



Stephanie A. Pratico, *Chair*  
Kevin T. Casey., *Executive Director*

**COUNCIL MEETING NOTES ~ revised 10/27/16**  
**July 28, 2016**

A regular public meeting of the New Jersey Council on Developmental Disabilities was held on Thursday July 28, 2016 at the Hyatt Regency Princeton, New Jersey. The meeting was called to order at 10:55 am by Stephanie Pratico, Chair, who presided and read the Open Public Meeting Act and Council Vision. The meeting notice was published in the *Newark Star Ledger* and the *Trenton Times*.

**Introductions/Announcements/Approval of Minutes**

**Announcement:**

- ❖ Council member Myrta Rosa will be attending an ABC Conference in Maryland, July 31, 2016.
- ❖ Day on the Bay is August 14, 2016 to be held in Barnegat, NJ. Registration on site. Check council website.
- ❖ The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Stephanie B. Furrer Foundation Campership Benefit, to be held on August 12, 2016 **in Moorestown, NJ**. Check council website for more information.
- ❖ The 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Autism Beach Bash to be held on Sunday September 11, 2016 in Belmar, NJ. Check registration table for information flyer.

**Minutes:**

The minutes from the May 26, 2016 meeting were distributed.

**Action:**

Motion made by Todd Emmons to accept the May minutes, seconded by Myrta Rosa and approved. The minutes have been approved and will be added to the website.

**Public Comment ~ AM**

- ❖ Dan Keating, Executive Director at Alliance for the Betterment of Citizens with Disabilities (ABCD) was present and thanked Executive Director, Kevin Casey for attending their members meeting to discuss the Council 5 Year Plan.

**Committee Report**

- ❖ Executive Committee/Chair report given by Stephanie Pratico.
- ❖ Executive Director Report given by Kevin Casey.  
Health & Wellness Update
- ❖ Planning/Grants Committee report was given by Chris Miller and Kevin Casey. Discussion and vote on the 5 year plan and SHA request for 3<sup>rd</sup> year extension.

**Action:**

Motion made by Chris Miller, to begin implementing the objectives for the 5 Year plan, seconded and opens for discussion. Alice submitted comments and was wondering where they are noted. Kevin Casey let her know that he will be implementing what her comments reflect. Kevin Nunez commented that he was happy with the final draft.

14 Yes votes, 1 No vote & 0 Abstain; This action has been approved.

**Action:**

Motion made by Chris Miller, to allow SHA a third year extension to translate the Housing document to Spanish, seconded and opens for discussion. Also to allow for additional training around the state on the document, and an updated version of the Housing Document.

15 Yes votes, 0 No votes & 0 Abstain; this action has been approved.

**Public Comment: ~ PM**

- ❖ Dan Keating, Executive Director, ABCD, was present; he appreciated the information on the bills mentioned during the Policy Committee Meeting.

**Other/New Business**

- ❖ Kevin Nunez has started a blog: <http://kevinuchi.blogspot.com>, please visit.
- ❖ Alice announced that Title 4, congressional intent, is available for reading. Email her and she will send a link.
- ❖ DD Awareness Day at Great Adventure is cancelled for this year. A closer look at this type of event will be discussed at a later time.

**Action**

Motion made by Todd to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Gary  
Meeting adjourned at 2pm

Minutes prepared by Jacinta Brister, Executive Assistant

## **ATTENDANCE**

### **Self-Advocates, Family Members**

Stephanie Pratico, Chair  
Chris Miller, Vice - Chair  
Todd Emmons  
Myrta Rosa  
Paul Blaustein

Gary Rubin  
Leah Ziskin  
Andrew McGeady  
Tara Montague  
Walt Fernandez

### **Absent Members**

Ellie Byra  
Safiyyah Muhammad

### **Guests**

Kevin Nunez  
Joan Migton  
Stacey Buhles  
Eric Joice, Executive Director, Family Resource Network (FRN)  
John Pratico  
Lauren Agoratus, Family Voices  
Matthew McMullen  
Dan Keating, Ph.D., Executive Director, ABCD  
Justine Deitrick  
Rebekah Novemsky, Statewide FSPC  
Nicholas Bella  
Scott Elliott, Executive Director, PICL  
Lisa Ford  
Adeola Sonaike, National Get FIT Director, FRN  
Michael Avella  
Geraldine Cooperman  
Cecile Feely, Ph.D., Transportation Autism Project Manager, CAIT, Rutgers

### **DD Act Agencies Representatives**

Michael Knox, Ph.D., Deputy Director, The Boggs Center on Developmental Disabilities  
Jill Hoegel, Disability Rights New Jersey

### **Government Agencies**

Felicia Walton, Department of Health  
Alice Hunnicutt, Director, Division of Voc. Rehab. Services

### **Public Member**

William Testa, Executive Director, Arc of Morris County

### **Council Staff**

Kevin Casey, Executive Director  
Jacinta Brister, Assistant  
Frank Latham, Youth Leadership/Presenter  
Gail Furrer, Fiscal  
Kyoko Coco, Family Support Coordinator

Dennie Todd, DD Specialist  
Bob Titus, Legislative Coordinator  
Jonathan Waller, Communications  
Jaymes Brill, People First Coordinator