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South Dakota Council
on Developmental Disabilities



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**Minutes of Meeting
October 28, 2022
Zoom**

Members Present:

Robert “Skippy” Blechinger
Whitney Bruner
Joe Carlson
Toni Feist
Diane Flahaven Neu
Erica Gloor
Bernie Grimme
Julie Hand (Division of
Developmental
Disabilities)
Valerie Husby

Caryn Johnson
Jessie Kuechenmeister
Eric Kurtz
James Macris
Keath Rick
Shawnie Rechtenbaugh
Brenda Smith
Wendy Trujillo
Cole Uecker
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 introduce themselves.

APPROVE AGENDA

Shawnie Rechtenbaugh made a motion, seconded by Toni Feist, to approve the agenda. Motion passed.

BUDGET UPDATE

Arlene Poncelet reviewed the Information Budget that she prepared. This showed available funds from FFY21, 22 and 23 as -\$103,404.42 (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.

GRANT APPLICATION – Leadership Development for Self-Advocates and Family Members, Disability Rights South Dakota

Mary Kay Budmayr and Cole Uecker presented information on the activities within this grant, including Partners in Policymaking Year 31, Partners Continuing Education, SD Advocates for Change, and lodging and meals for the April DD Council meeting. During discussion, it was suggested that an overview of what a Community of Practice is and does be provided during the Charting the LifeCourse Framework at Partners and possibly at Continuing Education.

Sara Valle made a motion, seconded by Skippy Blechinger, to approve the grant as presented. Motion passed, 13-0. Abstaining were Brenda Smith, Cole Uecker and Caryn Johnson.

GRANT APPLICATION – PARENTING AT RISK KIDS (PARK), SD PARENT CONNECTION

Carla Miller, Director of SD Parent Connection, presented this grant to the Council. Discussion included the following:

- How many of the children will have a developmental disability?
- Other resources for preparation of the curriculum might include Safety Care through the Division of Developmental Disabilities; National Child Traumatic Stress Network (nctsn.org); and The Right Turn (or other Early Childhood Enrichment centers).

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- Another area of need that was discussed was grandparents raising their grandchildren and/or helping their adult children to parent.
- What are the qualifications of the staff developing the curriculum? This required element was not included in the proposal.

Erica Gloor made a motion, seconded by Cole Uecker, to give authority to the Executive Committee to review and determine approval once the qualification information is shared with the full Council. Motion passed 16-0 with Keath Rick abstaining.

GRANT APPLICATION – AUGIE ACCESS EXPERIENCE CAMP, AUGUSTANA UNIVERSITY

Michelle Powers and Jessica Lamb presented the proposal to the Council. Discussion included the following:

- It seems there is limited support from Augustana University for the program. It was explained that summer programs usually have to make a profit, but this proposal was allowed to be cost neutral.
- Is this for recruitment for Augie Access or more to give an experience to students considering an inclusive post-secondary option?
- Degree seeking students may bump an Augie Access student from a class if numbers indicate they can.
- Perhaps the programs at Dakota Wesleyan University and Southeast Technical Institute could be asked to share about their programs or at a minimum information on those programs can be shared as well.

Skippy Blechinger made a motion, seconded by Brenda Smith, to approve the proposal as submitted. Motion passed 16-1.

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ELECTION

Arlene shared that the Member-at-Large is part of the Executive Committee with the Chair and Vice Chair. This committee meets as needed between regular Council meetings. The position is a one-year term and the person can serve 2 terms. Currently Toni Feist has served in this role for 2 years. Nominations were made for James Macris and Caryn Johnson. Voting took place by having members direct message Arlene through Zoom. Caryn Johnson received the most votes.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No members of the public were in attendance.

Adjourn

Cole Uecker made a motion, seconded by Skippy Blechinger, to adjourn the meeting at 12:30 p.m. Motion passed.