

## Americans with Disability Advisory Council (ADAAC) Minutes

**Date:** Tuesday, May 2, 2023

**Time:** 5:30 p.m.

**Location:** Zoom

**Council Members Present:**

Manuel Baca, Chair  
Roger Robb, Vice Chair  
Olivia Fadul  
Kerry Houlihan

**City Staff Present:**

Leigh Brunner, ADAAC Attorney  
John Craig, Director of General Services  
Amanda Trujillo, Executive Assistant

**Council Members Not Present:**

Rand Lara Porter-Park

**Members of the Public:**

Alex Luce, ASL Interpreter  
Gabe Cerda, ASL Interpreter  
Katherine Hynan, BSN, RN, IQVIA  
Desai Masoom, Neurologist, UNMH  
Rob Alunday, MD, UNMH

**I. Call to Order**

- a. The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m. by Chair Baca.

**II. Approval of the Agenda**

- a. Chair Baca moved to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Olivia Fadul. Other council members unanimously approved the motion.

**III. Approval of Minutes from April 4, 2023 Meeting**

- a. Member Houlihan moved to approve the April 4, 2023 minutes. The motion was seconded by Olivia Fadul. Other council members unanimously approved the motion.

**IV. Introductions**

- a. All board members, guests and City employees who were present introduced themselves.

**V. Public Comments**

- a. No public comments

**VI. Presentation on the RESET Study**

- a. Kati started off with a Power Point presentation about the RESET (Researching Established Status Epilepticus Treatment) study.
- b. Kati then gave an overview of the presentation and how the study came about, stating the reason this study is being done is because Status Epilepticus is the 2<sup>nd</sup> most common neurologic emergency in the US.
- c. There are no current approved treatments for SE or ESE.
- d. The drug that is being studied is called Ganaxalone, an investigational medicine, in addition to current first and second-line treatment medicines used in emergency department setting.

- e. Kati stated, that although side effects have not been to prominent, there are a few side effects that have been reported.
- f. Anyone can participate in the Study as long as they are 18 years or older who continues to seize despite the first-line seizure treatment.
- g. After the presentation was over the panel took questions from the Board.
- h. Ms, Fadul didn't have any questions but was excited that about the research.
- i. Kati also mentioned there is a website that has much more information ([www.the resetstudy.com](http://www.theresetstudy.com)) and there is also a Focus group if anyone wants join.
- j. Mr. Robb asked if they were to get involved would the group be willing to accommodate the needs of the deaf community since they use such a diverse way of communication. Katy is not sure about the Focus group but there are flyers and brochures available. She will take this question back to the team. Dr. Desai said they do have interpreters but she will look into if they have interpreters for the Focus group as well. They can also create a sign language video.
- k. Dr. Desai said they would like to get a feel about how the community feels about the study and asked the Board if they would fill out some surveys that would help with the study.
- l. Ms. Fadul asked how they are attaining participants and if they are using Social Media. Dr. Desai said they are creating events as well as the website, flyers, newspaper, radio, and different organizations will be posting it for them as well. Mr. Baca asked if we could put it on the City's web page, Mr. Craig said yes, he will have if posted on the City's website.
- m. Dr. Desai gave her contact information just in case anyone had more questions.

## **VII. Discuss having different speakers from disability groups**

- a. Chair Baca would like to have guest speakers from different disability groups speak at the meeting for about 30 minutes about what they do and the services they offer, network with groups and refer people to them.
- b. Co-Chair Roger stated that they are representing the disability community as a whole. He would like more meaning in the meetings. The Council need to do something to get awareness out there and get people involved and represent the community as a whole. Chair Baca agrees.
- c. Ms. Fadul thinks this Council is a selling point for the City of Albuquerque because this council is unique and there are not many cities that have a Council like this. She thinks this could be a marketing tool and is inclusive. Ms. Fadul would like to get it out there that New Mexico, especially Albuquerque is accessible and thinks it will bring revenue to our City. Chair Baca also stated that it can also attract tourist as well.
- d. Chair Baca says that every person with a disability should be represented by the Council and their needs are the Council's needs.
- e. Co-Chair Roger said that he works for the Commission of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. He thinks they should focus on groups that are not already being represented in the Council. Maybe everyone can research what organizations are out there and talk about in the next meeting.
- f. Ms. Fadul will start a Google Doc and share it with everyone so each person can add to the list. The document will keep them organized.
- g. Mr. Craig reminded them that he is working hard on getting the ADA Coordinator position filled to help out the Council.
- h. Co-Chair Roger asked if it applies to any issue within Albuquerque or just local Government. Mr. Craig stated just local Government. He will also make sure we are coordinating with the County's ADA Coordinator.
- i. Ms. Houlihan stated that she put a couple of recommendations for speakers in the chat. One of them is Medical Debt Resolutions and the other is Laray Sears who has a child with

Autism. Manny will put them on next month's Agenda if possible. She also knows someone from the jail in Santa Fe and will reach out.

- j. Manny will talk to the Cody of the Cody Unser Foundation to see if she would be available to speak at one of the meetings as well.
- k. The Council then discussed how important it is that they advocate for individuals with disabilities.

**VIII. Discuss further training on disability culture and language**

- a. Co-Chair Roger talked about how acronyms and words can be interpreted by the deaf community as something other than what it is intended for. Such as DA, he uses that to describe disability.
- b. The council discussed how acronyms can be interpreted differently. Chair Baca said maybe they can come up with a list of acronyms and their meaning, so they can help out the disabled community.

**IX. Having local businesses be more helpful to people who are affected by a disability.**

- a. Chair Baca stated that he would like the Council to help local businesses be more of the surroundings and find ways to encourage them so they are all ADA compliant.
- b. Chair Baca and Ms. Houlihan gave examples of local businesses that were not ADA accessible.
- c. Co-chair Roger says he comes across the same problem with movie theaters with closed captioning.

**X. Discuss final changes to the Letter to the Mayor.**

- a. John shared the letter and discussed the changes that were made to the letter.
- b. All members approved the letter to be delivered to the Mayor. John and Amanda will get the letter to the Mayor.
- c. Ms. Fadul expressed some concerns and wants to make sure the facility where the Retreat is going to be held is equipped with microphones, or any other equipment necessary to meet her needs as well as Co-Chair Rogers needs.

**XI. New Business and Announcements from Members**

- a. Ms. Houlihan confirmed a member of Debt Resolution will be a quest speaker for the next meeting.

**XII. Public Comment**

- a. No public comment.

**XIII. Adjournment**

- a. Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

*Next regularly scheduled ADA Advisory Council Meeting will be Tuesday, June 6, 2023.*

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Manuel Baca, Chair

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Date