

Partners in Policymaking (PIP) Ad-Hoc Committee

Meeting One

Thursday, October 29, 2020

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SUMMARY

Members Present: Mike Billings, RaShad Bristo, Bambi Polotzola, Corhonda Corley, Nicole Flores, Liz Gary

Members Absent: Jill Hano, Selina Gilliland

Attendees: Jim Sprinkle, Adrienne Thomas, April Hampton, Brenda Bares, Julie Folse, Kristie Curtis, Lillian Dejean, Brenda Cosse

Staff: Marilee Andrews, Halie Belin, Hannah Jenkins, Brenton Andrus

Transcriptionist: Lynsey Hebert

The meeting was called to order at 9:04 AM.

Chairperson Mike Billings takes roll, calls the meeting to order, and reads meeting rules and protocols.

Committee members introduce themselves. Ms. Marilee Andrews introduces herself as Council staff assigned to PIP Ad-Hoc Committee and introduces standing guests Mr. Jim Sprinkle, Executive Director of Families Helping Families (FHF) at the Crossroads, and Ms. Adrienne Thomas, PIP Coordinator.

Ms. Andrews summarizes [formation of this ad-hoc committee from Self-Determination/Community Inclusion Committee meeting on July 10, 2020](#).

Ms. Thomas presents to the committee a [PIP presentation](#) covering some PIP statistics and her recommendations on moving forward with the PIP program during the COVID pandemic.

Per committee member requests, Ms. Andrews shared the [demographic representation of selected applicants for the 2020 PIP class](#) and Ms. Thomas shared the demographic representation of the final participants of the 2020 PIP class.

Ms. Gary recommends 2020 PIP class finishing virtually and, instead of doing a 2021 PIP class, the Coordinator can complete regional meetings sharing PIP information.

Ms. Andrews will continue to record demographic information of selected participants of each PIP class. Ms. Thomas will compile historic demographic information of PIP alumni with the information the Council has from the applications.

Ms. Polotzola shared that the issue on diversity does not come from selection; it comes from recruitment. An analysis of the data is not necessary to determine this.

MOTION FAILED. A motion to look at demographic data to see if we can identify targeted disparities (English as a second language, self-advocates, individuals that are social- and economically disadvantaged, racial/ethnic minorities, rural/urban areas, self-advocates with a secondary disability, men, and LGBTQ); and going forward include that information as a question on the application so that we can track it moving forward; and that we form a committee for PIP recruitment made by Ms. Corley, no second.

Chairperson Billings opens the floor for future agenda items. Ms. Gary recommends that we put on the agenda a decision about the 2020 class and how to move the 2020 class forward. A suggestion on that item: potentially do the missed April, May, June sessions in April, May, and June of 2021. Ms. Gary also suggests putting on the agenda regional sessions for remainder of 2021. Ms. Polotzola recommends Ms. Andrews report back on creating a contract with FHF at the Crossroads, and then between FHF at the Crossroads the PIP Coordinator. There was discussion on polling self-advocates in the 2020 class on challenges of virtual participation and finding ways to accommodate those challenges, then reporting back. Ms. Corley recommends we put on the agenda looking at demographic information from previous years using disparities from the Information and Technical Assistance Center for Councils on Developmental Disabilities (ITACC).

Public comment requested Ms. Andrews post demographic representation of selected applicants for the 2020 PIP class.

MOTION PASSED. A motion to adjourn the PIP Ad-Hoc Committee meeting made by Ms. Gary, seconded by Ms. Polotzola, passed without objection, no abstentions.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:54 AM.