



**Minutes of Meeting  
January 16, 2015  
DDN**

Members Present:

Jan Banghart  
Monica Burgess  
Melissa Flor  
Jackie Juhala  
Angel Maggard  
Lisa Merchen  
Wendy Parent-Johnson  
Brad Saathoff  
Mark Way

Valere Beeck  
JoAnne Cleveland  
Dawn Hahn  
Dan Lusk  
Pat Monson  
Tim Neyhart  
Crystal Reuter  
Peggy Waltner  
Eric Weiss

Others Attending:

Arlene Poncelet  
Debbie Brakke

Jennifer Krieger

INTRODUCTIONS

Valere Beeck called meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Valere then read the mission statement: "To assist people with developmental disabilities and their families in achieving the quality of life they desire." Val reviewed the meeting agreements. A round of attendance at each DDN site was conducted and then another round was completed with everyone introducing themselves and sharing a positive happening since the September meeting.

AGENDA & MINUTES

Mark Way made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Jan Banghart. Motion passed.

Peggy Waltner made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 29, 2014, Council meeting seconded by Crystal Reuter. Motion passed.

### REVIEW AND APPROVE THE ACTIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The following actions were taken at the December 1, 2014, meeting of the Executive Committee;

1. Grant extension for People Planning Together – Melissa Flor made a motion to approve the grant extension thru November 30, 2014, seconded by Jan Banghart. Motion passed.
2. Grant extension for Partners 2014 – Dan Lusk made a motion to approve the grant extension to conduct outreach activities, seconded by Dawn Hahn. Motion passed. Tim Neyhart abstained.
3. Request for assistance with training costs for Project Search staff - \$1,000. JoAnne Cleveland made a motion to approve the mini-grant, seconded by Monica Burgess. Motion passed. Eric Weiss and Melissa Flor abstained.
4. Autism Walk - \$2,775.00 – Monica Burgess made a motion to approve the grant, seconded by Crystal Reuter. Tim Neyhart made a motion to amend the original motion to include having the Mini-Grant Application forms submitted and reviewed by the Executive Committee and authorize the Executive Committee to approve the mini-grant if the questions have been answered, seconded Monica Burgess. Motion was approved as amended. Questions included: Can the Council and other agencies participate in the Family Night and/or Walk? How many people have attended these events in the past? How has this event impacted your community?

**BUDGET UPDATE**

Arlene provided a report on the current status of the Council's budget for FFY14. The FFY13 dollars have all been expended and we are now using the FFY14 dollars. The current funds available for grants are \$109,532.78. An estimated grant award of \$453,609 is still expected. Also handed out were pie charts showing the FFY14 and FFY15 expenditures and how the expenditures fall under each goal and objective.

**Statement of Principles**

Arlene gave an overview of the changes that were previously made.

It was noted to change the first bullet wording to say "exercise" instead of "have the right to".

It was decided to change the third bullet to say "are integrated into" instead of "have full and timely access to opportunities and supports to be included in".

It was decided to remove the word "should" in the fourth bullet and to change the wording to "to live in homes" instead of "for homes".

It was decided to remove the word "should" in the fifth bullet and change the wording to "meaningful integrated competitive employment" instead of "person-centered, meaningful employment in the most integrated and competitive settings possible".

It was decided to add the word "neglect" between "abuse and exploitation" in the sixth bullet.

It was decided to add “person-centered” between “receive and services” in the seventh bullet. It was also decided to move bullet number seven to be the first bullet and move all of the rest down.

Monica Burgess made a motion to approve with the revised changes and have a new printed version be distributed for further changes if needed, seconded by Eric Weiss. Motion passed.

### DDD Update

Dan Lusk gave an update of the work the Division has completed as part of the Center for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) transition plan along with explaining the handout. He also informed the Council of the next steps and dates for the public forums. Dan then explained the work that the Financial Workgroup is doing around conflict free case management and the requirements to come into compliance with federal regulation. He continued with talking about the Achieving Dreams through Employment document explaining that it is designed for those who are confused about the incentives to working now that the cost share has been removed. Dan also talked about the Person Centered Employment Guide and who may find it helpful. Other board members explained where it would be helpful in their line of work also. Dan then talked about the SELN annual report and talked about a highlight in the report about outcomes in South Dakota. Some discussion was held about the Post-Secondary Education Program at Augustana.

### 2015 Youth Leadership Forum

Dan Rounds presented this application to the Council. Brighton Cummings joined Dan at the Pierre DDN site to talk about his experience at YLF. Peggy Waltner made a motion to approve \$15,000 in federal funds for the 2015 Youth Leadership Forum, seconded by Mark Way. Motion passed. Eric Weiss and Melissa Flor abstained.

### Public Information and Awareness

Derric Miller with the Center for Disabilities presented the Public Information and Awareness application. Crystal Reuter made a motion to approve \$18,000 in federal funds, seconded by JoAnne Cleveland. Motion passed.

### Annual Report

Arlene distributed the Annual program performance report to everyone for their own information. She talked about the performance measures, the dollar amount spent on each performance measure and what was funded to reach the goal.

She explained that there were only two items updated in the state plan amendment submitted on December 31. The changes made were to the budget and updated the membership. Arlene gave a timeline for the development of the new state plan and ideas of what can happen at the next seven meetings to be able to submit the state plan in August 2016.

### Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on April 24<sup>th</sup> in Sioux Falls along with the Partners in Policymaking graduation.

### Final Round

The final round included something you liked or would change about today's meeting and also suggestions for future agenda topics.

- Appreciate how the meeting was conducted and respect. Would like more frequent breaks.
- Need to add time for updates for the state plan and changes for the new law around child care. Also add time for others to give updates of interest.
- Winter DDN meeting is smart. Like we are taking actions on things and can show clear outcomes. Feels information

needs to be more electronic or a better way to organize information.

- Very well run and respectful.
- Impressed all sites contributed to the discussion
- Learned a lot from the presentations
- All good
- Liked seeing everyone again
- Liked the DDN and not having to travel. Not as sure about the electronic version as some work better seeing things on paper. Would like to see how the council can transfer information to families better such as a listserv.
- With the workforce innovations and opportunities act under development, how can the DD Council be helpful?
- Learning a lot from everyone and experiencing different ideas.
- Enjoyed how the meeting ran well and was surprised at how well the DDN works.
- Liked how everyone can give input and the respect.
- Hearing about things that are happening.
- Everyone better at using the DDN. Think growing in relationship better and better communication.

### ADJOURNMENT

Angel Maggard made a motion, seconded by Mark Way to adjourn the meeting at 12:25 p.m.