



Developmental Disabilities Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes

Date	Dec 5, 2024		
Time	10:00am – 12:00pm		
Location	Zoom Only Call In Information: https://uwyo.zoom.us/j/94868995005 , (669) 900-6833, Meeting ID: 948-6899-5005		
Purpose	To assist and advise the Division of Healthcare Financing (Division) in implementing a statewide service delivery system for persons who are identified as having developmental and intellectual disabilities, and acquired brain injuries (ABI).		
Members	Jane Carlson, Rachel Collins, Tina Conley, Lorie Conrad, Rachel Crawford, Brenda Dick, Jeff Gardner, Kayla Green, Michelle Jarman, Mandy Liley, Mason McDowell, Lucy Russell, Bonnie Wilson		
Division Staff	Jenifer Adams, Matt Crandall, Alice Esquibel, Elizabeth Forslund, Dillion Johnson, Julie Lacey, Shirley Pratt		
AGENDA ITEMS/KEY POINTS DISCUSSED			
	Topics	Time	Highlights
1.	Roll call and approval of minutes and Introductions – <i>Jeff Gardner</i>	5 min	Jeff Gardner issued a motion to accept minutes. Rachel Crawford accepted the motion. Michelle Jarman seconded. The motion carried and the minutes were approved.
2.	Secretary Nomination - Kayla Green	5 min	Kayla Affirmed for Secretary
3.	Division update – <i>Division</i>	40 min	<ul style="list-style-type: none">2025 Legislative Session Update - The Governor’s proposed budget has been released. Next week the Joint Appropriations Committee will have budget hearings. The Department of Health is scheduled for Wednesday afternoon. The Governor’s budget request will guide the conversation for the 2025 supplemental session.<ul style="list-style-type: none">Jeff - WCSP has identified some people who may be a part of House Appropriations. It will require stakeholders support to let representatives know the impact on communities and people with a decrease in provider rates.Provider Attestations - In October 2023 providers could receive an agency rate for reimbursement. Beginning in January, providers will be required to upload documentation that would be submitted to the IRS. This can be uploaded during provider recertification and the status can change at any time during the

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			<p>year. Just the summary page will work as identifiable information is not needed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Background Screening Reminders - In April 2024 background requirements were updated. Background checks must now be both a name based and social security check. It cannot be one or the other. • Services Provided to Participants Transitioning out of Wyoming State Institutions. - A process has been developed for participants when they transition out of Wyoming State Institutions. When a participant selects a provider, a representative from the Wyoming Department of Health will reach out to the provider. The representative will work with the provider on creating a PBSP plan and look at housing arrangements. Also talk to the provider and on-call crisis team to ensure support. We will work with providers on ensuring staff have the skills necessary to support participants. • DD Rate Study - The DD rate study began in November of 2023. The Department worked with a provider workgroup and a Steering Committee to develop the report. The report has been published and is on the HCBS section's website. • NCI Surveys - The in-person survey is currently live. The NCI AD survey will be the next study to be completed. We received the 2023 NCI In-person data. We got enough responses for the 2023 survey at 87.9% response rate. • Waitlist - 295 people are on the waitlist with a wait time of 14 ½ months. 226 children, 6 ABI, and 62 adults. • FASI - The Wyoming Department of Health is working with WIND on analyzing the LT101 and alternate LT101 tools. The project is set to end March 2025.
4.	Member updates – <i>Council Members</i>	15 min	<p>Lucy Russell - Participants are getting services. Several ECC requests have been approved.</p> <p>Jane Carson - DFS did have a few supplemental requests in the budget that were approved by the Governor. Currently working on getting reports together.</p>

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5.	Public Comment	10 min	No public Comment

NEXT MEETING – March 6, 2025 - Zoom Only