



Developmental Disabilities Advisory Council

Agenda

Date	December 4, 2025		
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, Rachel Crawford, Penny Davis, Michelle Jarman, Sarah Leonard, Mandy Liley, Chasity McDermott, Shawna Plouffe, Lucy Russell, Bob Sell, Bonnie Wilson		
Division Staff	Jenifer Adams, Matt Crandall, Elizabeth Forslund, Dillion Johnson, Julie Lacey, Hannah Ostheimer		
AGENDA ITEMS/KEY POINTS DISCUSSED			
	Topics	Time	Highlights
1.	Roll call and approval of minutes and Introductions – <i>Lucy Russell</i>	5 min	Lucy Russell requested motion to accept minutes. Tina Conley motioned, Penny Davis seconded, minutes approved. Welcomed Shawna Plouffe and Chasity McDermott to the council as new members.
2.	Division update – <i>Division</i>	40 min	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Medicaid State Agent - Jesse Springer has been confirmed as the Medicaid State Agent for Wyoming. Jesse previously served as the Deputy State Medicaid Agent and has extensive experience. He has been with the Department of health for 13 or 14 years. Federal Updates - The Department of Health has submitted the application for the Rural Health Transformation Project that was established by the One Big Beautiful Bill Act. The Rural Health Transformation Project has a five year funding period which requires states to address rural health needs. Wyoming's submission is available publicly on the Division of Healthcare Financing website. WYSERVES - The various units within the HCBS section have been working with the WYSERVES vendor on developing the systems. We are looking at what we currently have in place for EMWS and IMPROV and either having those workflows translated or improved upon in



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			<p>WYSERVES. We have also started communicating to Providers on what has been developed in the system. We will also be sharing information during our provider and case manager support calls in January and February of 2026.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waitlist - Currently 440 people on the waitlist with a current wait time of 20 months. In the last quarter 19 people were funded. Eleven people in October and 8 people in November. During the same quarter the section received 66 applications. • State Updates - The 2026 legislative session will be starting in February of 2026. Weeks prior, the Governor's proposed budget was released. Right now we are in the midst of Joint Appropriations budget hearings. The Department is scheduled to go Monday of next week. • NCI Surveys - Currently in the midst of the NCI- Aging and Disabilities survey. July 1, we will begin prep for the NCI - Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities survey. Starting in February, we will begin the NCI- State of the workforce survey and will have more to update on that survey during the next Council meeting. Right now we are notifying providers who will be eligible for the survey to get them ready for the launch of the survey.
4.	Officer Appointments	10 min	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chairperson - Tina Conley volunteered for Chairperson. Michelle Jarman seconded. Tina was appointed.
5.	By-Law Review Committee	10 min	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tina Conley, Bob Sell, Bonnie Wilson, and Shawna Plouffe will be on the by-law review committee.



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6.	Member updates – <i>Council Members</i>	15 min	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rachel Crawford - Ascend 307. If anyone wants to attend those sessions, they are on the Department of Education, Special Education Division’s public calendar. • Penny Davis - Brittany Hankinson - McGovern is the new Executive Director. The Governor’s Council is now fully staffed. Will be providing information on the luncheon for Developmental Disability Awareness month and the Art Gala at the next council meeting. • Michelle Jarman - We are on a 5 year grant cycle, and we will be doing our needs assessment. The grant will be submitted either late next year or early the year following. Currently there is a lot of planning going on for the grant. The ICAP team is now fully staffed. • Bob Sell - There seems to be more of a desire from the Joint Appropriations Committee (JAC) to increase provider rates and take a look at the DD waitlist. The JAC has more information about providers, provider rates, and how it all works than they have ever had in 20 years. There is currently discussion on what the dollar amount will look like and this will be monitored during the legislative session. WCSP has a new priority with advocacy, training, and support of DSP’s. Updates will be provided as the priority continues to evolve. • Bonnie Wilson - The Mayor’s Council for people with disabilities is suspending their December meeting since it falls just before Christmas. Preparations for the Disability Awareness walk in March will begin in January. Dawn Laco is the new council chair. Twenty-nine individuals have been trained in crisis intervention.
7.	Public Comment	10 min	

NEXT MEETING – March 5, 2026 - Zoom Only