

# CROSS-DISABILITIES ADVISORY COUNCIL

## Hybrid Meeting

Thursday, July 24, 2025

9:03 a.m. – 4:47 p.m.

**Cross-Disability Advisory Council Members Present:** Darcy Andahl, Joan Connell, Kirsten Dvorak, Kyle Erickson, Andrea Hansen, Julianne Horntvedt, Kayla Johnson, Paul Kolstoe, Toby Lunstad, Kevin Miiller, Jonathan O'Konek, Vicki Peterson, Lorena Poppe, Danielle Robbins, Janakate Walker

**Cross-Disability State Agency Representatives Present:** Jackie Adusimilli, Kathy Barchenger, Kayla Fender, Karla Kalanek

**Guests Present:** Erin Leveton, Kathy Miiller, Jillian Salmon, Erin Moore

## WELCOME and ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

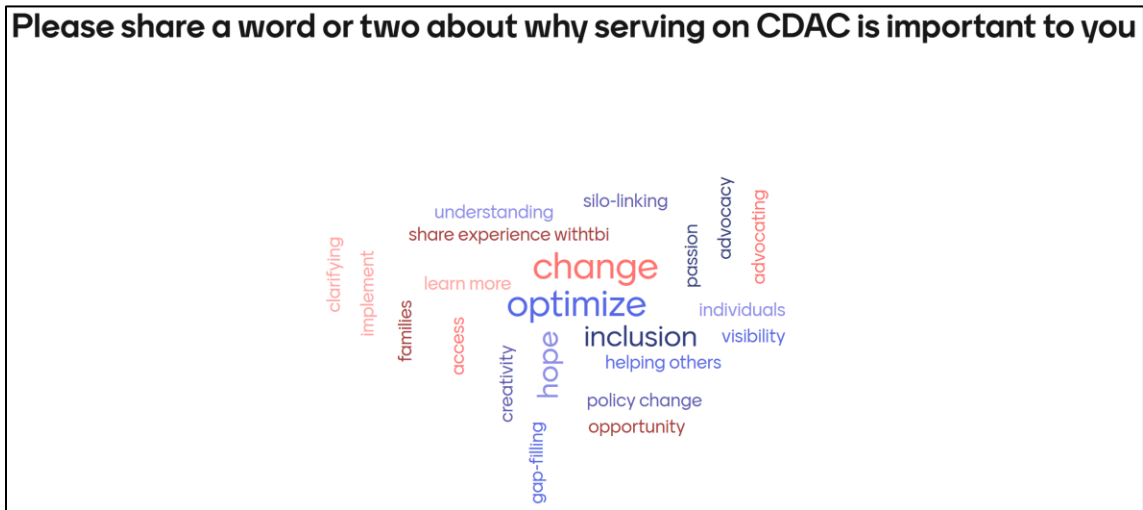
The meeting was called to order at 9:03.

## GENERAL BUSINESS

- Role Call
- Shared why CDAC members were selected and why we are here
- Introductions – Members, State Agency Representatives, and Guests
  - Questions: Why the work matters to me, My hope for CDAC
- Roles of CDAC
  - Council, Alvarez & Marshal, Voting Members, State Agency Representatives, ITCB Consulting, The Public
- CDAC ground rules were covered
  - Robert's Rules of Order and voting procedures
  - Different ways of members sharing information outside of in during meetings
  - Everyone is equal, everyone will be sharing, members need to be called on to share
  - Members are looking to do the greatest good for the most people, not advocating for only 1 thing
  - CDAC is very diverse and everyone's goal is to use plain language and ask questions
  - Covered food and travel rules and reimbursement
  - CDAC1 votes and recommendations will not be modified by CDAC2
  - Covered basics of open meeting requirements and rules for CDAC members
- APPROVAL OF CDAC 2025-2027 Charter
  - Kevin Miiller opened the floor for discussion on the "Cross-Disability Advisory Council Charter" Rev 11JUL25
  - Charter changes:
    - define "department" refers to the North Dakota Health & Human Services
    - change "HHS" to ND Health & Human Services
  - Motion: It was moved by Vicki Peterson and seconded by Darcy Andahl to approve the CDAC Charter with said changes
  - Vote (Yes): Darcy Andahl, Joan Connell, Kirsten Dvorak, Kyle Erickson, Andrea Hansen, Julianne Horntvedt, Kayla Johnson, Paul Kolstoe, Toby Lunstad, Jonathan O'Konek, Vicki Peterson, Lorena Poppe, Danielle Robbins, Janakate Walker
  - Vote (No): none
  - Motion carried

## Welcome Activities

- Members completed a word cloud survey on why serving on CDAC is important to them and how they want to do CDAC's work together.



- Members discussed that some of the things can help ND best support CDAC:
  - Not having people with the same perspectives and / or experiences serve on the same subcommittees.
  - Materials being sent out ahead of time, with summaries and clear directions on what should be read ahead of time and what doesn't need to be read.
  - Significant reminders to be sent out 2-3 days in advance.
  - Planning agendas in advance of each committee meeting, including scheduling the meeting dates a year in advance.
  - Consolidation of emails, so all the information is in one place.

## Content Primer: Medicaid Waivers 101

- Members shared feedback on the many hurdles that have to be overcome to get services (e.g., travel to providers, etc.)
- Members shared feedback about wanting to know more about the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment (EPSDT) benefit.

## The Bigger Picture: North Dakota's Waiver Work

- Members discussed some of the findings from North Dakota's assessments of intellectual and developmental disability programs:
  - If someone is no longer eligible for a waiver, this may mean they no longer be eligible for Medicaid and the EPSDT benefit as well.
  - ND does have a disability Medicaid buy-in option, where a child with a disability can be enrolled in a private health insurance plan and the household can buy in to get some coverage in the Medicaid State Plan.
  - Medicaid is the payor of last resort. Private insurance is charged first.

## Understanding the Foundation Created by CDAC 1.0

- Members shared a need to understand that this is **emotional and important work** that they are undertaking.
- Members also shared feedback that being a part of CDAC is about changing philosophy for how things can be done, so it's important to **think outside the box**.

## The Path Forward: Defining CDAC's Role in the Work Ahead

- Members discussed that there are families that may not even know about these programs, particularly in tribal communities, and that it will be important to **promote awareness** of these programs.

## ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:47 p.m.