



**Minutes of Meeting
February 14, 2019**

**Dakota Digital Network Sites – Pierre, Sioux Falls, Spearfish,
Aberdeen, Rapid City, Chamberlain and Redfield**

Members Present:

Barb Abeln
Chuck Henrie
Crystal Reuter
Derek Smith
Eric Weiss
Linda Ahrendt
Tania Kostal
Wendy Trujillo

Carroll Forsch
Connie Schmitz
Darryl Millner
Erica Gloor
Kathy Erdman Becker
Reed Haug
Tim Neyhart
Yvette Thomas

Others Attending:

Arlene Poncelet
Natalie Perry

Jennifer Krieger

INTRODUCTIONS

Crystal Reuter called meeting to order and 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.” A round of introductions at each DDN site was completed. Once the introductions were complete the meeting agreements were read.

AGENDA & MINUTES

Arlene informed the Council that agenda items 7 and 10 will swap time frames. Erica Gloor made a motion to accept the agenda as revised, seconded by Chuck Henrie. Motion passed.

Chuck Henrie made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 18-19, 2018 meeting, seconded by Tania Kostal. Motion passed

BUDGET UPDATE

Only one of the seven contracts that were approved at the October meeting have been put into the system. Council members asked why and Arlene felt it was a backlog within DHS. Arlene explained that FFY17 was over obligated by \$77,285.69 and FFY18 was over obligated by \$26,983.30. After taking into consideration the amounts over obligated for the previous two years, the contracts not yet in the system and the proposals for the current meeting if approved, there is \$170,406.01 left in the FFY19 budget. Chuck Henrie made a motion to approve the budget update, seconded by Kathy Erdman Becker. Motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Natalie Perry with Disability Rights South Dakota introduced herself and shared her background. She explained that Disability Rights has priorities that they have to write every year. She talked about the PADD program, what she has done so far and in the future.

REVIEW AND APPROVE THE ACTIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The following actions were taken at the February 7, 2019, meeting of the Executive Committee;

1. Lighting the Way Autism Conference approved \$5,000
2. PCT and LifeCourse Ambassadors approved \$2,400

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3. Midwest Leadership Institute approved \$5,000
4. Sibling Leadership Network Conference approved \$500
5. SD Association of the Deaf – Arlene will send a mini grant application instead of a sponsorship.

Ben Anderson asked if he could submit another proposal for the Disability Awareness and Anti-Bullying presentation he does in schools. There was consensus that he could in the future.

Arlene asked if there needs to be a policy for sponsorships as she receives 6-8 every year. In the past, Arlene did not respond to conferences held out-of-state. For in-state conferences Arlene usually registers to have a booth and sometimes pays a registration fee. Yvette feels that the Council does need to have a policy. Arlene will draft what she currently does and provide more information in April.

Chuck Henrie made a motion to ratify the actions approved by the Executive Committee, seconded by Kathy Erdman Becker. Motion passed. Darryl Millner abstained from voting because of the PCT Ambassador request.

Evaluation of Executive Director - Crystal talked about the evaluations and read the comments that were given. There was discussion about compensation with no recommendation provided at this time. Kathy Erdman Becker talked about redesigning the compensation and wanted to know if there was any research on the way compensation is determined. The sub-committee looking at this topic will look at several options to give the Council in April. Compensation will be determined in April.

YOUTH LEADERSHIP FORUM 2019, BHSSC TRANSITION SERVICES LIAISON PROJECT

Dan Rounds provided an overview of the Youth Leadership Forum grant application. Jacob Moser, a student from Highmore, joined Dan to talk about his experience at YLF last year and what

other skills he has gained. During discussion of the grant, the Council noted that YLF is a grant that does a great job of telling their story and showing the outcomes of what they are doing. Chuck Henrie made a motion to accept the Youth Leadership Forum 2019, seconded by Tania Kostal. Motion passed. Eric Weiss and Wendy Trujillo abstained from the vote.

PUBLIC INFORMATION AND AWARENESS, CENTER FOR DISABILITIES

Kendra Gottsleben, Marketing Communications Director at the Center for Disabilities, reviewed the public information grant. She explained that they have had great comments about the Creating Possibilities magazine and informed the Council that if there is anybody that the Council would like to feature to let them know. Council discussion included efforts to keep the information current and dissemination of products.

Chuck Henrie made a motion to request additional information about what resources will be updated during this grant period, assurance that out-dated materials are not being disseminated and table the discussion until the next meeting, seconded by Derek Smith.

Roll Call Vote on the motion to delay the USD grant until next meeting: Tania Kostal – nay, Erica Gloor – nay, Crystal Reuter – nay, Kathy Erdman Becker – nay, Derek Smith - nay Eric Weiss – aye, Darryl Millner – aye, Tim Neyhart – aye, Chuck Henrie – aye, Connie Schmitz – aye, Barb Abeln – aye, Yvette Thomas – aye, Wendy Trujillo – aye, Linda Ahrendt – aye, Carol Forsche – aye, Reed Haug – aye. Motion passed.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS SOUTH DAKOTA – UNIFIED CHAMPION SCHOOLS

Julie Briggs returned to the Council and shared information on the data that is collected by Special Olympics International and the

data that she plans to collect from participating schools. She encouraged Council members to participate in the Spread the Word – of Inclusion campaign. Council members would like to see schools share stories of culture changes within their schools. Derek Smith made a motion, seconded by Tania, to give final approval of \$50,000 for Year 1 on the Unified Champion Schools grant application. Motion passed.

NIAGARA UNIVERSITY – FIRST RESPONDERS DISABILITY AWARENESS TRAINING

Arlene provided background from the October meeting on why a vote was delayed. Additional letters of support from South Dakota agencies and organizations were shared with Council members. Kathy Erdman-Becker made a motion, seconded by Chuck, to approve \$50,000 of funding for Year 1 of this project. Motion passed.

STATE PLAN ANNUAL WORK PLAN UPDATES

Arlene emailed everyone the update for the FFY19 Annual Work Plan. FFY20 and FFY21 look very similar. Arlene cleaned up language and added the workforce development and early intervention activities approved at the October meeting. Arlene will be working on submitting the FFY17 and FFY18 Annual Reports in the next couple weeks. These will be shared when completed.

ELECTION OF MEMBER AT LARGE

Arlene explained that the member at large can be anyone on the Council and it is chosen on a yearly basis. One person can serve two years at most and they serve on the executive committee. The member at large position is currently being held by David Colling and he is eligible for one more year. Kathy Erdman Becker nominated David Colling, seconded by Derek Smith. Motion carried.

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NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be in Sioux Falls on April 12, 2019.

ADJOURNMENT

Derek Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Kathy Erdman Becker.