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on Developmental Disabilities



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**Minutes of Meeting
September 23-24, 2015
Holiday Inn Express, Spearfish**

Members Present:

Jan Banghart
JoAnne Cleveland
Melissa Flor
Chuck Henrie
Darryl Millner Proxy Dan Lusk
Lisa Merchen
Tim Neyhart
Crystal Reuter
Peggy Waltner

Valere Beeck
Kathie Erdman-Becker
Reed Haug
Jackie Juhala
Angel Maggard
Pat Monson
Wendy Parent Johnson
Brad Saathoff
Mark Way

Others Attending:

Arlene Poncelet
Samantha Hynes

INTRODUCTIONS

Valere Beeck called meeting to order at 1:07 p.m. Valere read the mission statement: "To assist people with developmental disabilities and their families in achieving the quality of life they desire." There were several new members present. A round of introductions was completed along with asking what feeds your spirit or what interests you in this field.

- Technology – use to promote independence
- Advocacy for others with disability
- Safety – as people live independently
- Employment

- Recreation
- Educate – students, families and teachers higher expectations for all
- SD Advocates for change
- Mental health issues
- Self-esteem
- Making sure people with disabilities are doing the best they can
- Helping those who can't speak up for themselves
- Number of kids dismissed from daycare (behavior challenges)
- Quality – opportunities to participate
- Autism – early intervention services
- Services/supports really work for the people with developmental disabilities (resiliency – loneliness)
- Accessibility of businesses/locations
- Self-advocacy
- Change – keep moving forward
- Person-Centered Practices
- Freedom of choice
- Care – Welfare – Safety for all (people with disabilities and staff)
- Health – sexual health and rights

AGENDA & MINUTES

Mark Way made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Kathie Erdman-Becker. Motion passed.

REVIEW AND ACCEPT THE REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Crystal Reuter made a motion to accept the report of the Executive Committee meeting September 15, 2015, seconded by Mark Way. Motion passed.

REVIEW AND APPROVE THE ACTIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The following actions were taken at the September 15, 2015, meeting of the Executive Committee;

1. Partners – Request to purchase laptop was approved
2. Live.Life.Well – Present to full Council in September

BUDGET UPDATE

Arlene provided 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. Arlene apologized as she did not bring the available grant funds report, but funds are available for all presentations at the September meeting. Mark Way made a motion to accept the budget, seconded by Jackie Juhala. Motion passed.

PARTNERS IN POLICYMAKING

Tim Neyhart presented the grant application for Year 24 of Partners in Policymaking. Selection is currently underway. This year 59 applied and there are 557 graduates of partners. Partners have been able to utilize unspent funds to reach out to communities where Partners has never been. Tim talked about what is learned at Partners, told stories about direct outcomes of graduating partners, and what kind of classes they would like to add. Room for growth was discussed but Tim informed the Council that right now classes are limited to 25-30 people. It was explained that \$10,000.00 of the funds requested are for the DD Council to hold their meeting during Partners graduation (covers motel rooms for DD Council members and supports 10-15 graduates that can't afford to attend). Jackie Jahula made a motion to approve \$125,000 in federal funds for Partners in Policymaking, seconded by Chuck Henrie. Motion passed. Tim Neyhart abstained.

OUTREACH & SUPPORT FOR THE DD COUNCIL

Collette Wagoner and Shelly Pfaff presented via phone. The purpose of this grant is to provide support to the council such as helping cover trainings, supporting self-advocates, registration and travel assistance advances for a few individuals with DD and their family members to attend conferences. They have done research and provided information such as the transit fact sheets,

and updated criminal justice handbook. The Coalition helps support the DD Council and can be looked at in place of part time staff and they can focus more on the needs of the council and be flexible. Mark way made a motion to approve \$21,525.00 in federal funds for Outreach & Support for the DD Council, seconded by Kathie Erdman-Becker. Motion passed.

