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## Advocacy, Training, & Outreach (ATO) Committee Meeting Agenda

Friday, May 9, 11:45 a.m. 2400 N. Lincoln Ave., Rm. C-48, OK City, OK 73125

#### Join our meeting online:

Teams Meeting ID: 257 473 121 877, Passcode: 4gd9sJ9t
Board Members attending virtually:
David Blose, 724 Ranch Oak Dr., Yukon, OK
Margaret Bond, 3205 N 2nd St. Broken Arrow, OK



Review Meeting Minutes for Oct. 11, 2024 and February 14, 2025:

Ms. Janie Fugitt

IV. Old Business & Possible Voting: Project Updates &

- a) Advocacy Updates (PIP, YLF, etc.): Bradley Mays
- b) Self-Advocacy Updates: Morgan Davis
- c) Council Marketing / Outreach Updates: Alissa Patterson
- d) OK ABLE updates: RoseAnn Duplan



VI. Announcements

VII. Adjournment

ATO Committee Members: Janie Fugitt ATO Chair, David Blose, Margaret Bond, Brett Cunningham, RoseAnn Duplan, Sharon Garrity

The mission of the Developmental Disabilities Council of Oklahoma is to advance communities where everyone has the opportunity to live, learn, work, and play where they choose. The Council builds partnerships to change systems to improve services, resources, and supports for Oklahomans with developmental disabilities and their families.



## Developmental Disabilities Council of Oklahoma Advocacy, Training & Outreach Committee Minutes

DATE: Friday, October 11, 2024

TIME: 11:00 am

PLACE: 2400 N. Lincoln Blvd, Room 513, Oklahoma, OK 73125

BE IT REMEMBERED that on Friday, October 11, 2024, at 11:15 am, the Advocacy Training & Outreach Committee met 2400 N. Lincoln Blvd, Sequoyah Building, Room 513, Oklahoma, OK 73125 in accordance with the Open Meetings Act.

NOTICE of the schedule for all regular and special meetings of the DDCO Advocacy Training & Outreach Committee for the calendar year 2024 have been given in writing to the Oklahoma Secretary of State and public notice and agenda having been posted on the Council's website at or before 12:00 pm on Thursday, October 10, 2024, in accordance with the Oklahoma Open Meetings Act, 25 O.S. Section 311.

I. CALL TO ORDER: Ms. Fugitt called the meeting to order at 11:15 a.m.



Members present: Janie Fugitt, David Blose, Brett Cunningham

Members Online:

Members Absent: RoseAnn Duplan, Sharon Garrity, Blaine Murdock, Staff: Morgan Davis, Bradley Mays, Alissa Patterson, Jenifer Randle

Guests: None

By roll call, it was determined there was not a quorum of members for business to be conducted.

Review of the August 30, 2024, Minutes of the ATO Committee Meetings.



ACTION: Ms. Fugitt gave the committee time to review the minutes from August 30, 2024. Since no quorum was present no voting was conducted to approve the minutes.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Randle introduced Ms. Jennifer Robinson as the new staff member as the Planning and Grants Director. Ms. Robinson introduced herself. Ms. Randle mentioned attending visiting Momentum Refresh at the State Fair. Council Staff (Dr. Mays, Ms. Davis, Ms. Patterson, Ms. Robinson, and her) attended the grand opening with several Council Members. On Saturday, Momentum Refresh mentioned they had close to 500 uses of the facilities, which they reported was a record number of uses for this facility. The publicity that was given to Momentum Refresh was outstanding. New ideas were gathered by council members to promote Momentum Refresh should the Council decide to fund this again, such as fliers at the State Fair wheelchair rental tents. Ms. Randle encouraged members to fill out the survey in their packets to help the State Fair get feedback. Staff members spoke about their personal experiences using the facilities as well.

Dr. Mays reported on presenting at the Inclusive Communications Conference in July to 40 attendees about fostering success for people with disabilities in the workplace and community. Dr. Mays reported he attended an interim study about classroom inclusion. Upcoming, Dr. Mays in scheduled to Emcee the Governor's Disability Employment Awards ceremony with Council Member Ms. Maggie Bond. He will also be presenting at this year's Oklahoma Transition Institute (OTI).

