

Minutes of Meeting
February 3, 2023
Zoom

Members Present:

Katie Armstrong
Barb Abeln
Melanie Boetel
Whitney Bruner
Joe Carlson
Toni Feist
Diane Flahaven Neu
Erica Gloor
Bernie Grimme
Valerie Husby
Caryn Johnson

Jessie Kuechenmeister
Eric Kurtz
Julie Nelson
Shawnie Rechtenbaugh
Keath Rick
Brenda Smith
Liz Tiger
Wendy Trujillo
Cole Uecker
Sara Valle
Joey Younie

Others Attending:

Arlene Poncelet

INTRODUCTIONS

Erica Gloor, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1 p.m. The mission statement was read, and the meeting agreements were reviewed. All members were asked to introduce themselves and their role on the Council.

APPROVE AGENDA

Bernie Grimme made a motion, seconded by Toni Feist, to approve the agenda. Motion passed.

APPROVE MINUTES

Cole Uecker made a motion, seconded by Bernie Grimme, to approve the minutes from the October 18 and October 28, 2022 meetings. Motion passed.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ACTIONS

Bernie Grimme made a motion, seconded by Brenda Smith, to accept the report of the Executive Committee meeting held January 23, 2023. Motion passed.

Keath Rick made a motion, seconded by Liz Tiger, to ratify the actions of the executive committee as follows:

- a. Recommended approval of \$5,000 for Lighting the Way Autism Conference from Augustana University
- b. Recommended no funding for Emergency Preparedness Training from USD Communications Sciences and Disorders
- c. Requested the Association of South Dakota Peer Supporters present their grant to the full Council.
- d. Recommended no funding or presentation for Parenting at Risk Kids (PARK) from SD Parent Connection
- e. Supported funding for Caregiver Activities proposed by Arlene

Motion passed.

BUDGET UPDATE

Arlene Poncelet reviewed the Information Budget that she prepared. This showed available funds from FFY21, 22 and 23 as -\$14,370.87 (assuming today's proposals are approved and the remaining requests for proposals are also approved). The other reports from the Department of Human Services were reviewed as well showing expenditures by goal and/or objective and the Forecast Summary.

DIRECTORS REPORT

Arlene shared that the Council would have open positions on the Council. She reached out to members whose terms will expire on June 30, 2023 and asked if they were interested in remaining on

the Council. The process was changed this year and more than one name will need to be submitted for each position that is open. Arlene will send the application to everyone to share. Arlene may ask current members interested in re-appointment to complete an application as well.

Arlene shared information on the NACDD Annual Conference being held in July in Florida and the Administration on Community Living / ITACC (Information & Technical Assistance Center for Councils) Technical Assistance Institute to be held virtually the afternoons of May 10, 11, 16 and 17.

ITACC is also working with the Partnership for Health to offer a Project ECHO training on Evaluations. Meetings will be held quarterly and offer training and then case studies for discussion among DD Council staff.

The website is progressing. Arlene created a Request for Proposals (RFP) that was submitted to the Bureau of Information Technology (BIT) for inclusion of technical and legal language related to a website created outside of BIT. Once the RFP is finalized, it will be placed on the state's RFP site to start accepting applications.

Arlene reviewed the plan to the documentary "Unseen" to offer virtual sessions or in-person sessions for caregivers and others. The usual fee for an annual pass is \$5,000 but because the planned attendance for our sessions is smaller, the company agreed to a \$3,000 annual pass. Activities are planned to start in March with a virtual showing of the documentary followed by discussion; possibly share at Partners Continuing Education, consider showing at Simply the Best for direct support professionals; and as a breakout at the SD Conference on Developmental Disabilities in September or an evening showing for the community. Brenda, Val and Erica have volunteered to assist.

Disability Day at the Capitol will be held on February 22, 2023. You are all invited to attend.

GRANT APPLICATION – Mental Health and Recovery, an Education by Peers, Association of South Dakota Peer Supporters

Loran Harris and Michelle Moore presented information on the activities within this grant. The purpose will be to share their stories (peer to peer) and share resources. Discussion included: questions about involvement of SDNAMI; good to know there are support groups; will bring mental health to the forefront; and thanks for your passion to connect with others who share your lived experience

Bernie Grimme made a motion, seconded by Brenda Smith, to approve federal funding in the amount of \$9,481 for Mental Health and Recovery, an Education by Peers. Motion passed 19-0.

GRANT APPLICATION – Advocacy and Leadership training for Native Americans with Disabilities and Their Families, USD Center for Disabilities/Oyate Circle

Wayne Weston, Jim Warne and Pat Herman presented the proposal to the Council. Based on input from places where trainings were held, the name has been changed to “A Training for Native Americans with Disabilities and Their Families”. Discussion included: two offers to assist from Council members in Spearfish and Brandon; thanks on behalf of an adopted son from the Rosebud tribe; thanks on behalf of a husband and children from the Rosebud tribe; continue the innovation and making changes

Erica made a motion, seconded by Julie Nelson, to approve federal funding in the amount of \$84,432 for Advocacy and Leadership Training for Native Americans with Disabilities and Their Families. Motion passed 17-0 with Eric Kurtz and Brenda Smith abstaining.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Arlene provided a short update on the topics covered within bills at the Legislature this year. These include cleaning up statutes related to timelines when a person is discharged from the Developmental Center and commitment processes for people with mental illness or developmental disabilities; Medicaid expansion, possible study of developmental disabilities services; possible study of long-term care services; scholarships for people entering the behavioral health field; expansion of adult day services within DHS/Long Term Services and Supports; and more.

Arlene encouraged members to follow the legislative process on the Legislative Research Council website. Disability Rights SD has shared videos on the LRC website and legislative updates on the Disability Rights SD and Partners Facebook pages which Arlene has shared on the Council's Facebook page.

Joey, Bernie, Barb and Liz also shared updates on specific legislative bills.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kristen Groenenboom, Director of Shared Living for Resources for Human Development (RHD), shared information about the proposed legislative increase of 17% for Community Support Providers for waiver services. She shared that Shared Living has had an enhanced Medicaid rate previously and with the changes to the rate methodology, this service will no longer have the enhanced rate. She shared that RHD wanted the Council to be aware of Shared Living and the rate changes, and RHD will be advocating with the legislature for additional funding.

Joey Younie, Director, Division of Developmental Disabilities shared that through the rate methodology workgroup, actual costs were used to develop the new rates for Shared Living. There will be 3 tiers of service based on needs of the person.

There are currently 8 providers of Shared Living, and none have indicated they are ending Shared Living services. The per diem rate paid to families/shared living providers will not be changing.

Adjourn

Toni Feist made a motion, seconded by Sara Valle, to adjourn the meeting at 4 p.m. Motion passed.