South Dakota Council on Developmental Disabilities

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Minutes of Meeting
February 26, 2021
Zoom

Members Present:
Robert "Skippy" Blechinger
Melanie Boetel
Whitney Bruner
Toni Feist
Erica Gloor
Reed Haug
Chuck Henrie
Valerie Husby
Tim Neyhart
Derek Smith
Wendy Trujillo
Julie Hand (proxy for Joey Younie)

Others Attending:
Arlene Poncelet
Brenda Smith

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

Chuck Henrie made a motion, seconded by Derek Smith, to approve the agenda with the addition of a Budget Update. Motion passed.

STATE PLAN GOALS & OBJECTIVES
Arlene suggested that the group create objectives by working on a trajectory for each goal. The trajectories are attached.

BUDGET UPDATE
Arlene reviewed the Information Budget that she prepares using the Department of Human Services monthly grant sheets. This shows $12,230.76 available for projects from the FFY19, FFY20

and FFY21 grant awards. Arlene also reviewed the Forecast Summary sheets for FFY19, 20 and 21 that will assist the Council is getting grant funds obligated and expended within the first two years of an award.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Arlene asked Tim Neyhart and others to share any legislative updates. Tim shared the following:

HB1151 was to provide for a mental health peer supports program was tabled by committee because there was no budget request included for FFY2022.

SB173 provides a methodology for dealing with competency issues for people with I/DD or mental health before a person could be sent to SDDC or HSC.

HB1186 is headed to the Governor's office and would provide free tuition at state universities for people who are blind or visually impaired.

Many bills dealt with voting access.

Brenda Smith shared some background on SB182 which offers family members a break on taxes if they own two homes and one is used by an adult child with a disability. The difference between taxes on a second home or an owner-occupied home can be a burden for families. Currently the law would offer this break if the second home was occupied by elderly parents and this bill adds the same opportunity for an adult child with a disability.

Adjourn

By consensus, the meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Past Life Experiences

List past life experiences and events that have supported your vision for a good life

First Responder Disability Awareness Training
Public Info Grant - infographics, Autism LIVE
Covid- 19 mini grants - access to technology
Supporting Families Community of Practice
conferences, training events
Shared Living Pilots

List past life experiences that pushed your trajectory toward things you don't want

are people aware of the opportunities?
Do people know about the resources available?

Moving Forward

List current or future life experiences or goals that will continue to support your good life vision

support efforts to provide information
more use of Facebook and social media to share information
Booths in high traffic areas such as the mall
parent networks available for support
Information at hospitals/specialty clinics/ smaller clinics/ therapists; share more with social workers in those settings
training for direct support providers on what a person with disability really needs not just to be healthy and safe

List things to avoid that could keep you from your good life vision or lead to what you don't want

Vision for What I Want

List what you want your "GOOD LIFE" to look like

Community Supports & Services - GOAL - Improve access and awareness of resources available for people with I/DD and their families.

Objectives
1 - share resources to more places and on social media
2 - collaborate on the development and dissemination of one new or updated resource annually.
3 - promote interagency/organizaiton collaboration within specific topic areas

5 year expectations

Someone could easily find information on available services

Awareness of community opportunities - such as Toastmasters, etc.

Providers have information and training to provide quality services.

What I Don't Want

List the things you don't want or what is NOT a "good life"

Not many services available for adults with disabilities / not eligible for specific services.

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Past Life Experiences

List past life experiences and events that have supported your vision for a good life

training on trauma informed care

List past life experiences that pushed your trajectory toward things you don't want

Moving Forward

List current or future life experiences or goals that will continue to support your good life vision

- identify therapists that work currently with people with I/DD (work with licensing boards - asking/surveying who has experience or interest)
- MH services for caregivers and people with I/DD Is there already a curriculum for this topic like there is for caregivers of aging family members, etc.
- Reducing the stigma for people with I/DD and family members (respite helps for a couple of hours)

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Vision for What I Want

List what you want your "GOOD LIFE" to look like

Mental Health - GOAL - Improve access to individually designed mental health services for people with I/DD that allow them to receive those services in their own communities.

OBJECTIVES
1 - assess the current status of capacity - licensing board and community mh centers
2 - support activities to reduce the stigma; education awareness
3 - support education for providers (family caregivers and direct support providers) to assist people with I/DD who need mental health services to remain in their communities for services.

5 year expectations

The Council will have more knowledge of current services and gaps in services.

What I Don't Want

List the things you don't want or what is NOT a "good life"

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Past Life Experiences

List past life experiences and events that have supported your vision for a good life

SD Advocates for Change
Partners in Policymaking
Youth Leadership Forum
Adv. & Leadership for Native Americans with Disabilities and their Families

List past life experiences that pushed your trajectory toward things you don't want

Moving Forward

List current or future life experiences or goals that will continue to support your good life vision

- support a statewide self-advocacy organization; SA provide training to other SA; assist people with I/DD to be on boards and councils
- continue to educate that people w/IDD can and should participate in all types of committees and organizations
- need to prepare people with I/DD to participate meaningfully; and assist organizations to know how to prepare all board members, etc.
- get more self-advocates involved

List things to avoid that could keep you from your good life vision or lead to what you don't want

Vision for What I Want

List what you want your "GOOD LIFE" to look like

Advocacy & Leadership
GOAL - Through collaborative efforts of the DD Network, people with I/DD and their families have information, training, support and opportunites to effectively advocate and impact systems change.

OBJECTIVES
1 - SD Advocates for Change
2 - Partners & Youth Leadership Forum
3 - Native American Advocacy & Leadership

5 year expectations

Any planning group looking at services for people with IDD should include people with IDD as part of the gorup.

More people with IDD and their families are actively advocating for themselves or their fmaily members.

What I Don't Want

List the things you don't want or what is NOT a "good life"

Community members to feel that people with I/DD don't belong in every group (i.e. Leadership SD, or local community service organizations)

Token members of groups

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