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on Developmental Disabilities



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Minutes of Meeting
April 22, 2022
Zoom & Ramkota, Sioux Falls

Members Present in Sioux Falls:

Marlys Feist

Toni Feist

Erica Gloor

Valerie Husby

Tania Kostal

Jessie Kuechenmeister

Eric Kurtz

Marcie Lorensberg

Tim Neyhart

Derek Smith

Cindy Taber

Tina Two Crow Slow Bear

Members Present on Zoom:

Barb Abeln

Whitney Bruner

Bernie Grimme

Caryn Johnson

Julie Nelson

Wendy Trujillo

Sara Valle

Joey Younie

Others Attending:

Arlene Poncelet

Brenda Smith

INTRODUCTIONS

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

APPROVE AGENDA

Derek Smith made a motion, seconded by Toni Feist, to approve the agenda. Motion passed.

APPROVE MINUTES

Derek Smith made a motion, seconded by Tania Kostal to approve the minutes of the meeting held February 11, 2022. Motion passed.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Erica reviewed the decisions made by the Executive Committee at their meeting held April 21, 2022:

1. Recommended approval of \$3,030 of federal funds to Project SEARCH Brookings for the Project SEARCH Conference
2. Recommended approval of \$500 of federal funds to USD Center for Disabilities for the Disability Awareness Training for Native American First Responders.

Marcie Lorensberg made a motion, seconded by Derek Smith, to ratify the actions of the Executive Committee. Motion passed.

Erica shared that only one council member offered comments on Arlene's evaluation. The Executive Committee will be meeting in May to complete the evaluation. Members were encouraged to provide comments to any of the Executive Committee members.

BUDGET UPDATE

Arlene Poncelet reviewed the budget reports provided by the Department of Human Services – DDC Report (charts and summary pages) and the Forecast Summary. Arlene reviewed the Information Budget that she prepares using the Department of Human Services monthly grant sheets.

Her report shows that the Council has over-obligated funds from the FFY21 grant award in the amount of \$146,481.27. Arlene explained the Departments policy of first in-first out for the grant awards so all contracts and grant agreements are put into the system with the oldest available grant award and changed to the next year's award when the oldest is spent. The FFY22 grant

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award began on October 1, but due to Continuing Resolutions from Congress, we have received only \$202,524 until a final grant award is received. Using the FFY21 dollars over obligated and the estimated funding for FFY22 and taking out admin costs, proposals approved at previous meetings, and assuming approval of those proposals being reviewed at today's meeting would leave the Council over-obligated by \$4,267.37. Arlene assured the Council that there are additional Council dollars available from several grants that did not spend all their funding and the estimates she uses for administrative costs are high.

This budget report does not include the Access to Vaccine Funds (\$26,695) that need to be spent by September 30, 2022 or the Public Health Workforce Funding (\$95,315) that needs to be spent by September 30, 2024.

Toni Feist made a motion, seconded by Marcie Lorensberg, to accept the budget report as presented. Motion passed.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Arlene Poncelet shared that she has been working on recommendations for new Council members to send to the Governor's Office next Tuesday. She still needs at least one more person with a developmental disability to fill all the slots. Tim Neyhart offered to make an announcement on Saturday morning. Arlene is prepared with blank applications.

Erica Gloor expressed the Council's appreciation and thanks to those members who have served two terms and leaving the Council – Cindy Taber, Derek Smith, Marcie Lorensberg and Tania Kostal.

Arlene shared information on training from Niagara University for the Department of Health on Emergency Management Access and Functional Needs Disability Awareness happening in

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Aberdeen and Sioux Falls in May and later this summer in other locations.

Arlene shared flyers for the Division of Developmental Disabilities Stakeholder Collectives held quarterly, the upcoming LEND Symposium at the Center for Disabilities and for the Fall Rehab Conference. Department of Education is having two rules hearings in early May related to developmental delays, emotional behavior disabilities and early intervention.

The Division of Developmental Disabilities held a Stakeholder Zoom session on April 20th. Arlene encouraged members to participate in future events. Big focus was on the Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Settings Rule and the HCBS/Choices Waiver Renewal due March 2023.

Arlene read some of the press release regarding the Department of Social Services developing additional regional mental health crisis facilities.

On the table behind Arlene there were lots of materials from other DD Councils, the Act Early Autism books, etc. that were sponsored by the Council, and many other articles and magazines.

