

**Marion County Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Advisory Committee Meeting  
Minutes**

**December 14, 2022**

**Present:** Corissa Neufeldt, Kathy Schnebly, Kimberly Taylor, Daniel Atsbaha, Shelley Day, Michelle Silvernagel, Richard Falardeau, Rebecca Hill, Trisha McGowan, Beth Hill, Samantha Andress

**Guest:** Mariah Boyd, Ross Ryan, Jennifer Rowan

**Excused:** Susan Garlinger, David Beem, Deborah Patterson, Patty Pickett-Cooper

**Order of Business**

**Introduction:** Everyone introduced themselves. Ross Ryan is a self-advocate.

**Agenda Review:** Corissa requested the addition of Cherriots Citizen Transportation.

**Review of Minutes:** Minutes reviewed, Kathy asked for a motion, Michelle motioned, and Rebecca seconded. All approved the minutes as written.

**Follow up items from the last meeting:** on Agenda already.

**Action Items**

**VR Employment Survey:** Small work group meeting has no date set currently. Hoping for updates after the holidays around February. Added to agenda for next month.

**Review and vote to recommend new members:** Members to vote to recommend new members to the Board of Commissioners for appointment to the advisory committee. 3 new interested parties: Mariah Boyd, Jennifer Rowan, and Ross Ryan. Ross joined meeting for the first time today and will decide if he would like to move forward after today's meeting. Corissa shares positive references in favor for Ross, Mariah and Jennifer being recommended to the BOC for appointment to the IDDAC.

Recommendation for Ross to be appointed to the IDDAC: Rebecca Hill motions to recommend Ross for appointment to the IDDAC if he applies, Michelle seconds. Approved.

Recommendation for Mariah to be appointed to the IDDAC: Shelly motions, Daniel seconds. Approved. Recommendation for Jennifer to be appointed to the IDDAC: Rebecca motions, Ricky seconds. Approved.

If Ross decides to submit application to join committee, Corissa is hopeful to submit all 3 recommendations to the BOC early 2023.

## Program and Committee Updates

**Program updates:** Corissa shares continued vacancies for service coordinators. A new Clinical Supervisor has joined supporting PSW payment, QA, DDMA (AKA Provider payment team). Still recruiting for Policy & Planning Strategist, Foster Care Certifier and Licensor, and AAI. Budget planning starts in January and will be looking at gaps and growth areas. Will be looking at requesting more service coordinator positions to balance out caseloads.

Joaquin is making progress on the service equity action plan required by our ODDS contract. He shares he is hoping to have draft in March. Working on language access and emergency preparedness with county emergency management and community partners to support people with disability, access, and functional needs (DAFN) during emergency/disasters. He is also facilitating a Community Partner Coalition developing a DAFN Tool Kit for agencies, organizations, and businesses to use. The group hopes to have a draft by end of the week to share with County Emergency Management. Once their input is received and integrated, it can be shared with the IDDAC. Corissa shared the DAFN Community Partner Coalition is seeking people with lived experience to join the group. If anyone knows of someone who experiences a disability, access or functional need (i.e. mental illness, physical disability, aging, or I/DD) who may be interested in joining this group, please forward contact info to Joaquin.

**Mini grants:** Sam gave update on flex funds and mini grant purchases, all items for flex funds have been ordered and are arriving. Mini grant ordering will happen at the beginning of new credit card cycle. Applications are currently on hold. Corissa shares that we need to assess funding availability to determine if we can continue to offer grants. If we do, we need to review how we can improve the application process for the next round of applications. Rebecca agrees we should look at creating a more concise list of items available for purchase.

Kimberly discussed fires and safety hazards in housing. Corissa asks for clarification if concerns are surrounding day to day or emergency preparedness planning for people at risk of exploitation. Kimberly clarifies it is surrounding both. Corissa shares Joaquin's group is working around emergency planning and access needs during emergency situations, and wonders if she should join group to help bring back recommendations and suggestions. Joaquin to get into contact with Kimberly about joining group.

