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LCPD.meeting minutes and Nomination form1 message

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LCPD Meeting Minutes

4/3/2025

Gina welcomed all the attendees.

The agenda was a little different this week. We started with a round table so that attendees could provide information or voice concerns.

Kourtnee Foreman provided information from The National Council for Profound Autism. They reached out to President Trump asking for a meeting. They did receive a letter in response. In the letter President Trump said that they were going to review all the provisions regarding special education. Nothing is decided yet. Kourtnee will send more information when it becomes available.

Pam Bennett presented information on a new receiving center opening on Monday for those going through a behavioral crisis. They will accept anyone in crisis. Individuals who maybe don't have mental health or substance use related issues can be held there until they can find a safe place for them to go.

Pam then gave us a sneak peek at a web site in construction. The idea for the web site is to have a place where folks can go if they're looking for a provider who can provide both mental health and help for those with intellectual disabilities.

Gina reported on an area that we're watching closely with the news that the Trump administration is abolishing the Administration for Community Living, which has huge impacts on a lot of our needed services for the elderly and Individuals with disabilities. They say that the funding is not going away. This funding provides resources for the DD councils and advocacy organizations. This would have an impact on all of our protection advocacy systems such as the Disability Law Center.

We are also concerned about Social Security. It is hard because our congressional delegation is not on the key committees. We still need to inform our Representatives and Senators of the importance of services for people with disabilities. Janet and I have been in contact with Senator Curtis. He has relatives with children and adult children with disabilities and shares our concerns. He does not know what is happening. Republicans are definitely saying they do not want to touch or hurt the vulnerable populations. Senator Curtis's message is to please keep writing with information and education on why Services, Medicaid and Social Security are so important. The Legislators are all getting slammed with nasty emails. He is begging that even if you say, I am very frustrated, let the Legislator know why. Give details and a personal story of how you rely on the funding. Gina added. We can be mad, but we can also be respectful.

Keep contacting because the more education, and reliable information the Legislators receive the better. Try to be specific when explaining about your issue and how it would impact you and your family member if one of the supports goes away.

Aubrey reported that there is a lot of work in progress at Utah State University. Some of the partners over in the College of Education, in the special education department noted they have had two grants that they put in for to the Office of Special Education Programs under the Department of Ed, and those have been taken away. They are no longer reviewing them and won't be awarding any projects under that funding. This is a concern.

On a positive note, Aubrey reported that The Division of Services for People with Disabilities has launched a pilot program that is offering \$5,000 in assistive tech for individuals who are currently employed in a competitive integrated job who need some assistive tech to support them.

They have only had one real application, and this launched, I think, over a month ago.

If individuals are accessing VR services, but they're on the DSPD wait list, they're also eligible.

For more information go to:

[DHHS91247 Technology and Adaptive Equipment for Community Integrated Employment Pilot Program - Department of Health and Human Services](#)

Deanna mentioned that the Peer-to-Peer Program to support families on the wait list did receive funding. An RFP will be going out to eligible agencies.

LCPD New Committee Opportunity

Janet and Gina informed the members on the decision to change the committees. This is an effort to provide more opportunities for members to be active members in LCPD.

The committees are:

Children's Health
Adult Services
Mental Health
Education

We realize there may be some cross over but where they do, the committees can work together.

During the Legislative session a lot is happening and we need more members to be involved. It is very gratifying work.

We've got some great active members. We are so thankful for Annalie and Lisa working on DSPD and on Supported Decision making and Aubrey supporting the work. Matthew has also provided support.

We've got a lot of great people; we just want to make sure that members know that they are needed and have a role inside LCPD.

May Meeting.

This is our Annual meeting.

Attached is a nomination form. Please nominate yourself or someone else who is willing, for a role in Leadership or chair of a committee. We are hoping to recruit self-advocates so please put out the word.

Meeting adjourned 1:38

Regards
Janet Wade
Secretary LCPD

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