



**Minutes of Meeting
April 21, 2017
Best Western Plus Ramkota, Sioux Falls**

Members Present:

David Colling
Kathie Erdman-Becker
Reed Haug
Barb Hemmelman
Chuck Henrie
Pat Herman (proxy for Wendy
Parent Johnson)
Tania Kostal
Marcie Lorensberg
Angel Maggard

Carroll Forsch
Tim Neyhart
Crystal Reuter
Connie Schmitz
Derek Smith
Cindy Taber
Wendy Trujillo
Peggy Waltner
Eric Weiss (also proxy for
Darryl Millner)

Others Attending:

Arlene Poncelet
Allen Currey

Jennifer Krieger

INTRODUCTIONS

Peggy Waltner called meeting to order and reviewed the meeting agreements. Peggy read the mission statement: “To assist people with developmental disabilities and their families in achieving the quality of life they desire through advocacy, systems change and capacity building.” Members were asked to introduce themselves.

AGENDA & MINUTES

Cindy Taber made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Derek Smith. Motion passed.

Chuck Henrie made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 27, 2017 meeting as corrected, seconded by Crystal Reuter. Motion passed

REVIEW AND ACCEPT THE REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Marcie Lorensberg made a motion to accept the report of the Executive Committee meeting held April 6, 2017, seconded by Derek Smith. Motion passed.

REVIEW AND APPROVE THE ACTIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The following actions were taken at the April 6, 2016, meeting of the Executive Committee:

- a. Lighting the Way Autism Conference, Augustana University, \$5,000 of federal funds recommended for approval
- b. Project SEARCH Conference, East Dakota Educational Cooperative/Teachwell Solutions, \$5,000 of federal funds recommended for approval
- c. Leadership South Dakota, Dillon Haug, \$750 of federal funds recommended for approval
- d. Public Information & Awareness 2016-17 grant, Center for Disabilities, extension of time from 3/31/17 to 7/31/17; recommended for approval
- e. Frontline Supervisors Training, Community Support Providers of South Dakota, extension of time from 5/31/17 to 9/30/17; recommended for approval
- f. Council member recommendations for open positions
- g. PAES (Practical Assessment Exploration System), Lennox School District, no recommendation from Executive Committee – full Council needs to discuss

- h. Peer Support Model – Fun with Friends, Wegleitner’s & SD Coalition of Citizens with Disabilities, no recommendation from Executive Committee – full Council needs to discuss

Derek Smith made a motion, seconded by Marcie Lorensberg, to approve federal funding in the amount of \$5,000 each for Augustana University and East Dakota Educational Cooperative/Teachwell Solutions. Motion passed. The Council asked that a report be provided to the Council from East Dakota Educational Cooperative.

Angel Maggard made a motion, seconded by Chuck Henrie, to approve \$750 of federal funding for Dillon Haug’s request for Leadership South Dakota. Motion passed. Reed Haug and Tim Neyhart abstained.

Chuck Henrie made a motion, seconded by Derek Smith, to approve the extension of time for the Public Information and Awareness 2016-17 grant through the Center for Disabilities. Motion passed. Pat Herman abstained.

Angel Maggard made a motion, seconded by Derek Smith, to approve the extension of time for the Frontline Supervisors Training grant through the Community Support Providers of South Dakota. Motion passed.

Derek Smith made a motion, seconded by Kathie Erdman-Becker, to deny funding for the PAES (Practical Assessment Exploration System). Motion passed.

Discussion included:

- Appears to mimic a sheltered workshop approach with no plan to engage community partners and eventually place the students in real work sites.

- The lab approach appears to isolate people with disabilities rather than providing an integrated, inclusive school experience.
- PAES is based on an Autism Spectrum model and this “one size fits all” approach may not work for ALL students.
- No sources were cited to support the outcomes of this research-based program.
- Current regulations do not allow students to go from school directly to a sheltered workshop. Students must have work experiences in the community.
- Other options are available to provide work-related activities and skill building such as Project Skills. These should be highlighted in the letter sent to the school.
- Would have liked to see mention of working with employers.
- Concern that other schools will also apply for funds to implement this or a similar program.

Chuck Henrie made a motion, seconded by Kathie Erdman-Becker, to deny funding for the Peer Support Model – Fun with Friends application. Motion passed.

Discussion included:

- Activities were not specific enough.
- Needs to have a broader reach to help other communities
- How will the project be evaluated?
- Request seems pre-mature – would be better coming from an agency rather than family; group of participants identified and activities defined.
- Would like to see the independent living center take this need and develop something that others could replicate.

