



**Minutes of Meeting  
April 24, 2015  
Ramkota, Sioux Falls**

Members Present:

Jan Banghart

Valere Beeck

JoAnne Cleveland

Teresa Geraets

Barb Hemmelman

Angel Maggard

Lisa Merchen

Rose Moehring

Mark Way

Jolon Beck

Roger Bowie

Melissa Flor

Dawn Hahn

Dan Lusk

Pat Monson

Tim Neyhart

Peggy Waltner

Eric Weiss

Others Attending:

Arlene Poncelet

Darryl Millner

Jennifer Krieger

INTRODUCTIONS

Valere Beeck called meeting to order at 8:46 a.m. Valere then read the mission statement: "To assist people with developmental disabilities and their families in achieving the quality of life they desire." A round of introductions was completed along with something that has happened with you or your family. Valere noted that this is the last meeting for Jolon and Dawn. Monica and Janice are eligible for another term but have decided not to remain on the Council.

AGENDA & MINUTES

Angel Maggard made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Mark Way. Motion passed.

JoAnn Cleveland made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 16, 2015, Council meeting seconded by Teresa Geraets. Motion passed.

### REVIEW AND ACCEPT THE REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Mark Way made a motion to accept the reports of the Executive Committee meeting February 17, 2015, April 7, 2015 and April 21, 2015, seconded by Teresa Geraets. Motion passed.

### REVIEW AND APPROVE THE ACTIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The following actions were taken at the February 17<sup>th</sup>, April 7<sup>th</sup> and April 21<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Executive Committee;

1. Lighting the Way Autism Conference - \$5,000
2. Caring for Smiles - \$5,000
3. Fallout Art & Music Party Tour - \$5,000
4. Center for Disabilities Public Information – grant extension
5. Council member recommendations
6. C-Hawk Coffee Shop - \$1,740

Discussion was held about the title of the Fallout Art & Music Party tour. Arlene will discuss with the grantee.

Valere gave an overview of the council member recommendations and who they are recommending to the Governor's Office.

JoAnn Cleveland made a motion to approve the actions of the Executive Committee, seconded by Angel Maggard. Motion passed.

## EVALUATION OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The annual review of the Executive Director was completed with only one area that did not exceed expectations (how to let people know about the DD Council and what we do). Arlene is on her 21<sup>st</sup> year for the council making her qualified for a \$500 bonus for years of service and the board recommended a 5% increase to the salary base. Dawn Hahn made a motion to accept the 5% increase to Arlene's salary base, seconded by Mark Way. Motion passed

## STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES

Arlene shared a full version and a bulleted version of the Statement of Principles. It was decided that the bulleted version should be used for speaking points and the full version is what should be distributed.

## NEW 5-YEAR STATE PLAN DEVELOPMENT

Part of the 5-year plan development is to receive outside public input on the DD Council and what the goals will be for the next five years. Arlene is looking for input to build the goals now. Arlene suggested having a meeting with as many of the groups as possible to seek their input. Arlene handed out a list of the suggested boards and councils. Other suggestions were the board for SD Parent Connection, the Special Education Advisory Panel and the Interagency Coordinating Council. Discussion was held about what information is needed and it was suggested to have questions developed and handed out prior to any meeting. One of the questions is what other organizations know about the DD Council. Another suggestion was that the Council needs to get into the communities and publicize when the Council will be there and allow time for public input at those events or meetings. Another suggestion was to do a survey monkey to all of the Partners graduates.

## UPDATE FROM DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

Dan gave a presentation on Live.Life.Well. Dan explained how the participants were paired and that one year of data will determine if changes need to be made before rolling the program out to all Community Support Providers. Dan provided LifeSpan folders and talked about the information in them. He then talked about the dissemination of the folders and that they are also on the Department of Human Services website where a survey about changes that may need to be made can be filled out.

Eric talked about the Employment Works Taskforce annual report. He informed the Council that Kimberly Hoberg is the main contact for the state as the resource for employers to gain help with hiring people with disabilities. An RFP was done last fall with the intent for providers to expand services for those who are currently receiving workshop supports. The Division of Rehabilitation Services is helping to fund 13 different positions with an employment focus for those in segregated employment. Eric explained that there is an initiative offering an increased rate to VR employment service providers who are certified and explained the certification requirements. VR Counselors and employment services providers are learning about Person Centered Thinking Tools and how to incorporate them in working with people with disabilities. Eric also shared information on the Workforce Innovations and Opportunity Act.

Jan explained that in the past year a team approach has been used for consultations by SD Developmental Center (SDDC) staff with community members. She explained who is on the team and that they have had great success with this approach. She also explained that the SDDC dentist will be working with the Caring for Smiles program. They will have dentists come in to practice and learn how to work with people with disabilities. She also talked about the positive behavioral support pilot program that targets five people and staff are tracking the good things instead

of looking at the struggles. After collecting data from many different parts of the SDDC campus they will share the approach with the Community Support Providers.

### CHILD CARE SERVICES UPDATE

Pat explained what their mission is and what services are provided. She explained the reimbursement rate for children with disabilities in daycares and they also have slots that they negotiate rates for children that need one on one care. Pat talked about the new law, current safety requirements and the three new safety requirements.

### DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH UPDATE

Barb explained that she is involved in a lot of programs but talked about the state statute that every baby in South Dakota needs to be screened for certain disorders. The intent of legislation that was proposed in 2015 was to insure that if a disorder was identified that treatment could be started immediately. The Department of Health was given authority to implement rules and practices. Barb talked about the process to add Severe Combined Immune Disorder (SCID) to the list of required tests for newborns. She shared the newborn hearing screening process and how the goal is to address hearing problems early. The Health KiCC program (Better Health for Kids with Chronic Conditions) program serves children up to age 21 and is a gap filler for families with income too high for Medicaid or uninsured.

### MIDDLE SCHOOL ADVOCACY & LEADERSHIP PROJECT

John Johnson from the University of South Dakota Center for Disabilities explained to the Council that the focus of this proposal isn't just on self-advocacy but more broadly self-determination. It is known that if you teach self-advocacy while in school the outcomes will be better out of school. He explained that the current partners are South Dakota Parent Connection, Harrisburg North Middle School, Harrisburg South Middle School, and West

Central School. John talked about the four essential characteristics of self-determined behavior and that applied behavioral should be a last resort. He informed the council that one teacher for each school has already been identified and the teacher will write a plan and implement that plan. They will then teach others about the plan. Discussion was held about the budget, indirect rate used as match and amount of staff time shown in the proposal. Melissa Flor made a motion to approve \$24,950 in federal funds, seconded by Jolon Beck. Motion passed.

### BUDGET UPDATE

Arlene provided a report on the current status of the Council's budget for FFY14. The total grant for FFY15 was received at the end of January and the amount awarded was increased by \$20,191. The current funds available for grants are \$143,755.45. Also handed out were pie charts showing the FFY14 and FFY15 expenditures and how the expenditures fall under each objective. Arlene also included a five year summary of expenditures by cost category and a three year summary of expenditures by goal.

### Next Meeting

There was a suggestion to have the council meet at SDDC in Redfield at some point to see what they do. A doodle poll will be conducted to determine the date. Angel Maggard made a motion to have the next meeting at Redfield seconded by JoAnne Cleveland. Motion passed.

### ADJOURNMENT

Angel Maggard made a motion, seconded by Lisa Merchen, to adjourn the meeting at 3:00 p.m.