

## **DISABILITY OVERSIGHT SUB- COMMITTEE**

### **Mission Statement:**

**To identify and provide a reasonably definable delivery model, establishing the process of procurement and accountability, with the emphasis on transparency and to concisely give all New Mexicans the opportunity to better understand how funding allocations are provided for.**

**For many years the State of New Mexico that provide services to people with disabilities has been in total control of their services. For many years families that care for their adult/child have been at the hands of the agencies that provide services to the diasability community.**

**Throughout the years people with disabilities and their families have been treated like second class citizens due to the lack of information needed to defend themselves. For many years families were**

***not given accurate information on their rights and responsibilities. The State Departments that provide services did schedule hearing to go through the motions and hear people express their concerns. They had already had made their decisions as to the services that were going to be cut. The departments never asked families where they would like to see services cut from their budget. Our families would like to see a transparency working relationship with all the departments that provide services to people with disabilities.***

***The New Mexico Waiver Provider's Association has been meeting with families throughout the state to share information on their rights and responsibilities.***

***The NMWPA is requesting from the legislature the creation of a Disability Oversight Committee to oversee the services that are provided to people with disabilities, to better understand how funding allocations are provided to families. The Disability Oversight Committee would be a sub-committee of the Disability Concerns Committee.***

***Representation:***

***The Disability Oversight Committee should consist of four legislators preferably;***

***One Democratic Senator***

***One Republican Senator***

***One Democratic Representative***

***One Republican Representative***

***Four advocates which may include people with disabilities parents, advocates and or professionals***

***State Auditor and Attorney General***

***Outcomes:***

***I. Consistant Communication***

***II. Responsible input and substanctive feedback***

***III. The pre-planning, planning and coordination of future services for people with disabilities***

***IV. Policy enactment which uses nationally recognized and established "best practices".***