GRANT AMENDMENT – Supporting Families Community of Practice, Division of Developmental Disabilities

Jennifer Larson and John New with the Division of Developmental Disabilities provided an overview of the Supporting Families Community of Practice. They explained that the request for an additional \$15,000 over the next 3 years was the result of a change in the Statewide Committee from a small group of 5-10 people to a larger group of 35-40 with many parents, family members and self-advocates participating.

Chuck Henrie made a motion, seconded by Angel Maggard, to approve an additional \$15,000 of federal funds for the Supporting Families Community of Practice.

BUDGET UPDATE

Arlene shared the Department of Human Services reports showing the summary of expenditures by goals and objectives. Arlene realized that she had not provided Council members with her summary of the federal funds available. There was almost no change since the January meeting since the 2017 Federal budget is still operating under a continuing resolution through April 28. Arlene will send her report with the minutes.

NATIONAL CORE INDICATORS

Samantha Hynes with the Division of Developmental Disabilities shared information on the information and reports provided through the National Core Indicators (NCI) project. Information is gathered through surveys and interviews with self-advocates receiving services at the SD Developmental Center, through Family Support 360 and Community Support Providers. Samantha requested Council members help prioritize what information they would like to see in a user-friendly report of South Dakota data. The Center for Disabilities is working on trend information for South Dakota now that the Division has three years of data collection.

Council discussion included:

- Any surprises so far? Mental health data shows an increase in the number of people with mental health diagnoses and an increase in number of people with “some” behavior supports.
- Data by region? Not yet
- Additional questions – nutrition; cooking – independence; rights – “notified/knowing about” their rights is different than “exercising” their rights; discharge process is weighted against the service recipient

AUGIE ACCESS UPDATE

Jessica Lamb and 3 students shared information on the Augie Access Pilot Program that receives funding from the Council. The program is just ending year 2 of the 3 year project. This fall, the total number of students will be 15. The program has been pursuing accreditation through ThinkCollege.net. There is an employment focus for each participant. Augustana University is continuing its efforts and planning for continuation of the program beyond year 3.

EVALUATION OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Peggy shared the results of the evaluation completed by the Executive Committee with inclusion of comments from other Council members. The Executive Committee recommends a 2% increase to Arlene’s base salary. Peggy also shared that in checking the Society of Human Resource Managers (SHRM) – most organizations provided a 3% increase for 2016 and were looking at similar increases for 2017 even though these are uncertain times.

Eric shared that the State of South Dakota is providing a .3% increase for employees that will be used to offset insurance costs and a .3% increase for provider inflation.

Arlene requested information from other boards and councils to better understand how they approach salary changes. Less than half of the boards provided any response. Most are not similar to the Council in how they receive funding.

The decision for any changes to salary is the Council's. The timing has been changed so that changes made now are reflected in the contract that begins June 1, 2017.

Angel Maggard made a motion, seconded by Cindy Taber, to approve a 2% salary increase for the Arlene.

Chuck Henrie made a substitute motion to approve a 3% salary increase. Motion did not receive a second.

The Council voted on the original motion. Motion passed with a majority of the votes.

DIRECTORS REPORT

With the move of the Office of Adult Services and Aging to the Department of Human Services on April 12, the Council position held by the Department of Social Services will now cover Title XIX as required by the DD Act. A new member will be needed to represent the Older Americans Act as required by the DD Act. This change will also require an additional parent or self-advocate to meet the 60% requirement. As new Council members are recommended to the Governor next week, this change will be noted and appointments requested.

Through the Administration on Community Living, the DD Network had an opportunity to apply for participation in a National Disparities Leadership Academy. A letter of intent was submitted for a three person team – one from the Council, one from the Center for Disabilities and one from South Dakota Advocacy

Services. South Dakota was accepted. Our team includes Wendy Parent-Johnson, Carrie Geppert and Arlene Poncelet. Team members have several activities to complete prior to attending the academy, June 26-29, 2017 in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Arlene shared several infographics that have been developed by the Center for Disabilities, SD Advocacy Services and Coalition (on behalf of the Council). Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month was held in March with a proclamation from the Governor. Many activities were held throughout the state.

Next Meeting

Possible dates of July 24 or 25 were given for a meeting in Chamberlain.

ADJOURNMENT

Angel Maggard made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Chuck Henrie. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.