

LCPD Meeting 8/4/11

Attendees: Available on request.

Jan Ferre called for introductions from those in attendance. Announced there will be a memorial for former Representative Judy Buffmeier – Saturday, August 27th @ 3:00pm in the Capitol Rotunda.

Reports

Kris Fawson – Reported on the Social Services Appropriations committee meeting on July 21st at the USDC and Eldred Senior Center in Provo, UT.

- Went over what the Social Services Appropriations Committee now covers – Dept. of Health, Dept. of Human Services, Dept. of Workforce Services, Utah State Office of Rehabilitation, DSPD.
- We now need to help them understand our viewpoint from the individuals with disabilities.

Paul Smith gave update on DSPD – Division of Service for People with Disabilities.

- The division is following up on some legislator requests from the July meeting – Dayton asked, \$232 paid to Independent Support Coordinators to not put individuals into USDC. Litvak asked for Department and CMS clarification. Steve Jardine has asked for costs on USDC, ICF/ID and Private Group homes.
- The division has not yet had the opportunity to meet with the new analyst for the Governor, they are working on it.

Public Education – Jan Ferre, because the chair of the Public Education Appropriations committee retired at the end of the last session (Senator Buttars) the committee has not met during the interim.

Louis – Liaison for Higher Ed gave a report on Higher Education.

- June & July interim meeting recap.
- Met with LaVar Christensen – great guy but a little conservative.
- Currently taking a class on advocacy through University of Utah.
- Would like to ensure issues for higher ed are addressed.
- He will contact each university and establish a contact with each.
- We lag behind in national graduation rates, especially within the disability population
- How do folks with disabilities fair in equation for different diplomas – vocational schools, technical schools, etc.
- Very open – please come to him with any ideas.

Kris Fawson – Went over LCPD structure

- Chairs and Committees
- Meet weekly throughout the session and monthly during the rest of the year
- How the issues are decided upon

- What makes LCPD different? Involvement and relationships with agencies.
- Budget requests are in the works. Agencies budgets are due mid-September to the Governor. Governor's budget comes out in mid-December.

Jan Ferre – briefly went over the Executive Appropriations Committee meeting held in June.

- Since 2008 every agency has endured budget cuts.
- Revenue reports come out quarterly and are available online
- Visit LCPD website www.lcpdut.org for fast facts (available fact sheets)

Steve Noyce – USDB update – Board meeting tomorrow to discuss recommendations, available online at <http://schools.utah.gov/board/Meetings/Agenda/docs/Tab9.aspx> he briefly went over the document.

- 84% of students identified in hospital with hearing loss are main streamed in neighborhood schools by 1st grade.
- Has some questions about recommendations to separate USDB superintendent/CEO from USDB and housing he/she in the Utah State Office. Feels the job is best suited in the USDB office.
- USDB will be presenting five building blocks this year.
- Special education funding is separate from state public education and USDB is separate from both Special Ed and Public Ed.
- Funded by a direct line item by the State Legislature – not WPU.
- USDB offers a level of expertise, statewide services and a more cost effective way of providing services.

Don Uchida – USOR is in the process of educating Scott Mecham and Steve Jardine (changed fiscal analyst again).

- Have been hinting – will be rebuilding what was cut last year.
- DSBVI #1 priority especially for rehabilitation teachers
- Ongoing Independent Living, Vocational Rehab match
- One time money for Assistive Technology

Gina Pola- Money – Unofficial on Baby Watch/Early Intervention – looking for a building block to put back into Children with Special Health Care Needs clinics if approval from the Dept. of Health.

Nominations

Leslie Gerstch – Introduced nominations for officers as follows

Chair – Joyce Dolcourt

Vice Chair – Kris Fawson

2nd Vice Chair – Jodi Hansen

Secretary – Brooke Wilson

Past Chair – Jan Ferre

Motion to elect nominees as slated – Louis
Seconded by Cortee – Unanimously approved.

Announcements and upcoming events

Utah Council of the Blind Conference – August 19th & 20th @ UDSBVI – Accessibility focus

NAMI walk – check out website www.namiut.org

Senator Hatch Committee meeting August 11th @ 10am

UDDC – 40th anniversary celebration luncheon Sept. 20th for more information

<http://utahgap.org/blog/wp-content/uploads/2011/08/UDDC-GENERAL-RESERVATION.pdf>

Grassroots Advocacy Partnership - A FREE advocacy training Sept. 20th following UDDC event more info to come – check out <http://utahgap.org/> for more information

People First at the Point – fundraiser for People First of Utah at Thanksgiving Point also on September 20th. <http://peoplefirstutah.org>