



Developmental Disabilities Advisory Council

Minutes

	March 5, 2026		
	10:00am – 12:00pm		
	Zoom Only		
	Call In Information: https://uwyo.zoom.us/j/94868995005 , (669) 900-6833 948-6899-5005		
	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).		
	Jane Carlson, Tina Conley, Rachel Crawford, Penny Davis, Michelle Jarman, Sarah Leonard, Mandy Liley, Karl Linde, Chastity McDermott, Shawna Plouffe, Lucy Russell, Bob Sell, Bonnie Wilson		
	Jenifer Adams, Matt Crandall, Elizabeth Forslund, Dillion Johnson, Julie Lacey, Hannah Ostheimer		
AGENDA ITEMS/KEY POINTS DISCUSSED			
	Roll call and approval of minutes and Introductions – <i>Tina Conley</i>	5 min	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New P&A Representative Karl Linde - Introduced to the Council. Karl was hired last month as a legal director for Protection and Advocacy. Came from the Laramie County Attorney’s office where he did involuntary commitments to the state hospital. • Correction to the minutes. Request to spell Dawn Lacko’s last name correctly. Correction accepted, approved.
	Division update – <i>Division</i>	40 min	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Federal Updates - All provisions of the federal Access Rule will be delayed until 2029. This includes the 80/20 rule for providers and elements of the grievance process. Updates will be forthcoming as the federal government clarifies. The current federal administration focus has been on Medicaid waste, fraud, and abuse. Different states have been audited. This is not a widespread problem in Wyoming and Wyoming is working proactively and gathering data and information to demonstrate this. • Legislative Updates - The legislative session is close to adjourning. The budget currently includes money for provider rate increases, the Extraordinary Care Committee, and the waitlist. We will be communicating exact dollar



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			<p>amounts when everything is signed. A waiver amendment will be needed for the changes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WYSERVES - The state continues to develop the new system. User Acceptance Testing (UAT) has been pushed back. Overall the project had built in some cushion to allow for schedule adjustments so there are no concerns. The system is being designed to automate a lot of the processes that are currently being done manually. • Waitlist - Waitlist is currently at 509 people. 390 people are waiting for Support Child, 113 for Support Adult, and 6 people with ABI. In December 5 people were funded for Support Child and 1 person for Support Adult. In January, 2 people were funded for Support Child. In February, 3 people were funded for Support Child. The current waitlist time is approximately 23 months. • NCI State of the Workforce - Is currently accepting surveys. The state identified 156 providers as agencies who may qualify to fill out the survey. The survey period will close June 30th. • IDD in-person survey - This survey will begin July 1. This is when work will begin with Vital Research to start hiring employees to go around the state and ask participants if they would like to participate in the survey. 1,200 participants on the DD waiver will be randomly pulled and the state will try to survey 400 of them. • EVV Compliance - We are working at establishing a minimum threshold for EVV. From now until July 1, technical assistance is being given to providers who are sitting below 70%. The minimum compliance will increase throughout the year.
3.	By-Law Review Committee Presentation - <i>Tina Conley</i>	10 min	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • By-laws propose increasing the membership of the council from 13 to 14 members. The new member would be a Direct Support Professional. The individual should not work for an entity that is already on the council. Language updated stating one member of the council shall represent the Wyoming Community Service Providers Association.



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			<p>Lucy Russel motioned to accept. Michelle Jarman seconded. Changes accepted</p>
	<p>Member updates – <i>Council Members</i></p>	<p>15 min</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tina Conley - The legislative session was exhausting. Things are going well at I-Reach. WCSP will be doing a gubernatorial forum in Casper on July 30th. A grant has been applied for to form a DSP advisory group. Other funders will be looked for if the grant is not received. • Bonnie Wilson - March 17th, the Mayor's council is hosting a disability walk at the Sunrise Mall in Casper. There will be goodie bags for everybody. • Bob Sell - WCSP did a great job in explaining the complicated system to legislators via email, phone calls, and trying to meet them in person. People are encouraged to pay attention to what the association is doing, participate, and ask questions. WCSP has a lot of resources they can tap into so please reach out. • Sarah Leonard - Vocational Rehabilitation released an online application for services. Just under 450 applications have been received. They have increased to a 5th counselor to effectively manage increased caseloads. Onboarding has also been enhanced for job coaches, job developers, and more with more virtual and in-person training being offered. • Rachel Crawford - Continuing with the Ascend 307 series. Working with different teachers and providers on developing skills that will make students career and job ready when they graduate. Upcoming session Wednesday at 4:30 pm. • Penny Davis - March 11th having the annual luncheon. Over 300 people are expected to come. On March 17th the Governor will be doing a proclamation for Developmental Disability Awareness Month. An art gala will be held April 10th. WGCDD is currently looking for artists for the gala. In July will be celebrating the 50th anniversary of the WGCDD. WYABLE accounts are undergoing changes. The disability onset age for account



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			<p>eligibility increased from 26 to 46 on January 1, 2026.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mandy Liley - Magic City just wrapped up strategic planning and set up some outreach goals. Completed a certification through Cornell that will enable the ability to advise individuals as far as income and working at the same time with their Social Security Benefits. Magic City is also working on organization guardianship for individuals who are not currently receiving services through Magic City. • Michelle Jarman - WIND got the funding for the second year inclusive health symposium. The symposium is currently intended to be held in early June as an all-day webinar designed for healthcare professionals. Doing a new collaboration with Vocational Rehabilitation on a youth leadership forum. It will be a summer camp event. Working with the Department of Education on the Ascend 307 project that will be launched next year.
	Public Comment	10 min	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One person provided public comment in support of the Ascend 307 program. Comment was also provided on the difficulties of finding providers and resources in parts of Wyoming. Information from the council was shared on provider challenges and the need for providers to participate in rate study surveys, a need for more training, and opportunities to be involved in the Administrative Rule review process.