Ms. Davis reported she also attended the interim study on inclusive education. With contacts made at the study she hopes to set up self-advocacy trainings for the Shawnee District. Trainers worked with A&M on converting a document for DDS to plain language for DDS. Ms. Davis reported Peer Trainers will be presenting at the OTI on Developmental Disability Awareness as well as she will be presenting about college life with a disability.

Ms. Randle mentioned the list of Senate Interim studies are attached in their packets. Ms. Fugitt discussed an interim study about transportation she attended. She shared her thoughts on the information presented, including the Sooner Ride program.

Old Business & Possible Voting\*: Project Updates & Discussions.

a) Partners in Policymaking (PIP):

DISCUSSION: Dr. Mays reported Partners in Policymaking had begun 2 weeks ago. There are currently 33 students. Sheila Bowen from DDS spoke about DDS services available and the wait list. Michael Beers also spoke about disabilities and history in Oklahoma. Heather Pike from the Oklahoma Family Network spoke to the group as well. The next PIP meeting will be in 2 weeks.

b) Youth Leadership Forum (YLF):

DISCUSSION: Dr. Mays reported the 2025 YLF dates are set for June 10-14, held in Chickasha, OK at USAO. Dr. Mayes complimented the staff that help with this event on how accommodating they are. He provided a recap on the past YLF, which had 17 students complete the week. Multiple agencies attended the event including Olivia Hook with the Department of Transportation's Mobility Management program. She wrote a blog about the YLiFe activity she participated. This blog has been posted to the National Aging and Disability Transportation website, and has had 165 views on the website so far.

c) Self-Advocacy trainings:

DISCUSSION: Ms. Davis reported there are 7 trainers training. 1 individual is taking a break. Between July 1, 2023 and June 30, 2024, we have held 39 work sessions. For the current fiscal year there have been 11 work sessions. 7 training sessions are scheduled for this year with 12 being completed already, having trained 68 self-advocates.

d) Council Marketing/Outreach:

DISCUSSION: Ms. Randle discussed one of the biggest reasons behind the success of the Momentum Refresh was the marketing push on social media for the facility. Great job to Ms. Patterson for getting the word out.

e) OK STABLE updates:

DISCUSSION: Ms. Randle reported there are over 1730 total STABLE Accounts. She compared those numbers to those from October to September of last year of 1395 accounts.

VII. Announcements

VIII. Adjournment

The ATO meeting was adjourned at 11:57 a.m.



### Developmental Disabilities Council of Oklahoma Advocacy, Training & Outreach Committee Minutes

DATE: Friday, February 14, 2025

TIME: 11:45 am

PLACE: 2400 N. Lincoln Blvd, Room 305C, Oklahoma, OK 73125

BE IT REMEMBERED that on Friday, February 14, 2025, at 12:18 pm, the Advocacy Training & Outreach Committee met 2400 N. Lincoln Blvd, Sequoyah Building, Room 305C, Oklahoma City, OK 73125 in accordance with the Open Meetings Act.

NOTICE of the schedule for all regular and special meetings of the DDCO Advocacy Training & Outreach Committee for the calendar year 2024 have been given in writing to the Oklahoma Secretary of State and public notice and agenda having been posted on the Council's website at or before 12:00 pm on Thursday, February 13, 2025, in accordance with the Oklahoma Open Meetings Act, 25 O.S. Section 311.

I. CALL TO ORDER: Ms. Fugitt called the meeting to order at 12:18 p.m.

II. TWI ROLL CALL:

Members present: Janie Fugitt, RoseAnn Duplan, Maggie Bond

Members Online: Sharon Garrity

Members Absent: David Blose, Brett Cunningham

Guests: Nancy Ward

Staff: Jennifer Robinson, Morgan Davis, Bradley Mays, Alissa Patterson, Jenifer Randle

Guests: None

By roll call, it was determined there was not a quorum of members for business to be conducted.

Review of the October 11, 2024, Minutes of the ATO Committee Meetings.



