

CROSS-DISABILITIES ADVISORY COUNCIL

Hybrid Meeting

Thursday, FEB 19, 2026

1:02 p.m. – 4:01 p.m.

Cross-Disability Advisory Council Members Present: Darcy Andahl, Kirsten Dvorak, Kyle Erickson, Andrea Hansen, Julianne Horntvedt, Kayla Johnson, Paul Kolstoe, Heather Lundeen, Toby Lunstad, Kevin Miiller, Jonathan O'Konek, Vicki Peterson, Lorena Poppe, Danielle Robbins, Kendra Vander Wal

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 1:02.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- Role Call
 - APPROVAL OF CDAC January Minutes
 - Kevin Miiller opened the floor for discussion on the “ND-CDAC Minutes 08JAN26 DRAFT”
 - Motion: It was moved by Danielle Robbins and seconded by Vicki Peterson to approve the 08JAN26 Minutes
- Vote (Yes): Darcy Andahl, Kirsten Dvorak, Kyle Erickson, Julianne Horntvedt, Kayla Johnson, Paul Kolstoe, Heather Lundeen, Jonathan O'Konek, Vicki Peterson, Lorena Poppe, Danielle Robbins, Kendra Vander Wal
- Vote (No): none
 - Motion carried

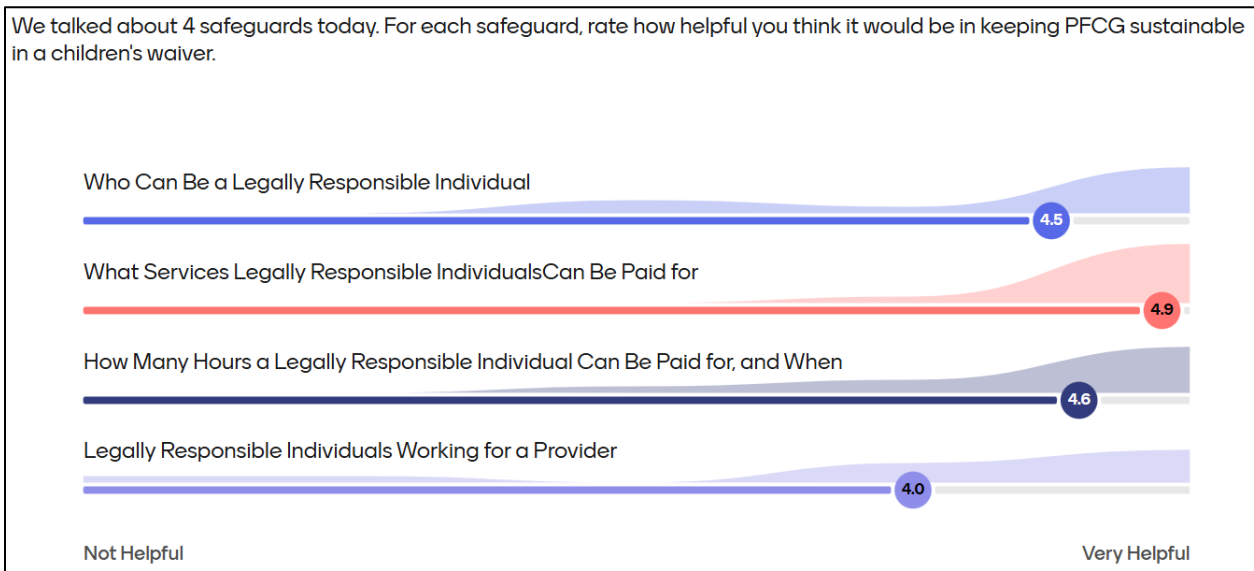
Paid Family Caregiving (PFCG) Overview and in ND Today

- Members reviewed refreshers on PFCG basics from previous meetings' materials.
- Members discussed how PFCG will look different as part of a waiver than as a separate state pilot.
- Members discussed more details of ND's PFCG pilot program, including its scope and current expiration date.

Common PFCG Safeguards and State Examples of Safeguards

- Members talked about the two most common and significant risks that PFCG poses when it's a waiver service modality. These are:
 - Uncontrollable growth in costs.
 - Isolating the waiver participant from the community.
- Members talked about how budgeting for PFCG as a separate state pilot is different than budgeting for PFCG when it is a waiver service modality.
 - Budgeting for PFCG as a waiver service modality is much more complicated and is influenced by many other factors, which contributes to the risk of uncontrollable costs.
- Members were given four examples of general safeguards used by other states that help mitigate the risks of PFCG in waivers. There was a general overview of each safeguard and examples of how other states use the safeguard.
 - No decisions have been made on using these safeguards in ND. Instead, they are examples meant to help the CDAC brainstorm options for keeping PFCG sustainable in ND. The example safeguards are:

- Limiting when a Legally Responsible Individual (LRI) qualifies to become a paid provider for their child’s waiver services.
 - Limiting what services LRI can be providers for.
 - Limiting how many hours LRIs can provide services and when,
 - LRIs being employed by providers.
- After talking about these safeguards, members completed a Menti survey to capture their feedback about the four safeguards they learned about.
 - Members were asked to rate how helpful they believed each of the four safeguards might be in controlling the costs of PFCG and reducing the risk of the waiver participant being isolated.
 - Members ranked each safeguard’s helpfulness without seeing other members’ answers, to encourage objective feedback based on what they heard in the meeting.



PFCG Guiding Principles

- The feedback that members have shared in recent CDAC meetings about PFCG was captured in draft guiding principles that would be shared with HHS.
 - Members reviewed an initial draft of these guiding principles.
- Members provided initial suggestions on revisions to the guiding principles to better reflect their feedback from the last few months.
- In upcoming CDAC meetings, members will continue to review and revise these guiding principles before voting to finalize and formally share them with HHS.

ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting was adjourned at 4:01 p.m.