SOUTH DAKOTA ADVOCATES FOR CHANGE

Eric Bowers and Julie Lewandowski did a presentation called BEATLES which was also done for the SD Advocacy JAM. Each letter was for a part of self-advocacy and was explained. Shelly Pfaff talked about some of the new pieces that were added to the grant application such as working on advocating beyond the individuals needs and to a broader network of people. Another thing that has been added is leadership development and looking at other opportunities for advocacy. They talked about picking topics for training and developing more skills around what it means to be a leader. They have had a difficult time in the last 20 years recruiting people with intellectual disabilities as part of other disabilities coalitions but using the DD Council they have been able to expand and tap into resources to address this need and get representation on other committees. Most of the advocates are involved in local self-advocacy groups. Chuck Henrie made a motion, seconded by Angel Maggard, to approve \$\$57,379 of federal funds for SD Advocates for Change. Motion passed.

LIVE.LIFE.WELL

Samantha Hynes, Division of Developmetnal Disabilities, presented information on the Live.Life.Well grant application. Discussion was held about researching different varieties of cookbooks to address items that are more applicable to South Dakota. It was also suggested to look into other corporate partners such as athletic chain stores, grocery stores and insurance companies to help lower the cost of items for the bags. JoAnne Cleveland made a motion to approve \$17,140.95 in

federal funds for Live.Life.Well. seconded by Mark Way. Darryl Millner abstained.

FIVE YEAR STATE PLAN

Arlene provided background of the revisions to the state plan and council members were informed that the performance measures were changing. Council members received a portfolio of items regarding the new state plan template, targeted disparity, collaboration and more. Council members gave their input on important items they feel should be addressed, how to address them and the need to have measurable goals. Arlene asked Council members to review the items on the flip charts that came from the stakeholder surveys, family support coordinators, and Council member input. Then each member received 3 dots and were asked to put the pink dot on their highest priority, yellow on the second highest and orange on the third priority. Overnight, Arlene will summarize the selections and the Council will determine its goal areas.

The meeting recessed until 8 a.m. on Thursday, September 24, 2015.

DAKOTALINK

Patrick Czerney explained what DakotaLink is and their mission and goals. He explained how they are funded, where offices are and their major projects and activities. He also talked about the different types of technology that they have for reading, writing, math, memory, speech, hearing and orientation, mobility and ambulation. Brad thought that technology is something that the Council should consider for the new five-year plan. Jan pointed out that assistive technology is part of Money Follows the Person activities. Tim added that SDAS has a section in their newsletter with technology apps that have already been researched and tested.

Wendy commented that assistive technology is often brought in as a last resort for people with significant disabilities. She also shared a need for universal design in education and getting assistive technology to young students (particularly in the areas of communication devices). Often the assistive technology is used for a short time and then put on a shelf ... a suggestion was to provide training for the people working with the person with a disability who uses assistive technology and teach the supporters to ask the questions and take those questions or problems to the problem solvers.

The Colman Institute for Cognitive Disabilities has a Declaration of Rights of People with Cognitive Disabilities to Technology and Information Access. More info available at:
<http://www.colemaninstitute.org/declaration>

OFFICE OF SPECIAL EDUCATION UPDATE

Melissa Flor, Assistant Director for the Office of Special Education Programs, explained that the Department of Education wants all students to be College, Career and Life Ready. Special education is specialized instruction and education for students with disabilities. She provided statistics on special education. A workgroup has been working on rules for Restraint and Seclusion. The regulations being developed will cover all children in schools. The first reading at the Board of Education will be in January. Melissa will share information with Arlene to share with the Council. A public comment period will begin after the January Board of Education meeting. In the area of Transition, Melisa shared that her office hears that people are having difficulties with “transition”, but without specifics it is difficult to fix.

DIVISION OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES UPDATE

Darryl Millner talked about the major initiatives that are going on that will impact the provision of services. Darryl shared some statistics and explained the difference between the CHOICES and

Family Support waivers. Darryl talked about the final Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) rule that was issued in March 2014 focusing on person centered supports and ensuring that individuals are fully accessing the community. He explained that our division has been at the forefront of person centered thinking since 2006 and SD has been recognized as a leader in this area.