ACTION: Ms. Fugitt gave the committee time to review the minutes from October 11, 2024. Since no quorum was present no voting was conducted to approve the minutes.



a) Partners in Policymaking (PIP):

DISCUSSION: Dr. Mays reported Partners in Policymaking is starting week 5. There are currently 28 students. During the fifth session, Derek Dufresne will be speaking about behavior and communication. Rep. Colin Walke will be talking to about negotiations. Erin Prangley, from the National Association for Councils on Developmental Disabilities, will be speaking about legislative advocacy.

b) Youth Leadership Forum (YLF):

DISCUSSION: Dr. Mays reported the 2025 YLF dates are set for June 10-14, held in Chickasha, OK at USAO. Dr. Mays let everyone know that they are currently recruiting now for students to come join. Several alumni have reached out requesting to come back and work with YLF this summer.

c) Self-Advocacy trainings:

DISCUSSION: Ms. Davis reported there are 9 trainers training. They have trained a total of 234 self-advocates, 5 family members and 101 professionals. Self-Advocacy trainings have had good feedback in the surveys completed by participants.

d) Council Marketing/Outreach:

DISCUSSION: nothing to report.

e) OK STABLE updates:

DISCUSSION: Ms. Duplan reported there have been 107 new ABLE accounts since October. There have been 2 trainings since October. Provider specific trainings will be incorporated into the trainings they currently have. These trainings will help providers set up accounts for the people they serve. Next January (2026) the age eligibility to open an ABLE account will change to 'having acquired a disability before the age of 46.'

VII. New Business:

Ms. Duplan reported on two federal reconciliation bills that are currently being worked on. They only need a simple majority to pass the bill instead of the typical three-fourths. The Senate bill has about 1 billion dollars in cuts to Medicaid and the House Bill has 880-billion-dollar cuts to Medicaid. These cuts are expected to impact every Medicaid service including waivers.

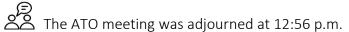
Ms. Randle spoke to the committee about having council advocacy priorities. It was mentioned that it may not be the best time to work on this.



Ms. Randle remined everyone People with Disabilities Awareness Day will be March 11 from 12-4 p.m. at the Oklahoma History Center. DD Day at the Capitol will be March 24, with the theme "Together We Can." The committee is requesting advocates create a short (10 second) video to explain what the theme means to them. Anyone who would like to submit a video can do so. T-shirt orders with the Together We Can theme should be completed by February 28.

Ms. Blose wanted the committee to know he missed today because he is working on the AutismOklahoma LookOut art program (a council project) by helping people make valentines.







#### Partners in Policymaking & Youth Leadership Forum Update

#### 2024-2025 Partners in Policymaking (PIP)

Number of PIP students: 24 (19 graduates)

o Family members: 13

Self-Advocates: 5

o Other: 6

#### • PIP Session Recaps:

- Session 1 Sept 27-28, 2024
  - Orientation/Introductions
  - DDS History and Service in Oklahoma with Sheila Bowen
  - Importance of Language with Brad Mays
  - Oklahoma Family Network with Heather Pike
  - Disability History with Michael Beers
  - Person-Centered Planning with Jen Randle
- Session 2 Oct 25-26, 2024
  - Visioning exercise with Brad Mays
  - Supported decision-making with Sean Ballard from DDS
  - Inclusive Education with Patrick Schwarz
  - Disability Law Center with RoseAnn Duplan
  - IEPs in Oklahoma with RoseAnn Duplan
- Session 3 Nov 8-9, 2024
  - Social Capital with Al Condeluci
  - Inclusive Community Living with Guy Caruso
  - Social Valorization with Guy Caruso
  - o Sooner SUCCESS with Michelle Rico and Samantha Basave
  - Work incentives and benefits with Kelli Freeman, OWIPA
- Session 4 Jan 17-18, 2025
  - Assistive Technology and Positioning with Chuck Roberts and Maria Jones
  - Disability Is Natural with Kathie Snow
  - Making Connections: Oklahoma Mobility Management, Kristi Winchester
  - Oklahoma ABLE Tech with Dr. Josh Hawkins
  - Employment with Jen Randle



