

**Family Support Council Meeting**  
**March 28, 2020**  
**Conference Line**  
**Meeting Minutes**

Members present: Sarah Carlson, Pat Norin, Amber Finnesand, Kristi Hale, Tina Kenser, Michelle Powers, Bridget Leiseth, Rhiannon Town, Dianne Baumiller, Elizabeth Brown

Members absent: Tim Reinbold, Darci Bible, Janet Whiting, Jennifer Carda, Valerie Ahrendt

DHS Staff: Darryl Milner, Jaze Sollars, Kade Anderson

Opening Round and Introductions:

Sarah called the meeting to order at 8:32 AM CT.

Approval of minutes:

Michelle Powers motions to approve minutes from the September meeting, Pat seconds the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Public Input/Comment

Public comment was received related to the use of technology to support participants during the COVID-19 pandemic as well as the need for childcare supports during the time. Council members offered that families interested in joining the Family Support 360 Facebook group can contact Bridget.

New Council Member Information

Amber provides an update on getting introductory information on the Family Support Council members. Amber is developing personal bios and getting information gathered into the Family Support. Darryl discussed the members who are going to term out of the Family Support Council at the end of June and reminds that council members can remain on the council until their position is filled.

Family Support 360

- Jaze provides an update on progress of Keeping Families Connected Action Plan.
- Legislative Overview- Darryl provided an update on legislative session, explained Veto day, the General Appropriations Bill, and the impact of COVID-19 on DDD program services
- General Systems Overview and Update- Darryl provided an update on the Continuum of Care project.
- Family Support Budget- Darryl shared that DDD requested budget for growth in eligibles for FY21 and for increased administrative costs for programs.
- Recommendations- Jaze provided an update on clarifying language that was made in the Financial Assistance Guidelines. The language was updated to clarify the requirements for recommendations. Recommendations from therapist and doctors were creating a barrier to access allowable items within the categories, particularly for adult participants on the program. Removing the requirement for a recommendation intended to remove that barrier and prevent confusion with families who might think that just because they have a recommendation that the item will be covered. Regardless if a recommendation is received for an item, the item still has to fit within the constraints of allowable items within the guidelines.

- The Council had a conversation on supporting the mental well-being of the participants that we support. Coordinators should be focused on trauma informed care supports during this time. DDD will look into sharing resources through South Dakota Parent Connection newsletter and Facebook page.

Pat motions to adjourn the meeting Amber seconds the motion. The motion passed with all in favor. The meeting adjourned at 10:36 AM CT.

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Amber Finnesand  
Secretary

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