

*Minutes Corrected  
Per the September 10, 2014  
Council Meeting*

Illinois Council on Developmental Disabilities  
Council Meeting  
Thursday, May 15, 2014  
10:00 am

Members Present

Bill Bogdan, (Chairperson)  
Diana Braun  
Glendean Burton  
Cathy Christensen  
Brian Dixon  
Melanie Fleenor  
Susan Fonfa  
Deb Goodman  
JJ Hanley  
Cheryl Jansen  
Mary Mayes  
Jose Mendez  
Jose Ovalle  
Barbara Pritchard  
Mary Kay Rizzolo  
Vincent Smith  
Randy Staton  
Jeff Stauter  
Julie Stover

Members Absent

Kevin Casey  
Bonnie Dohogne  
Brad Guidi  
Trevor Halfacre  
Abbey Heins  
Mario Johnson  
Marc Staley  
Dan Winters  
Michael Wonderlich

Staff Present

Val Elzy  
Margie Harkness  
Jennifer Harrison  
Janinna Hendricks  
Vanessa Morris  
Sandy Ryan

Guest

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**AGENDA ITEM: Call to Order**

The Council meeting for the Illinois Council on Developmental Disabilities was held on May 15, 2014. Bill Bogdan, Chairperson presiding, Sandy Ryan, Program & Policy Director and Janinna Hendricks, Fiscal & Operations Director present. Chairperson Bogdan called the meeting to order at 10:05 am. Introductions of Council members and staff followed.

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**AGENDA ITEM: 1<sup>st</sup> Consent Agenda**

Motion: Approve the March 13, 2014 Council Meeting Minutes.  
Accept the November 6, 2013 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes.

Made By: Jeff Stauter

Second: Julie Stover

Vote: Motion carried unanimously

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**AGENDA ITEM: Chairperson's Report**

Chairperson Bogdan reported that no movement has occurred since the March 2014 Council meeting regarding Council membership.

The Going Home Rally held on March 26, 2014 was successful with about 400 people in attendance. The Chairperson thanked Council members who attended.

Director Romano celebrated 15 years of service as the Director of the Council on April 12, 2014. The Executive Committee completed the Director's annual evaluation at their May meeting. Chairperson Bogdan discussed that he along with staff will revise the Director's evaluation survey prior to the next evaluation. In addition to revising the Director's evaluation the Chairperson reported that he plans to have the evaluation completed earlier in order to report completion to Central Management Services by April 1<sup>st</sup> of each year.

Chairperson Bogdan reported on the Support to Providers for Systems Change project that was discussed at the March Council meeting as a new potential project for the Council. The Executive Committee is still exploring options for this project and will have more to report at the September Council meeting.

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### **AGENDA ITEM: Director's Report**

Sandy Ryan reported on recent staff updates. Lia Ghelaidos will return to work on May 21, 2014. Marcia Reavis continues to assist the Council while Pam Gorbett is on leave.

Janinna Hendricks reported on the Council's Appropriations hearings. The House Appropriation hearing was held on April 2, 2014 and the Senate Appropriation hearing was held on April 22, 2014. Both of the hearings went well.

Janinna Hendricks reported on the financial report. The Council is continuing to work on expending funds, especially those that must be spent by September 30, 2014. Ms. Hendricks also reported that the President's federal fiscal year 2015 budget request includes level funding for Councils on Developmental Disabilities.

Jennifer Harrison reported on the Rebalancing project. With the completion of the Going Home Rally, the Rebalancing workgroup is now focused on building a cross disability coalition.

Jennifer Harrison provided an update on the Corporation for Supportive Housing project (CSH). The goal of the project is to develop three supportive housing initiatives throughout Illinois. CSH will hold several community educational meetings during June. A schedule of these meetings is in the supplemental folder.

