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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

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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.