

Washington State Developmental Disabilities Council
Meeting Minutes
October 17, 2025

Present

Riley Daughtery, Robert Wardell, Alex Koval, Tayshia Farra, Sydney Krebsbach, Julie Cark, Melissa Dodge, Leigh Spruce, Bridget Parkhill, Dana Floyd, Melanie Baker, Katie Nash, Sandi Gruberg, Katie Mirkovich, Teresa Martin, Angela Randel, Monica Burke, Cassie Martin, Mark Harniss, Noah Seidel

Guests

Ayan Elmi

Staff:

Brandi Monts, Brian Dahl, Christie Chiles, Emily Rogers, Kevin Vargas, Linda West, Phillip Rasmussen

Welcome and Opening

The Co-Chairs welcomed everyone and confirmed that quorum was met. Council members, staff, and guests introduced themselves and shared their locations.

Expansion 2025 Project Updates

Christie presented on the Expansion 2025 project. She highlighted improvements to the Council's messaging, website updates and the development of visual materials. Christie also shared that the newsletter now has more than 1,800 subscribers.

Land Acknowledgment Work

Kevin shared progress on the Council's land acknowledgment efforts, including increased tribal engagement, Indigenous-centered trainings, and encouragement for Council members to build stronger relationships with tribes.

Conflict Resolution Framework

Kevin described ongoing work to develop a conflict resolution framework aimed at building shared practices, improving cultural awareness, and preparing for future training sessions.

Incarceration Project Discussion

Mark facilitated a discussion on the Council's incarceration project. He clarified the differences between confinement and institutionalization and discussed implications for the Council's next State Plan.

Agency Reports

OSPI

Cassie Martin discussed instability at the federal Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP), impacts on deaf-blind services, and updates to the statewide IEP data system.

DOH

Monica described the effects of the federal shutdown on WIC operations and shared findings from statewide and tribal needs assessments.

DRW

Noah presented information about a new Long-Term Care Resident Rights Program, funding issues, and progress toward hiring a new Executive Director.

HCA:

Angela reported on Medicaid updates and budget challenges.

DDCS

Katie announced that budget constraints will result in category closures and the creation of a waiting list.

Committee Reports

Public Policy Committee

Julie gave updates on Lakeland Village records work and the 50th Anniversary video project.

Membership & Governance Committee

Melanie reported that policies 411, 413, and 416 were updated and approved to move forward to the full Council.

Katie moved and Robert seconded approving Policy 411 Speaker Guidelines for approval by the full Council. The motion carried unanimously.

Julie moved and Alex seconded approving Policy 413 How Meetings and Motions are Run for Committees by the full Council. The motion carried unanimously.

Riley moved and Sydney seconded approving Policy 416 Contractor Conflict of Interest by the full Council. The motion carried unanimously.

Conflict Resolution Training Discussion

Members explored different approaches for future conflict-resolution training. They expressed a preference for in-person training while recognizing travel and schedule limitations. Skills discussed included emotional regulation, equitable communication, and structured facilitation methods.

Public Comment

No public comments were submitted.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 AM.