Another component of the HCBS rule is conflict free case management. Darryl explained more about conflict free case management and answered questions. A flyer has been disseminated to share information and a second flyer is being developed to share more details. Community Conversations will be held in the spring. Enrollment of case management providers will be announced soon. Funding for case management includes caseloads of 34 people, average of 3 ½ hours per month and 1 face-to-face meeting every quarter.

Darryl shared information on the Waiver Definitions that are being developed and activities of the Financial Workgroup including the need for a management information system to allow individualized budgets and person/family-driven services.

Other topics covered included the LifeSpan Folders, technology pilots and development of a standard Individual Support Plan format.

Val asked about possible legislation regarding the ABLE Act. Darryl shared that a legislative process or approach is being discussed by Dan Lusk, Gloria Pearson and the DHS attorney.

FIVE YEAR STATE PLAN

Arlene shared the top 6 areas from the previous days prioritizing. They were: workforce issues; early intervention; safety & security (independent living); supported and competitive employment; and DD Council work more with other boards and groups. Arlene then

asked the Council to discuss each of these topics separately and to share what that means to them. This conversation will lead to development of the goals and objectives for the new state plan.

The highest priority issues and what council members felt was included are:

Workforce issues

- Staff knowledgeable and trained
- Things that elevate the status of the workforce
 - Credentialing - National Association of DSPs
 - Recognition
- Training
 - Person centered practices
 - General awareness of disabilities
 - Assistive Technology
- How entities can support staff who may need supports in their own lives. (daycare, housing, employee assistance programs)

Early Intervention

- Easy access to supports
- Training
 - General awareness of disabilities for child care providers, teachers, parents
- Public awareness – abilities
- Better communication and linkages
- Getting technology earlier
- Head Start and birth to three
- Lifespan folders - distribution
- Behavioral health challenges
- Integrated day care and after school programs
- Respite
- Legislation – ABA, child care providers

Safety and Security

- Person to feel safe and secure in their own environment
- Technology – person can live as independently as possible

- Self-determination, self-advocacy, supported decision making, peer mentoring
- Accessibility
- Freedom of choice – Dignity of risk
- Preparedness (example safety at the pool, etc.)
- ADA
- Self-defense/ home defense
- Work with law enforcement

Employment

- Technology and adaptive devices
- Transportation
- For all people including those with significant disabilities
- A lot of employment initiatives going on – making sure we enhance the current efforts
- Opportunities
- Accessibility
 - Adherence to ADA
- Raising expectations
- Provide supports to work competitively
- Post-secondary education
- Coordination of existing services
 - Voc. rehab
 - Braiding funding streams
- Getting a job earlier
- Project Search
- SELN (State Employment Leadership Network)
- Governor's Employment Task Force
 - Ability for Hire
- Social networking
 - Connecting with others (coworkers) to get transportation to work etc.

Collaboration with other board and groups

- Governor's task force works with SD retailers
- DDC and CSPs find niche jobs
- Continue meetings with other boards similar to July 15 meeting
- Look to other boards, we don't usually connect with

- State tech institutes
- Workforce development
- Job Centers
- DakotaLink

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Arlene informed the Council that a Chair, Vice Chair and Member-at-Large need to be elected. The Chair and Vice Chair positions are two year terms and must be a parent or person with a disability. Jan Banghart nominated Peggy Waltner for Chair, seconded by Melisa Flor. Val nominated Crystal Reuter for Vice Chair, seconded by Jan. Motions approved. Tim expressed appreciation for Val and her leadership of the group.

The Member-at-Large position is for one year and can be anyone on the Council. Melissa Flor nominated Angel Maggard as the Member at Large, seconded by Peggy Walter. Motion approved.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be in January via DDN. There will be two grant applications and discussion about the state plan.

ADJOURNMENT

Angel Maggard made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Jackie Juhala. Meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.