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DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

M I N U T E S

Thursday • January 7, 2021 from 5:30 – 7:30 pm

Board of County Commissioner's Meeting Room 160

223 E 4th Street • Port Angeles WA

Via Remote Options ("Bluejeans" or By Phone)

Members Present: Klara Murray, Alan Caverly, Virginia O'Neil, Jessica Garcia, Tony Andrus, Laura Johns, Terry Barrett

Members Absent: Patrick McFarland, Bonnie Hurd & Skye Eastman

Audience: A roll call of guests was not taken.

County Staff: Kelley Lawrence & Kevin LoPiccolo

- **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm. Chairperson, Patrick McFarland was not able to attend; consequently, Kevin LoPiccolo began the meeting with the introductions of committee members with Vice-Chairperson, Klara Murray and DDAC Member, Virginia O'Neil, assisting him throughout the meeting. A roll call of guests was not taken.

- **Agenda**

Kevin LoPiccolo stated the meeting minutes of the last meeting were not available for approval at this time and will be available at the March 4, 2021 meeting for approval.

- **Public Comments**

Tony Andrus, expressed need for technological equipment for services for individuals who experience developmental disabilities and, also, needed is Developmental Disability Law Enforcement education in Clallam County. Virginia O'Neill responded to have Tony's suggestion added to the "Future Agenda Items" at next month's meeting. It was, also, requested to invite representatives from Port Angeles Police Department and Clallam County Sheriff's Department attend a meeting in the future. Virginia O'Neil suggested the topics Tony brought forth be placed on future agenda items for the DDAC.

- **Announcements**

No announcements were given

- **Action Items:** (There was a modification to the agenda to switch Items 6 & 7 brought forth by Virginia O'Neil)

- a. DDAC Leadership: Election of Officers

Voted Chairperson: Jessica Garcia; All yes;

Voted Vice-Chairperson: Klara Murray; All yes;

- **Discussion**

- a. Resolution of Appointment by BOCC of new DDAC Members: DDAC Committee Member, Virginia O'Neill

- Tony Andrus
 - Alan Caverly
 - Bonnie Hurd
 - Laura Gillis Johns

Call for a vote for acceptance of all new members: 1st: Virginia O'Neil; 2nd: Terry Barrett; All yes;

- b. DDAC Overview: Clallam County Health & Human Service, Interim Director, Kevin LoPiccolo:

Kevin discussed he had researched to see if DDAC minutes could be recorded in an audio version only; however, upon completion of his research it was determined written minutes must be included along with the audio minutes.

In consideration of the four new board members, he, also, explained the role of DDAC Members. Virginia, also, explained the role of millage dollars to the DDAC.

- **County Reports/Updates**

- a. Outcomes Report in Individual Supported Employment, Community Inclusion and Transition program.

Kelley provided the ISE, CI, and Transition Student numbers for the month of November 2020. She, also, communicated the County is currently working on a Transition Contract with Port Angeles School District.

- b. Developmental Disabilities County Budget:

- c. Kevin discussed the (attached) budget document to the committee. Kevin offered to present budget projections at the next meeting. Virginia stated 18-20 months would be the most amount of time needed in a projection.

- **State Agency Reports**

- a. Developmental Disability Administration (DDA): Carina Robinson, DDA/Region 3/A:

Carina gave DDA budget update: She said there does not appear to be any upcoming budget cuts; however, there will be furloughs and hiring freeze amongst DDA staff.

Also, she led a brief discussion on client's receiving stimulus checks and the effect it would have on their SSI.

Priya Javadev, Mosaic, mentioned they would be having upcoming seminars surrounding this topic and that this is, also, an area of advocacy for our population.

Carina discussed our Case Resource Managers and serving approximately 75 clients each in our County. Carina will bring more statistical information surrounding this topic to the next DDAC Meeting.

Carina shared about the role of the new Case Manager, Billie Jo Jacobs: Enhanced Case Management Program.

Additionally, Carina will bring information about a new program, "Specialized Habilitation" to our next meeting.

- b. Department of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR): Kasi Vellucci (Did not attend)

- **Future Agenda Items**

- a. Review of DDAC Bylaws will be discussed at the end of the March meeting. Kelley Lawrence will send a copy of DDAC Bylaws and a copy of Clallam County Administrative Manual ~ Boards and Committees Policy and Procedure to all DDAC members in preparation of a review of DDAC Bylaws at the next DDAC Meeting on March 4, 2021.

- **Public Comments**

Virginia requested that new members tell a little bit about themselves and why they wanted to join the DDAC:

Tony Andrus said he and his friend, Garrett, are doing a project with Mosaic entitled: "Movie of the Week".

Laura Johns said she worked with people who experience developmental disabilities during most of her career and, also, that she had retired two years ago. She, also, had spent the last ten years of her career in public healthcare and the long-term care area. She misses the interaction with the population she had served throughout her career and now has the time and the curiosity to learn about services in Washington and wants to offer any help she can to our community.

Alan Caverly currently works at PA High School in the Home & Living Center. He has spent his whole career working with children and young adults with disabilities. He wants to be able to provide assistance and/or insight to the whole range of these individuals including how they interact in our community.

Priya stated they would be presenting a forum on "Compassionate Policing" with Peninsula College in March.

- **Adjournment**

Virginia moved that we would adjourn. (6:30 p.m.)

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, March 4, 2021 · 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.