

**Board of Vocational Rehabilitation (BVR)
Executive Committee
April 5, 2022**

Present: Cole Uecker, Brad Konechne, and Kevin Barber. Eric Weiss was absent. Others present Colette Wagoner, BVR staff and Julie Paluch, interpreter.

Meeting was convened at 2:00 pm/central time via Zoom. The Executive Committee met to review an organizational funding request.

Cole thanked members for coming together. He convened the meeting to promote discussion of members and noted that any action taken today would be reflected in the meeting minutes. In years past, SD Parent Connection typically submitted the funding request by the end of January. The Executive Committee reviewed the request in February, made a funding recommendation, and then the committee's action was approved by the full BVR during the March meeting.

The 2022 Lighting the Way funding request was received following the BVR's March meeting. The BVR has provided financial support to this conference in the past and had done so in 2020 but the conference was cancelled due to the pandemic. The 2022 LTW request was for the amount of \$2,000 to support presenter fees and related travel expenses. **MOTION MADE (M) TO APPROVE UP TO \$2,000 IN SUPPORT OF THE 2022 LIGHTING THE WAY (LTW) CONFERENCE; AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS IN OUR COMMUNITY, MOTION SECONDED (S).** Discussion followed on the committee's role and bylaws that stipulate the committee may act on behalf of the BVR to perform necessary matters between regular meetings. Comments were made that the BVR has financially supported this conference over the years and it's a well-known event. There was discussion of the BVR's Strategic Planning budget line item. Members felt comfortable with moving forward with approving financial support for the conference. They concurred that it would be different if the request came from an unknown entity in support of an unknown event. Cole stated he would like input from the Board regarding this process, executive committee's duties/authority, and if the process should continue or change during the June meeting. Brad and Kevin noted they were comfortable with the Executive Committee's decision to support this request. **MOTION CARRIED (C).** YEAS: Kevin, Brad, and Cole.

Cole thanked members for making adjustments to make the meeting happen today. He noted again he felt it was important to allow time for conversation and any resulting decisions; and not leave this to an email. SD Parent Connection will be encouraged to submit future requests timelier based upon the meetings of the BVR.

There was no further business or discussion. The meeting was adjourned at 2:25 pm.