



PAIMI Council Meeting Minutes
Via zoom
November 15, 2022

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Jackson at 11:05 am.

Attendance

Present: Marie Jackson, Chris Franklin, Christina Agle, Christopher Land, Veronica Ibrahim, Trina Tocco

Absent: Joelle Gurnoe-Adams, Davin Hemmila, Fiona Hert, James Rye, Lois Shulman

Staff: Michelle Roberts, Michele Brand, Theresa Diebolt, Mark McWilliams, Nick Gable, Kris Keranen

Guests: Mora Wilkevicz, Christin Nohner, Lobbyist

Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was presented for approval.

Veronica Ibrahim MOVED to approve the Agenda and Christopher Land seconded.

AYES: all

NAYS: none

Motion carried.

Approval of the minutes

The minutes from August 16, 2022, were presented for approval.

Christopher Land MOVED to approve the August 16, 2022 minutes and Christina Agle seconded.

AYES: all

NAYS: none

Motion carried.

PAIMI financial update

Michele Brand reported \$9,087 was spent on staff time for the PAC, which was under the \$11,000 estimated budget for the year. Brand referred to her written report and stated we spent a little more than our grant award and 82% of our annual budget. DRM is in good shape with the overall financial plan. Our benefits will be increasing in 2023 which will be reflected in the budget.

It was asked how our fundraising event turned out. We do not have the total amount raised however the Rockin 4 Rehab event was a huge success and we are still receiving donations. A meeting is scheduled to start planning for next year's event.

Grievance update

Theresa Diebolt reported five grievance forms were requested and sent out since the last council meeting, however no grievances have been filed.

Public Comment

There were no public comments made.

Legislative update

Christin Nohner commented on the election and the flip of the House and Senate to the Democrats and what can be expected in the next few months. There was some discussion around the issues that we continue to watch and monitor.

Litigation update

Kyle Williams was unable to attend the meeting and Nick Gable gave an update on the current litigation. Gable stated they are making considerable progress on the children's mental health class action and the Motion for Class Certification was granted allowing DRM to represent at least 60,000 children who are eligible for mental health services. In the Medicaid case, the client had not received services for two years because the Community Mental Health failed to provide the services after being ordered to do so in accordance with the law. We filed a mandamus action to enforce the order which was refused by the Judge. We appealed it to the Court of Appeals a few weeks ago. We will be filing a brief in hopes of a favorable appellate decision approving the mandamus as a mechanism to enforce those decisions.

There is a case that we are not involved in that threatens to undermine a lot of work we do in the federal courts. The Medicaid Act is a statute we rely on regularly to enforce Medicaid recipients' rights. There's a law called Section 1983 that has been used to enforce the Medicaid Act. The Supreme Court is hearing a case right now which could determine that you cannot use Section

1983 to enforce the Medicaid Act which would be catastrophic for Medicaid recipients. The oral argument took place and Gable is optimistic of the outcome.

Education update

Kris Keranen has been working on the annual program performance reports (PPR) and commented on how interrelated the education projects are with other DRM projects and how long we have been working on some of the projects.

The Education Team continues to look at every case as a systemic project. They have made progress on the State's complaint system to ensure children are getting the services they need to get an education. The Michigan Department of Education now has a full page of guidance documents as a result of DRM bringing repeated cases to their attention.

Keranen stated they continue to get a lot of calls related to pushout because of threats in schools. They don't all relate to children with disabilities but many times they do.

Old Business

There were two applications submitted for Council membership. Mora Wilkevicz, one of the applicants, attended the meeting as a guest. Introductions were made by Council members and Ms. Wilkevicz with each sharing a little of their background.

Chris Land MOVED to nominate Mora Wilkevicz to the Council and Veronica Ibrahim SECONDED.

AYES: all (including Joelle Gurnoe-Adams by email)

NAYS: none

Motion carried.

Another application was submitted by Renee Kimball-Rouse, which was reviewed and voted on by the Council.

Christina Agle MOVED to nominate Renee Kimball-Rouse to be a Council member and Chris Land SECONDED.

AYES: all (including Joelle Gurnoe-Adams by email)

NAYS: none

Motion carried.

PAIMI Advisory Council Program Performance Report

Michelle Roberts reminded members that we complete annual reports for each of our funding sources and it is the responsibility of this Council to complete the Advisory Council Report (ACR). Michelle provided guidance as to what kind of

information is needed and indicated that Theresa would be assisting in the completion of their report. She went through a few sections explaining what is needed and examples of information that could be used to complete the report. A draft will be provided to the council and members are encouraged to provide input and comments. The report must be completed by December 16, 2022.

Old Business (continued)

Members were asked to let Theresa know of any changes in their contact information.

New Business

The National Disability Rights Network (NDRN) has held the annual conference virtually the last couple of years. This year they are going to host a couple of conferences. A virtual conference will be held the week of February 27th and an in-person conference will be held in June. DRM will pay one fee for all staff and all Board and Council members to attend. More details to come on how to register.

There have been several changes in leadership and structure at NDRN including a new Executive Director, Marlene Sallo. We are looking forward to having Ms. Sallo join us virtually for our all staff in-service in December.

Next meeting

Tuesday, April 18, 2023

The meeting was adjourned at 1:21 pm.