



Elaine Buchsbaum, *Chair*  
Alison M. Lozano, Ph.D., M.P.A., *Executive Director*

## COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES March 17, 2011

A regular public meeting of the New Jersey Council on Developmental Disabilities was held on Thursday March 17, 2011, at the Trenton Marriott in Trenton, New Jersey. The meeting was called to order at 10:10am by Elaine Buchsbaum, Chair, who presided and read the Open Public Meeting Act and Council Vision Statement. 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.

**Action:** The minutes from the November 18, 2010 meeting were distributed.

**Motion:** A motion was made to accept the minutes as presented – upon motion and seconded, motion was approved.

### **Public Comment**

- Lowell Arye was present and made a comment.
- Elaine Buchsbaum, Chair introduced Deputy Commissioner Dr. Dawn Apgar, filling the Assistant Commissioner vacant position for DDD.

**Presentation:** NJ Partnership for Direct Support Professional Workforce Development ~ Dr. Deborah Spitalnik

**Presentation:** Aging Well ~ Lowell Arye

- Presented members with the curriculum on Aging and Developmental Disabilities.

**Presentation:** Monday Morning Project

### **Reports**

- Executive Committee/Chair's report was given by Elaine Buchsbaum.
- Policy Committee report was given by Elle Byra.
- Planning Committee report was given by Hazeline Pilgrim
- Executive Director's report was given by Dr Alison Lozano.

**Budget Review:** Gail Furrer

### **Other/New Business**

- Camden County Monday Morning is accepting new members.
- Community Building Awards Luncheon is scheduled for Wednesday April 13, 2011 at 11:30am and will be held at the Lafayette Yard Marriott, Trenton.
- This year's 5-Year Planning Council Retreat schedule was reviewed.

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Jacinta Williams, Administrative Assistant

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Public Policy Committee Report  
State Plan Committee Report

**ATTENDANCE:****Self Advocates, Family Members**

Elaine Buchsbaum  
Todd Emmons  
Russell Fried  
Myrta Rosa  
Purnima Hernandez  
David Tag  
Betsy Smith  
Ellie Byra

Gary Rubin  
Walter Fernandez  
Andrew McGeady  
Christopher Miller  
Leah Ziskin  
Robin Sims  
Hazeline Pilgrim

**Guests**

Jaime McGeady  
Colleen McLaughlin  
Jessica Anastasi  
Lowell Arye  
Candance Kimmel  
Nancy Snyder  
Emily Schaefer  
Brice Bock  
Brian Sienkiewicz

**DD Act Agencies Representatives**

Deborah Spitalnik, Ph.D., Executive Director, the Boggs Center  
Michael Knox, Ph.D., Deputy Director, the Boggs Center  
Joseph Young, Executive Director, Disability Rights New Jersey

**Government Agencies**

Joseph Amoroso, Acting Director, Division of Disability Services  
Bonnie Teman, Department of Health and Senior Services, Division of Family Health Services  
Dr. Dawn Apgar, Deputy Commissioner, Division of Developmental Disabilities  
Phyllis Melendez, Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services  
David Free, Division of Voc. Rehab. Services

**Public Member**

Frank Caragher, The Arc of Union County

**Council Staff**

Dr. Alison Lozano, Executive Director  
Jacinta Williams  
Jane Dunham  
Frank Latham  
Norman Reim  
Sue Gottesman  
Barbara Lee  
Dennie Todd  
Gail Furrer  
Dolores Roselli  
Gail Hodges