



Florida Developmental Disabilities Council, Inc.  
**State Plan Committee Meeting Report**  
**January 26, 2023**

**I. Approval of minutes from September 22, 2022 Meeting**

The minutes from the September 22, 2022 meeting were approved with one change: Yolanda Herrera was added as a Council member present.

**II. Approval of minutes from December 6, 2022 Meeting**

The minutes from the December 6, 2022 meeting were approved as presented.

**III. Update on IFPs/Sole Source Status**

Valerie Breen provided a brief update on the status of IFPs/Sole Source contracts and agreements. She shared that all proposed contracts and agreements have now been executed and work is underway.

**IV. Approval of Program Budget with modifications**

The 5-year state plan budget approved in 2021 was shared with adjustments made since those reported at our September meeting.

Adjustments for differentials between the amount budgeted and actual expenditures were made to the Access to Services goal; Home-and Community-Based Delivery Systems goal; Self-Advocacy Leadership goal; Advocacy/Communications line item for public policy, communications, and state plan goal related initiatives; and Other line item for task force travel/miscellaneous.

No adjustments were made for the Aging Caregivers goal.

Adjustments were made to the Broad Systems Change/Emerging Needs goal to increase funding for the National Project SEARCH Research Project contract in the amount of \$17,508 to extend work from June 2023 to September 2023, and for continuing the Postsecondary Models project in the amount of \$125,000 for a fifth year.

**V. Task Force Updates**

A handout titled State Plan Projects was shared that provides detailed information on the current status of all of the Council's State Plan projects, including a tri-annual update for this meeting. This document has been shared with all Council members. Supplemental materials also included draft minutes from the January 11 Aging Caregivers Task Force meeting and September 14 Broad Systems Change Task Force meeting.

Each Director, Programs and Contracts, briefed State Plan Committee members on the projects that fall under their Task Forces and highlighted one or two of those projects by providing more detailed information on their current status. Council members chose one project update from the collaborative

Task Force presentation to be shared with the full Council. The Florida Project SEARCH Adult Model was selected, and we will hear from Jan Pearce shortly as a part of this report.

**VI. Approval of New Project**

The State Plan Committee approved a new project for research that will span over two years and assist in understanding the perspective of families and bridging the gap between the aging and developmental disability networks. The University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) houses the Research and Training Center on Developmental Disabilities and Health across the Lifespan with a major research focus on aging and intellectual and developmental disabilities. Dr. Tamar Heller is a professor and head of the Department of Disability and Human Development at UIC and Director of the Illinois' University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities. Dr. Heller is nationally known for her research in aging and developmental disabilities and will serve as the principal investigator for this initiative.

**VII. Florida Project SEARCH Adult Model Presentation**

Jan will now share the Florida Project SEARCH Adult Model presentation segment from our State Plan Committee meeting yesterday.