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South Dakota Council
on Developmental Disabilities



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**Minutes of Meeting
October 18, 2022
Zoom**

Members Present:

Barb Abeln

Robert “Skippy” Blechinger

Whitney Bruner

Joe Carlson

Toni Feist

Diane Flahaven Neu

Erica Gloor

Bernie Grimme

Caryn Johnson

Jessie Kuechenmeister

Eric Kurtz

Jamie Morris (Division of
Developmental
Disabilities)

Shawnie Rechtenbaugh
(LTSS)

Keath Rick

Elizabeth Tiger

Wendy Trujillo

Tina Two Crow Slow Bear

Sara Valle

Others Attending:

Arlene Poncelet

INTRODUCTIONS

Erica Gloor, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9 a.m. The mission statement was read and the meeting agreements were reviewed.

New members were welcomed to the Council. All members were asked to share their name, where they are from, their role on the Council and one or two things they are passionate about for people with disabilities. Responses included: advocacy, systems change, people with disabilities are treated fairly, adult learners, special Olympics, systems collaboration, improving lives of people

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with disabilities, giving a voice for those who need it (chronic illness and disabilities), people with disabilities are integrated and included to live a full life, people with disabilities have full choice of employment, educational process for families, everyone has what they need and they belong, improving care and access to care, people with disabilities are able to live their best lives, people with disabilities live in their communities, and empowering students to advocate for themselves.

APPROVE AGENDA

Skippy Blechinger made a motion, seconded by Jessie Kuechenmeister, to approve the agenda. Motion passed.

APPROVE MINUTES

Skippy Blechinger made a motion, seconded by Toni Feist to approve the minutes of the meeting held August 19, 2022. Motion passed.

BUDGET UPDATE

Arlene Poncelet reviewed the Information Budget that she prepares using the Department of Human Services monthly grant sheets. She stated that the timing of the available reports caused the report to not be accurate. She plans to have an updated budget for the meeting on October 28.

UPDATE – DIVISION OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES (DDD)

Jamie Morris, Clinical Director for the Division of Developmental Disabilities, provided an update on the Front Door to Supports Initiative. A workgroup has been started. DDD has hired an Intake Specialist and will be hiring 3 regional intake specialists. Working to have one application for services that is less complicated and difficult.

UPDATE – DIVISION OF REHABILITATION SERVICES (DRS)

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Bernie Grimme, Assistant Director for the Division of Rehabilitation Services, provided an overview of the Customized Employment activities happening within Community Support Providers (CSPs). DRS continues to provide training for CSPs and offers a higher rate of reimbursement for taking the training and becoming Certified Employment Specialists

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Arlene shared that the Council's Five-Year State Plan was approved by the Administration on Community Living. Also, the Annual Program Performance Reports for FFY20 and FFY21 were approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Marlys Feist, parent, thanked the Council for their support of SD Advocates for Change. SDAC held a meeting in late August to work on a voting video. People with disabilities were front and center and enjoyed working on the video.

Adjourn

Skippy Blechinger made a motion, seconded by Jessie Kuechenmeister, to adjourn the meeting at 2 p.m. Motion passed.