

### Purpose

Creates the Coordinating Council for Persons with Disabilities, which coordinates policy concerning, and care for, persons with disabilities.

### Current Sunset Date

July 1, 2022 (Utah Code Section [63I-1-262](#))

### Sections of Code that Sunset

- [62A-5a-101](#) through [62A-5a-104](#)

#### 62A-5a-101. Policy statement.

It is the policy of this state that all agencies that provide services to persons with disabilities:

- (1) coordinate and ensure that services and supports are provided in a cost-effective manner. It is the intent of the Legislature that services and supports provided under this chapter be coordinated to meet the individual needs of persons with disabilities; and
- (2) whenever possible, regard an individual's personal choices concerning services and supports that are best suited to his individual needs and that promote his independence, productivity, and integration in community life.

#### 62A-5a-102. Definitions.

As used in this chapter:

- (1) "Council" means the Coordinating Council for Persons with Disabilities.
- (2) "State agencies" means:
  - (a) the Division of Services for People with Disabilities and the Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health, within the Department of Human Services;
  - (b) the Division of Health Care Financing within the Department of Health;
  - (c) family health services programs established under [Title 26, Chapter 10, Family Health Services](#), operated by the Department of Health;
  - (d) the Utah State Office of Rehabilitation created in Section [35A-1-202](#); and
  - (e) special education programs operated by the State Board of Education or an LEA under [Title 53E, Chapter 7, Part 2, Special Education Program](#).

#### 62A-5a-103. Coordinating Council for Persons with Disabilities – Creation – Membership – Expenses.

- (1) There is created the Coordinating Council for Persons with Disabilities.
- (2) The council shall consist of:
  - (a) the director of the Division of Services for People with Disabilities within the Department of Human Services, or the director's designee;
  - (b) the director of family health services programs, appointed under Section [26-10-3](#), or the director's designee;
  - (c) the director of the Utah State Office of Rehabilitation created in Section [35A-1-202](#), or the director's designee;
  - (d) the state director of special education, or the director's designee;

- (e) the director of the Division of Health Care Financing within the Department of Health, or the director's designee;
  - (f) the director of the Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health within the Department of Human Services, or the director's designee;
  - (g) the superintendent of Schools for the Deaf and the Blind, or the superintendent's designee; and
  - (h) a person with a disability, a family member of a person with a disability, or an advocate for persons with disabilities, appointed by the members listed in Subsections [\(2\)\(a\)](#) through [\(g\)](#).
- (3) (a) The council shall annually elect a chair from its membership.
- (b) Five members of the council are a quorum.
- (4) A member may not receive compensation or benefits for the member's service, but may receive per diem and travel expenses in accordance with:
- (a) Section [63A-3-106](#);
  - (b) Section [63A-3-107](#); and
  - (c) rules made by the Division of Finance pursuant to Sections [63A-3-106](#) and [63A-3-107](#).

**62A-5a-104. Powers of council.**

- (1) The council has authority, after local or individual efforts have failed, to:
- (a) coordinate the appropriate transition of persons with disabilities who receive services and support from one state agency to receive services and support from another state agency;
  - (b) coordinate policies governing the provision of services and support for persons with disabilities by state agencies; and
  - (c) consider issues regarding eligibility for services and support and, where possible, develop uniform eligibility standards for state agencies.
- (2) The council may receive appropriations from the Legislature to purchase services and supports for persons with disabilities as the council deems appropriate.