

## ATTACHMENT C

### Michigan Developmental Disabilities Council Council Meeting Minutes October 6, 2015

**Council Members Present:** Jill Barker, Elmer Cerano, Kristen Columbus, Heidi DeVries, Kristin Kleinheksel, Barb Leroy, Paul Palmer, Deborah Rock, Rich Suhrheinrich, David Taylor, David Verseput, Deborah Wiese, Marnie Wills

**Council Members Absent:** Robert Brown, Justin Caine, Jeremiah Prusi, Jane Reagan, Andrea Sargent

**Council Staff Present:** Vendella Collins, Yasmina Bouraoui, Meredith Smith, Brett Williams, Dee Florence, Tedra Jackson, Tracy Vincent,

**Guests Present:** Tammy Yeomans, Steve Johnson, Lynda Zeller, Stacie Rulison, Rodney Craig, Mark McWilliams

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Meeting called to order at 10:50 am. A quorum was established and introductions were made.

#### **Approval of Agenda**

October 6, 2015 agenda approved by consensus.

#### **Approval of Minutes**

August 4, 2015 draft minutes approved by consensus.

**Public comment** – None

#### **Office of Disability Employment Policy (ODEP) Project Year-end Report**

Yasmina Bouraoui reviewed the report. It will be placed on the DD Council website. The report is the first year recommendations by ODEP Subject Matter Experts (SME).

- David Hoff – Transition for Youth with Disabilities - workforce development initiatives in Michigan
- Genni Sesnett – Provider Transformation
- Lisa Mills – Rate and Reimbursement Strategies to Support Competitive Integrated Employment Outcomes within Medicaid Managed Care
- Dale Verstegen – Capacity Building

The report will be placed on the DD Council website [www.michigan.gov/ddcouncil](http://www.michigan.gov/ddcouncil).

### **Cuts to CMH Services**

Lynda Zeller, Deputy Director for the Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Administration at the Michigan Department of Health & Human Services (MDHHS) spoke about the cuts to CMH services. The state has not cut Medicaid funding. Every region in the state, except one, has more Medicaid funding this year than last year.

She reminded everyone that CMH receives funding from two different sources; Medicaid and the General Fund. Each funding source has very different requirements as to how the funds can be spent.

Medicaid is an entitlement. If an individual qualifies for Medicaid they are entitled to the services covered by Medicaid funding. CMH must provide the service.

CMH services covered by General Fund dollars are not an entitlement. If an individual qualifies for a service that CMH is using General Fund dollars to pay for the service; that service is not an entitlement. CMH makes the determination whether or not the individual will receive the service.

Considering CMH is receiving more funding this year than last, there is no reason cuts should be happening. MDHHS has hired someone to do a deep dive review as to why CMH is receiving more funding and there are reports of vast cuts to service for individuals with disabilities.

### **Update of Autism Council**

Stacie Rulison, Parent Representative & Secretary from the Michigan Autism Council updated DD Council members on the work of the Autism Council. Their primary objective is to implement the Michigan Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) State Plan and advise on ASD. The ASD can be found on the Autism Council's website. [www.michigan/gove/autism](http://www.michigan/gove/autism).

## **5 Year Plan Update**

Yasmina Bouraoui, DD Council Deputy Director, updated members on the 5 year planning process. The council is currently gathering input for the next 5 year plan by conducting a family quality of life survey, a community input survey and holding think tanks. Four think tanks and both surveys have been completed. Five additional think tanks will be held.

The tentative next steps are:

Oct. 2015	Wrap up think tanks
Nov. 2015	Share information with work groups and committees
Jan. 5, 2016	Council prioritizes recommendations
April 2016	Council reviews draft plan
May 2016	Council approves plan
May 2016	Plan goes out for public comment
July 2016	Council approves final plan

## **Update of Self Advocacy Network**

The council will be holding two (2) self-advocacy meetings for adults with developmental disabilities; Friday, October 30, 2015 and Saturday, October 31, 2015 to lay the foundation and garner interest for the self-advocacy network. Right now the council does not have a lot of information on what the network will look like. The goal is to let the group of self-advocates direct where this will go.

## **Overview of SILC and current initiatives**

Rodney Craig, Interim Executive Director of the Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC) gave an overview and current initiatives of their organization. SILC's mission is to create inclusive communities throughout Michigan. They are working on resurrecting the "Common Disability Agenda". It will be an 18-24 month

project. The goal will be gathering input from consumers and create it from the consumer level up.

### **Michigan Rehabilitation Services (MRS) Update**

Council member Deb Weise gave an agency report on Michigan Rehabilitation Services. A work group has been created to implement the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA). The goal of the work group is to understand WIOA, train staff, and have the proper information input into the data system for reporting purposes.

WIOA requires 15% of MRS funds be spent on youth transition. A pilot has been created to track staff time to help determine the current expenditure. MRS has determined they need to begin servicing youth at an earlier age.

### **14(c) Waiver Legislation Review**

The Public Policy Committee presented a 14(c) waiver review to the full council. A 14(c) waiver allows an employer to pay a worker subminimum wage. Council members asked the Public Policy Committee and the Economic Justice Work Group to work together to analyze and further review this legislation.

### **Take Your Legislator to Work Closing Ceremony**

A closing ceremony for the Take Your Legislator to Work campaign will be held October 23, 2015 from 10:00 am – 11:30 am in the Capitol View Building conference rooms A,B and C. The Lt. Governor will be giving his comments.

### **Director's Report**

Written report was submitted. Additional information not included is that Terry Hung retired on September 25, 2015. There are currently two (2) staff positions vacant; Executive Secretary and a grant position. The Executive Secretary position has been posted and resumes are being reviewed. The grant position will not be filled until the next 5 year plan is developed.

### **Executive Committee Report**

Written report was submitted in the council meeting packet.

### **Economic Justice Work Group Update on Freedom to Work**

The amended Freedom to Work (FTW) program went into effect October 1, 2015. The changes to FTW encompass the asset and income tests for eligibility, as well as the calculation of the premium payment sliding scale. The income limit changes from the current 100% of the Federal Poverty Level on unearned income to 250% of the Federal Poverty Level of countable income for a group of one. A monthly premium of 2.5% will be assessed for individual who have a modified adjusted gross income (MAGI) between 138% of the Federal Poverty Level and \$75, 000 annual MAGI income.

### **Agency, Committee & Work Group Reports**

Chairperson, called for any questions, comments to reports that were included in the meeting packet. There were none.

**Motion: Dave Verseput moved to adjourn meeting.**

**Seconded: Heidi DeVries.**

**Meeting adjourned at 3:28 pm**

**Next Council Meeting:**

Tuesday, January 5, 2016