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South Dakota **Council**
on Developmental Disabilities



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**Minutes of Meeting
February 11, 2022
Zoom**

Members Present:

Barb Abeln

Bob “Skippy” Blechinger

Melanie Boetel

Whitney Bruner

Marlys Feist

Toni Feist

Erica Gloor

Valerie Husby

Caryn Johnson

Tania Kostal

Eric Kurtz

Julie Nelson

Tim Neyhart

Derek Smith

Wendy Trujillo

Tina Two Crow Slow Bear

Sara Valle

Joey Younie

Others Attending:

Arlene Poncelet

Brenda Smith

INTRODUCTIONS

Erica Gloor, Chair, called the meeting to order. The meeting agreements were reviewed.

APPROVE AGENDA

Arlene requested to change item #12 to discuss the Public Health Workforce Funding. Bob Blechinger made a motion, seconded by Sara Valle, to approve the agenda as revised. Motion passed.

APPROVE MINUTES

Toni Feist made a motion, seconded by Derek Smith to approve the minutes of the meeting held October 22, 2021. Motion passed.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ACTIONS

Toni Feist made a motion, seconded by Bob Blechinger, to approve the reports of the Executive Committee meetings held January 3 and February 7, 2022. Motion passed.

Erica reviewed the decisions made by the Executive Committee:

1. Rare by Design, The Style Show, no funding approved, several questions needed clarifying.
2. Niagara University First Responder Disability Awareness Training, asked to submit a full proposal for Year 4
3. Approved extension of time for Oyate Circle for the Native American Advocacy & Leadership grant
4. Approved extension of time for SD Parent Connection for the Parent Child Journey Training grant
5. Recommended approval of \$5,000 of federal funds to Augustana University for Lighting the Way Autism Conference
6. Recommended approval of \$5,000 of federal funds to Rare by Design for The Style Show

Derek Smith made a motion, seconded by Bob Blechinger, to approve items 1-5. Motion passed 17-0.

The Council discussed several items that were concerns from the first application received. Bob Blechinger made a motion, seconded by Toni Feist, to approve item 6, The Style Show. Motion passed 17-0. Wendy Trujillo abstained.

BUDGET UPDATE

Arlene Poncelet reviewed the budget reports provided by the Department of Human Services – DDC Report (charts and

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summary pages) and the Forecast Summary. Arlene reviewed the Information Budget that she prepares using the Department of Human Services monthly grant sheets. This shows that the Council has over-obligated funds from FFY20 and FFY21 grant awards in the amount of \$20,784.97. The FFY22 grant award began on October 1, but due to the Continuing Resolution from Congress, we have received only \$202,524 until a final budget is passed by Congress. Using the FFY22 estimated funding for FFY23 shows that the Council has approximately \$314,313 available for projects.

Toni Feist made a motion, seconded by Bob Blechinger, to accept the budget report as presented. Motion passed.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Arlene Poncelet shared that she has been working on the FFY21 Annual report and submission of both the FFY20 and FFY21 reports as soon as the electronic data system is working properly. Both reports are due March 1, 2022.

PUBLIC HEALTH WORKFORCE FUNDING

Arlene began sharing about the Public Health Workforce Funding that has been made available from the Administration on Community Living (ACL). As of a Zoom update on February 10, six councils have declined the funding. The Council must accept or decline the funding by today, February 11. David Jones, Director, ACL/AoD/Office on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities stated during the call that the funds are available through September 30, 2024 giving Councils time to plan and work through state government requirements. Arlene shared some ideas from other Councils and the DD Network Partners (Eric Kurtz and Tim Neyhart) shared their ideas and why they accepted the funding.

Toni Feist made a motion, seconded by Erica Gloor, to accept the Public Health Workforce Funding.

GRANT APPLICATION – First Responder Disability Awareness Training – Niagara University

David Whalen presented the proposal for continuing activities into year 4.

Derek Smith made a motion, seconded by Toni Feist, to approve \$49,992 of federal funds for the First Responder Disability Awareness Training grant. Motion passed 15-0 with Eric Kurtz abstaining.

GRANT APPLICATION – Youth Leadership Forum 2022 – Black Hills Special Services Cooperative

Dan Rounds and Darian Fallon presented the proposal to the Council. Two quotes from Darian that stood out were: “Just because someone has a disability doesn’t mean they don’t have potential” and “Towards the end of the week – we are family.” The Council appreciated Darian’s presentation and thanked her for sharing her experience.

Derek Smith made a motion, seconded by Bob Blechinger, to approve \$27,500 of federal funds for the Youth Leadership Forum 2022 grant. Motion passed 13-0 with Caryn Johnson, Wendy Trujillo and Joey Younie abstaining.

GRANT APPLICATION – Developmental Disabilities Council Public Information – USD Center for Disabilities

Kendra Gottsleben presented the proposal to the Council. She shared several website screenshots and explained that all videos are on the Center’s You Tube Channel. Derek Smith offered to share his recorded chats with Karen Harvey made during the pandemic.

Derek Smith made a motion, seconded by Bob Blechinger, to approve \$23,000 of federal funds for the Public Information

grant. Motion passed 12-0 with Eric Kurtz, Tim Neyhart and Joey Younie abstaining.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Arlene Poncelet explained that no one had contacted her about speaking at today's meeting and there were only Council members on Zoom. Arlene shared that the Wesleyan Quest program would be sharing during the April Public Comment time.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Arlene Poncelet shared that there are several bills that relate to people with disabilities that she has been following. She highly recommended that Council members check out the Legislative Research Council website and review the bills before the State Legislature.

Tim Neyhart shared that Disability Rights SD has someone hired to track and follow the bills this year and has been posting on their website and on Facebook an updated listing several times a week. Specific bills that may be of interest include: HB1129, HB1207, SB198, HB1001, HB1014, HB1011 and SB102.

Next Meeting

The Council's April meeting is usually the Friday of Partners Graduation weekend so Council members can choose to stay and attend all or some of the weekend events. This year, the meeting will be on April 22 and will include an in-person option as well as a Zoom option.

Adjourn

Toni Feist made a motion, seconded by Derek Smith, to adjourn the meeting at 12:05 p.m. Motion passed.