## Other Business:

**Conference Planning:** We have 24 slots for presenters but may have some presenters we want to present more than once, such as high demand sessions or those in English

and other languages. There are currently 9 or 10 sessions identified. Corissa is looking to reach out to different areas outside of our normal network such as VR, housing navigation, CBH, or a self-advocate panel. Beth shares that staff with Shangri-La are interested in co-training with a Marion County Case manager. The goal is to have applications submitted before Christmas, for decisions in early 2023. Shelley suggested potentially have virtual presenter options if we need to fill session slots.

**IDD Awareness month:** Discussion surrounding March IDD Awareness month. The theme could use the same theme as the conference – “Putting the Unity in Community”. Corissa will typically ask BOC for proclamation to declare March IDD month. Discussed possibility of human-interest stories for paper. Corissa shares we used to have a Communication’s Coordinator in the Board’s office that we worked with to develop articles for paper such as Statesman Journal to bring awareness. Discussed highlighting businesses or other places in the community who support individuals with I/DD and families. Rebecca shares about local coffee shop near Ross that provides a welcoming environment, and they know and engage with him as they would with anyone else. Rebecca explains bringing small stories such as this can bring light to our community in a positive way.

**Membership updates:** In June 2023, Ricky and Michelle terms are ending. They can choose to renew; re-application is required, and we’d want submitted by the end of March to help ensure their applications get through the new process for approval with the Board’s office. Susan Garlinger’s, parent representative, term expires December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022, and she has decided to not renew. Deb Patterson’s term also will expire December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022, and she will not renew either. Joaquin suggests including information in conference regarding advisory committee, Corissa has agreed and already planned to provide information at the conference.

**Salem Keizer Transportation:** Cherriots Citizen Transportation Committee. They are accepting applications this month for 2-year term looking for people to represent disability community. This is a part of our I/DD 2023 action plan, to have a member join that committee. Ross shares interest. Rebecca will share information with Ross.

**Legislative Updates:** Legislative concept is a policy or principle that people are trying to make changes through statutes that have no fiscal impact. POP is a Policy Option Package includes policy and program changes but have funding associated with them. Corissa sent out information to committee regarding LC1189- which proposes to require employers who offer employees retirement account contributions, to offer contributions to an Able account vs. retirement account. She discussed an AOCMHP legislative concept surrounding review of classifications of case management positions. This is a workforce recruitment and retention strategy for case management entities. She also discussed the two anticipated legislative bills related to parent paid providers. One allows for any parent of a minor child to be a paid provider, and the other bill will

allow parents of children with intensive support needs (i.e. 240 hours of assessed support need) to be paid, which continue current policy allowed under Public Health Emergency.. Jennifer shares information about bill about health insurance coverage for those who do not fall under DD services. Jennifer will share more information about the bill when she receives it.

Rebecca shares about Go Advocacy days. She shares there are receptions scheduled for families and self-advocates to meet with legislators. They are limited capacity, so it is recommended to register now. Rebecca will forward the information about Go Advocacy days and reception to the group. She mentions you can sign up for Go Bulletin to receive bill updates weekly and can follow Oregon Developmental Disability Coalition Facebook page. Ross wonders about in person attendance for the Go Days and reception. Rebecca shares it will be in person at Willamette Heritage center.

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Next meeting:

- March conference preparation should be on agenda for a few months
- March IDD Awareness Planning
- Possible draft of employment survey/VR
- Follow up if Ross is going to apply for Citizen Transportation Committee and IDDAC
- Mini grants funding update
- Legislative updates
- Joaquin- DAFN tool kit
- Alcohol and drug planning committee

Rebecca shares information about Safe and Secure summit for families on January 31<sup>st</sup> from 10am-4pm. Lunch is provided for those registered. It will include topics on school safety, kitchen safety, first responder engagement and more. It is located at the Keizer Civic Center.

Kathy requested motion: Beth motioned, and Jennifer seconded. Meeting adjourned at 11:45a.m.

REMINDER- NEXT MEETING January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023 from 10:00-12:00pm via Teams