

Legislative Coalition for People with Disabilities Monthly Meeting – October 2nd, 2025

1. Attendance

Present: Everett Bacon, Gina Pola-Money, Jan Ferre, Janet Wade, Sylvia Lam, Tylee Harmon, Jennie Dopp, Hayden Johnson, Marian Furst, Kristina Shock, JoLynne Lyon, Anneli Smith, Calleen Kenney, Lisa Thornton, Connie Conneesch, Jennifer Miller-Smith, Shannon Wilkins, Kari Teague, Greg Green, Jennifer Meredith, Karen Baker, Katie Emmett, Mary Ann Nef, Tammy Hodson, Jennifer Adams, Jaci Moreno, Cheryl Smith, Pam Bennett, Stacy Davis, Stephen Hall, and Aubrey Snyder

2. LCPD Business

- Call for volunteers to attend Legislative committee meetings during the Utah 2026 Legislative session. You can sign up to attend meetings on behalf of the LCPD here: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfSjEZLVV6B-5S1begomaOTJx62WTxy6_Fu1-u309v8BdL3rA/viewform
- Mark your calendars for the LCPD Legislative Reception - **Monday, January 26th, 2026**. Flier and registration to come!
 - o Please note that we will be asking for individual registrations rather than group registration to ensure an accurate head count.

3. Technology Dependent Waiver Updates/Interim Session

- Gina discussed the technology-dependent waiver, highlighting efforts to secure services for adults with complex needs, and mentioned potential legislative support. During the interim session, Tina Persels testified on the shortfalls of the tech dependent waiver and the need for increased access to services within the waiver.

4. Roundtable

- The group addressed concerns about Medicaid cuts, including immunization access for vulnerable populations.
- Stacy discussed healthcare tax credits and shared information about collecting narratives from those affected (please see the attached flier).
- Cheryl provided updates on the efforts to expand the Carson Smith Opportunity Scholarship and increase funding for adult autism treatment.
- Jennifer shared that ballots for the municipal election will be available starting October 14th (General Election on November 4th, 2025) and both major parties are hosting their 2026 Neighborhood Organizing Caucus Night March 17th, 2026.
 - o <https://vote.utah.gov/>
- Greg discussed the new homeless campus in North Point and sought more information on its development and operation.
 - o <https://utahnewsdispatch.com/2025/09/03/utah-homeless-campus-site-unveiled-after-secretive-search/>
 - o <https://www.sltrib.com/news/2025/09/03/salt-lake-city-homeless-shelter-be/>, <https://utahnewsdispatch.com/2025/09/03/utah-homeless-campus-site-unveiled-after-secretive-search/>

- Sylvia and Kari announced their volunteer work on LCPD's social media and encouraged members to submit their information for bio posts.
 - o https://www.instagram.com/lcpd_utah/
 - o <https://www.facebook.com/people/Utah-Legislative-Coalition-for-People-with-Disabilities/100064624722229/>
 - o Social media links will be added to LCPD webpage: <https://lcpdutah.org/>
- The group discussed funding differences between various Medicaid waivers, with Mary Ann explaining that the limited supports waiver provides a middle ground for individuals with moderate needs who might otherwise languish on waitlists.
- Marian raised concerns about potential tariffs on imported drugs, particularly affecting medications like immune globulin products, and Janet suggested contacting congressional representatives for assistance.
- Tammy Hodson mentioned that the House Health and Human Services Committee has new leadership (Chair and Vice Chair) and are providing information and seeking input on Medicaid/healthcare concerns through a new podcast: <https://www.facebook.com/reel/1293259858690617>
 - o Rep. Katy Hall: khall@le.utah.gov
 - o Rep. Logan Monson: lmonson@le.utah.gov

5. Next Meeting:

Thursday, November 6th, 2025 – 12:30-1:45pm

Zoom link:

<https://usu.zoom.us/j/81129341686?pwd=pNJ4NzKyjFBZehwYmh1O3dNP1xk2ev.1>

Meeting ID: 811 2934 1686

Passcode: 098765

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