to uphold the Families act. States are getting extra money for the Medicaid program. In exchange they have to uphold the Medicaid payment. Utah will suspend the Work requirement and hold premiums. Also not penalizing non-payment of CHIP premiums.
- Julia: Family to Family Network. We have put all workshops onto the main Family to Family network FB page. Friday there is a workshop on advocacy at 2 pm. A training for family members and other advocates.

LCPD Leadership:

Joey explained why there were interim chairs and vice chairs. This was a measure to update the bylaws and have an organizational leadership in place for the 2020 Legislative session. Those of the current interim leadership team are asked to submit their resignation as soon as possible so that a new slate of officers can be developed.

Janet will develop and send out a nomination form to members. Anyone nominated has to be a voting member

Legislative Update:

Jennifer did a wonderful job keeping up with the bill tracker. See attached.

Janet also developed a report of funding requests and bills that the LCPD voted to support or oppose. See attached.

- Jan, Jennifer and Linda Hansen reported on the HB 332 Rep Schultz Special Needs Scholarship Amendment. The Governor's office conducted interviews with the disability community before making a decision. This bill was to create the special needs opportunity scholarship program and related income tax credits. It passed but was vetoed by the Governor. The Governor is concerned about taking funding out of education during the coming year which will be a very challenging funding year.
- Julia: Working on making sure that families understand the work that legislators do during the session. We need to say thank you. **This is a call to all LCPD members to thank their legislator for the work they did this session.**
- Janet mentioned that the LCPD leadership discussed nominating a champion. This will be discussed further.