- Session 5 Feb 21-22, 2025
  - o Negotiation with former Rep. Colin Walke
  - Choice and discussion of bills for mock hearing
  - Behavior & communication with Derrick Dufresne
  - Legislative advocacy with Erin Prangley, Policy Director NACDD
- Session 6 Mar 28-29, 2025
  - Oklahoma legislature & legislative hearings with Carly Putnam, OK Policy
  - o Bill testimony preparation and practice
  - o PIP Mock Legislative Hearing at State Capitol Building
- Session 7 Apr 11-12, 2025
  - Mock Legislative Hearing Review
  - Charting the LifeCourse/Making Connections: Center for Learning and Leadership with Wanda Felty
  - Sexuality and Disability with Katherine McLaughlin, Elevatus Training
  - Advocacy plan presentations-PIP students
  - o PIP wrap-up/graduation
    - Keynote: Dr. Bobby Kern, 2015 PIP graduate

### Youth Leadership Forum (YLF)

- 2025 dates: June 10-14, 2025 at the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma in Chickasha.
- Preparations for the 22<sup>nd</sup> Oklahoma Youth Leadership Forum are progressing well.



#### Other Advocacy updates:

- Recent events:
  - o 2025 Oklahoma APSE Employment Conference
    - Dr. Brad Mays delivered a presentation to 10 professionals and self-advocates titled: "Beyond Accommodations: Fostering Success in the Community and Workplace" on April 1, 2025 at Springlake MetroTech.
  - o 2025-2026 Partners in Policymaking dates/location:
    - Weekend 1 Sept 26-27, 2025
    - Weekend 2 Oct 17-18, 2025
    - Weekend 3 Nov 7-8, 2025
    - Weekend 4 Jan 9-10, 2026
    - Weekend 5 Feb 6-7, 2026
    - Weekend 6 Mar 6-7, 2026 Mock Legislative Hearing
    - Weekend 7 Apr 10-11, 2026 Graduation
  - o Applications for 2025-2026 PIP Due June 30

# Self-Advocacy Solutions Trainings Report as of April 17, 2025

Number of work sessions FY25: 32

Number of training courses scheduled: 29

Number of training courses completed: 57

Number of Self-Advocates trained: 373

Number of professionals and family members trained 115

#### Highlights from training courses:

- I loved hearing the stories from the speakers
- Having individuals who are strong and passionately advocating for a community to be more aware of everyone.
- Enjoy having self advocates teach. Material is very familiar but well presented.

#### **Upcoming Trainings**

- DD Awareness April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025 -DDCO
- SALT April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025-DSACO
- Emergency Prep May 3<sup>rd</sup> D
- DD Awareness August 25<sup>th</sup> Project Search

#### Other Self-Advocacy Updates:

- Jan Cooper and Laura Stutsman presented Developmental Disabilities Awareness at the Oklahoma APSE Conference on April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025
- Bryce Wooten and Tyler Bond completed Partners and Policymaking on April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025



## DD Awareness Day, March 24, 2025

Planning Committee: Collaborative effort with Oklahoma Self-Advocates, the UCEDD/CLL, Disability Law Center, Autism Foundation of Oklahoma, A New Leaf, Think Ability, Bridges Foundation, Sooner Works, DD Council, Oklahoma Based Providers, The Arc of Oklahoma, (may have missed some – will update)

Theme: Together We Can!

4 hours, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Over 200 people (nearly 200 signed in for us, but not everyone signed in).

Video created: <a href="https://youtu.be/aWLd1FUAmqQ">https://youtu.be/aWLd1FUAmqQ</a>

Facebook page created: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/OkieIDD">https://www.facebook.com/OkieIDD</a>

Instagram page created: <a href="https://www.instagram.com/OkieIDD">https://www.instagram.com/OkieIDD</a>

2026 DD Day: March 23, 2026



Stay tuned for more information about an Oklahoma Celebration for the 35<sup>th</sup>
Anniversary of the Americans with
Disabilities Act

on Friday, July 25 at the Oklahoma State Capitol! If you have ideas, email Malayna

mhasmanis@unityforwardok.org.



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