STATE PLAN – ACL (Administration on Community Living)

Comments Received

Arlene shared the comments that were received. Council members expressed appreciation for the fact that someone read the state plan and provided comments. Arlene will be working on responding to the comments over the next few months. This will be discussed at the next meeting as any revisions to the state plan must be submitted by August 15.

GRANT APPLICATION – Community Based Transition Partnership Year 2 – USD Center for Disabilities

John Johnson and Emily Meier presented the proposal to the Council via Zoom. Council discussion included: a request for quarterly reports to be shared with Council members; were the deliverables provided; were contacts with schools made; and are all the activities listed for year 2; no timelines for the workplan and deliverables. Due to issues with Internal Review Board approval of the interview questions and Covid shut downs, some activities were delayed. The interviews were conducted with agencies, organizations, individuals and family members. This report is being finalized but not available yet.

Tina Two Crow offered her assistance through her position at Little Wound School. Derek Smith offered assistance as it relates to self-employment.

Derek Smith made a motion, seconded by Tina Two Crow, to approve \$107,119 of federal funds for the Community Based Transition Partnership Year 2. Motion passed 14-0 with Bernie Grimme, Eric Kurtz, Tim Neyhart, Wendy Trujillo and Joey Younie abstaining.

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the meeting). The revised tools were shared at the UMKC Showcase and is sparking interest beyond South Dakota.

Derek Smith made a motion, seconded by Bob Blechinger, to approve \$23,000 of federal funds for the Public Information grant. Motion passed 12-0 with Eric Kurtz, Tim Neyhart and Joey Younie abstaining.

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Marlys Feist made a motion, seconded by Jessie Kuechenmeister, to approve \$84,448 of federal funds for the advocacy and Leadership Training for Native Americans with Disabilities and Their Families Year 2. Motion passed 14-0 with Eric Kurtz, Tim Neyhart and Joey Younie abstaining.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Arlene Poncelet shared that she would share additional information via email with Council members.

PROPOSAL – START PROPOSAL FOR SOUTH DAKOTA

Arlene reviewed the proposal from the National Center for START Services at the Institute on Disability/UCED, University of New Hampshire. The proposal includes the Systems Analysis and Professional Learning Communities (PLC).

In reference to the earlier press release about additional regional crisis facilities, Council members expressed that it would be preferable that the same access and equity is available for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities as others in our state; current system is fragmented; and asked if the Align report would be included in the review.

Arlene shared that she had not reached out to other state agencies requesting matching funds for the Councils funds. Arlene will also research whether some of the Public Health Workforce Funding can be used for part of the costs. These contacts will be completed prior to beginning the agreement. Joey Younie, Division of Developmental Disabilities, stated that DHS/DDD is supportive of this activity.

Derek Smith made a motion, seconded by Toni Feist, to approve up Council funding up to 75% of the \$99,467 for this activity. Motion passed 18-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Tania Kostal's son, Ben, has been involved with the Wesleyan Quest program and ask asked Roxi Brown to come to the Council meeting. Arlene could not get the YouTube video to play with sound so she will send that out to Council members.

Ms. Brown shared that parents are not aware of resources available after high school; there need to be more options for students; vocational rehabilitation and family support coordinators provide information. Students attend classes, volunteer and participate in activities. Challenges are that they

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do not provide residential services or transportation. Life Quest provides minimal supports and Independent Living Choices and schools are involved with transportation. 11 students have completed the 2-year program (with a few attending for 3 years due to Covid) with 10 of those being employed. The Council thanked Ms. Brown for sharing information on the program.

POLICY REVIEW – Role and Authority of Executive Committee

Arlene shared the recommended revisions. Section 1 was changed because the eligibility for Council Officers are stated in the Council's Bylaws. Item B it was recommended to leave the first sentence. Item G changed to reflect the new policy for "Requests for Conference or Event Sponsorships" of \$1,000 or less. Add Item N – Annually review and approve stipend and other needs of Council members to attend meetings. Add Item O – Reviews travel requests for Council members and staff. Add Item P – Annual reviews the conflict of interest statements provided by all Council members and staff.

Derek Smith made a motion, seconded by Toni Feist, to approve the policy as reviewed. Motion passed by consensus.

Next Meeting

Usually held in July, Arlene will send out a Doodle Poll for dates after July 15.

Adjourn

Marcie Lorensberg made a motion, seconded by Cindy Taber, to adjourn the meeting at 2:05 p.m. Motion passed.