



Elaine Buchsbaum, *Chair*  
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## **COUNCIL MEETING December 4, 2008**

A regular public meeting of the New Jersey Council on Developmental Disabilities was held on Thursday December 4, 2008, at the Lafayette Marriott Hotel in Trenton, New Jersey. The meeting was called to order at 10:15 a.m. by Elaine Buchsbaum, Chair, who presided.

The meeting notice was published in the *Newark Star Ledger* and the *Trenton Times*. It was posted on the bulletin board at the Mary Roebling Building on State Street in Trenton.

**MINUTES** – The minutes from September 25, 2008 were reviewed. Minutes approved as distributed – upon motion and seconded. The motion was approved with two abstentions.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT** – Elaine Buchsbaum

Natalie Cabana, Executive Director from the ARC of Hudson County thanked the Council for approving the Hudson Outreach Project. The project assisted interested families with the initial DDD application process, translation of important notices and letters. The project worked in conjunction with the ARC of New Jersey on advocacy issues. In addition, the Family Advocacy Coordinator is also working on a bilingual newsletter to update families on current information about advocacy, community services and changed in how to access support systems. She also thanked the Council for the Spanish interpreter to enable Spanish speaking families' access to the Council. Brian Fitzgibbons, Director of Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services offered his agency's assistance.

Mary Kuebler gave an update on her situation with the Division of Developmental Disabilities and thanked the Council and Frank Latham, Council Staff on their attention and support.

### **NJIT Center for Architecture & Building Science Research – Grant Presentation**

Lynn Hutchins was present to review objectives for inclusion in schools project titled, School Facility Design for Inclusion. The blue print gives the schools suggestions on ways to promote inclusion. They also give suggestions on student flow, classroom set-up, specialized spaces for students in wheelchairs and the location of some classrooms.

### **Matheny Institute for Research in Developmental Disabilities – Grant Presentation**

Kenneth Robey was present and discussed how his research has come up with a database of dentists who accommodate persons with developmental disabilities. In the process, they have identified data that would be available to the Council. 214 practicing dentists are available on the website. That website is: [www.disabilityhealth.org/dental](http://www.disabilityhealth.org/dental).

**Emergency Preparedness Project**

September is Emergency Preparedness month so to assist individuals living in the community a “To Go Bag” was designed to assist in the event of an emergency. The bag contents consist of a can of water, a whistle, a first-aid kit, a flash light and rubber gloves. There is also a manual that covers what is shared during the trainings.

**PIP Training**

This year the PIP project is planning reunion training and will be held on February 21, 2009 and an invitation was extended to members. This year’s graduation class had a total of 17 graduates.

**NJN Project**

The NJN Foundation has submitted a request for funding support from the Council for a one-hour documentary to be aired several times in relation to autism. The foundation has requested \$20,000 and in turn, the Council would be listed as supporters and special honors. This support was recommended by the Executive Committee. A motion was made to approve the request and seconded. Motion was approved with one abstention.

**By-Laws Vote**

The By-Laws were reviewed and recommended changes were noted. A motion was made to approve the revised By-Laws and seconded. Motion was approved.

**COUNCIL STAFF REPORTS**Executive Director – Dr. Alison Lozano

In early October several members of the Council and staff attended the annual conference of our national organization, NACDD. On October 14, 2008, we finally had two new staff members begin working at the Council. Their names are Barbara Lee, who will be coordinating our Monday Morning Project and Sue Gottesman, who will be our Public Policy Coordinator. We have interviewed and requested permission to hire an individual for the Family Support Council’s Coordinator position and are still waiting for a response. Since the last meeting, staff manned booths at National Caregivers Association, Family Support Council Region 7 Providers Fair and the NJ Education Association, League of Municipalities and the NJ Association of Community Providers.

Executive Committee – Elaine Buchsbaum

During the last Executive Committee meeting, segmented versus unified grant process was discussed at length. It was decided to recommend for full Council vote that some targeted outcomes be segmented. The Executive Director’s evaluation was discussed and the Chair would finalize the report and meet with the Executive Director. Two mini-grant requested were reviewed and both held for further information. The structure of Council Committees was discussed to equalize the operations of all Committees and Subcommittees.

Planning Committee – Dennis Rizzo

The committee met to discuss recommendations to the council for 2010 grants cycle and the target outcomes from the existing state plan, to give recommendations for distribution of project funds for outsourced grants in this next cycle and incomplete or unaddressed activity and action. A motion was made to vote on the discussed six targeted outcomes. Motion seconded and approved. Another motion was made to approve the recommendations with the changes to the focus. Motion seconded and approved.

**ADJOURNED** – 2:07 p.m.

Upon motion, seconded and carried.

**ATTENDANCE:**

**Self Advocates, Family Members & Guests**

Elaine Buchsbaum, Chair

Lorraine D'Sylva-Lee, Vice-Chair

Purnima Hernandez/excused

Larry Jones/excused

Ellie Byra

David Tag

Carolyn Hayer

Gary Rubin/excused

Mercedes Jimenez-Ramirez

Donna Holden, Sign Language Interpreter

B. Lynn Hutchings, M. Arch

Sara Coracero

Kenneth Robey, Ph.D.

**DD Act Agencies Representatives**

Michael Knox, Ph.D., Deputy Director, Representing The Boggs Center

Joseph Young, Acting Executive Director, Disability Rights New Jersey

**Government Agencies**

William Ditto, Division of Disability Services

Pauline Lisciotta, NJ Dept. of Health and Senior Services

Carol Kaufman, NJ Department of Education

Brian Fitzgibbons, Acting Director, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services

**Public Member**

Frank Caragher, ARC of Union County - Teleconference

Kysee Bartee

Christopher Miller

Richard Quinlan

Larry Quinlan

Richard Olsen, Ph.D.

Elizabeth Shea

Robin Sims

Cindy Bartman

Mary Keubler

Kate Blisard

Rabbi Halberstam

Peg Kinsell

**Council Staff**

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