Sandy Ryan reported on the Prioritization of Urgency of Need for Services (PUNS) project report. The report is based upon the listening sessions held last summer and fall by Celia Feinstein. The report was developed to offer recommendations to be used by the Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) to create change in the PUNS system.

The legislative report was provided in the Supplemental folder.

The National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities (NACDD) Annual Conference and Technical Assistance Institute is scheduled for July 7 – July 10, 2014 in

Washington, DC. The Council has submitted a requested for three staff members to attend. The topics to be discussed at the conference relate to the new Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) rules, health policies and employment. The Technical Assistance Institute will focus on data collection and DD Suite.

Sandy Ryan gave an update on the Chicago Community Trust. The Trust held a Housing Symposium during the winter and is following it up by convening a number of brown bag lunch discussions. The Trust brought together local champions for an Employment Breakfast on April 28, 2014. This breakfast was the first step in focusing awareness on the issue of employment for people with developmental disabilities to a broader audience. The Trust is planning a larger event in the fall.

Margie Harkness reported on the Governor's Employment and Economic Opportunity Taskforce regarding Employment First. The next step for the Taskforce is to work on implementing Employment First. The Employment Executive Order should be signed soon.

Margie Harkness reported that each year the Council in conjunction with the University of Illinois at Chicago meets with a group of Japanese visitors. The visit this year focused on the Rebalancing Initiative as well as discussing Japan's experience with people with developmental disabilities.

Cheryl Jansen reported that no update is available for the Murray Developmental Center (MDC) court cases.

The Chairperson thanked Janinna Hendricks for her efforts in ensuring that the Council received 100% compliance for completing their Economic Interest forms.

Janinna Hendricks reported that fifteen Council members need to complete the Revolving Door Policy. Ms. Hendricks also reported that thirteen Council members need to complete the Conflict of Interest Policy. Copies of both polices were available.

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**AGENDA ITEM: Old Business**

No Old Business Reports.

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**AGENDA ITEM: New Business**

No New Business Reports.

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**AGENDA ITEM: Committee Reports**

No Committee Reports.

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**AGENDA ITEM: Agency Reports**

Melanie Fleenor reported for the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE). ISBE will hold a Special Education Directors Conference in August at the Crowne Plaza in Springfield.

Mary Mayes reported on the Department on Aging (DOA). DOA has created an Automated Medication Dispensing (AMD) program. The AMD is a Community Care program for eligible participants.

Cheryl Jansen reported for Equip for Equality (EFE). Ms. Jansen reported that the Employment First Blueprint funded by the Chicago Community Trust will be released this summer.

Susan Fonfa reported for Healthcare and Family Services (HFS). Ms. Fonfa provided updates on the Balancing Incentive Program (BIP), the Managed Care Initiative and the Integrated Care Program.

Randy Staton reported for the Division of Rehabilitation Services (DRS). DRS is working to coordinate efforts with HFS for the BIP. DRS received funds to implement Individual Placement and Support (IPS). DRS continues to have issues with their new Electronic Visit Verification Program (EVV) for personal assistants.

Mary Kay Rizzolo reported for the University of Illinois at Chicago/Institute on Disability and Human Development (IDHD). IDHD continues to work on the Jacksonville Developmental Center (JDC) and Ligas evaluations. The State of the States report will be released in August.

Glendean Burton reported for the Bureau of Maternal and Child Health that they recently launched a program called Better Birth Outcomes. The program will focus on case management for at-risk pregnant women including women with developmental disabilities.

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**AGENDA ITEM: Announcements**

Chairperson Bogdan announced that a Save the Date flyer is provided in the Supplemental folder for the upcoming September 10-11, 2014 Council Retreat. The Executive Committee is currently developing the agenda for the upcoming September Retreat that will focus on the new Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) rules and the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act (DD Act).

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**AGENDA ITEM: Adjourn**

Motion: Motion to adjourn at 11:45 am

Made by: Deb Goodman

Second: Randy Staton

Vote: Motion carried unanimously

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