



**Minutes of Meeting  
January 3, 2014**

**Via DDN Sites in Huron, Madison, Pierre, Rapid City,  
Redfield, Sioux falls, Spearfish and Winner**

Members Present:

Valere Beeck  
Rebecca Carlson  
Melissa Flor  
Jackie Juhala  
Dan Lusk  
Melissa Fluckey Proxy  
Cindy Roan Eagle  
Mark Way  
Ted Williams

Monica Burgess  
JoAnne Cleveland  
Barb Hemmelman  
Robert Kean  
Lisa Merchen  
Derric Miller  
Peggy Waltner  
Eric Weiss

Others Attending:

Arlene Poncelet

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." Valere asked that if anyone joins one of the DDN sites, they introduce themselves.

AGENDA & MINUTES

Arlene noted that Lisa Sanderson will be speaking to the Council about the Dare to Dialogue booklet. That agenda item is to be added in after item 12. Dan Lusk made a motion to accept the meeting agenda, seconded by Jackie Juhala. Motion passed.

Robert Kean made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 22, 2013, Council meeting seconded by Melissa Flor. Motion passed.

### REVIEW AND ACCEPT THE REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Arlene gave an overview of the minutes of the executive meeting from January 2, 2014, and answered questions from council members. Dan Lusk asked to have discussion before a motion was made. He commended the executive committee on the Ben Anderson proposal, the communication and the way they handled the request. Arlene explained how many students he has reached and noted that she has asked for a list of his speaking activities. Barb Hemmelman made a motion to accept the reports of the Executive Committee meetings November 21, 2013, and January 2, 2014, seconded by Robert Kean. Motion passed.

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

The following actions were taken at the November 21, 2013, and January 2, 2014 meeting of the Executive Committee;

1. Western Resources for DisABLED Independence, Youth in Transition – Not recommended for approval
2. Black Hills Works, Conference - Creating Possibilities – Where the Rubber Meets the Road - \$5,000 – approved
3. Mines Buddies – Approve the extension of this grant to continue the current proposal through December 31, 2014
4. Ben Anderson – Asked to present to the full Council and encouraged him to seek other funds to continue his awareness activities

Dan Lusk made a motion to approve the actions of the Executive Committee, seconded by Melissa Fluckey. Motion passed.

### BUDGET UPDATE

Arlene provided a report on the current status of the Council's budget for FFY13 and FFY14. The sheet showed that the FFY13 funds are over obligated by \$6,132.86. Currently \$132,722 of the FFY14 grant has been received and \$318,831.00 is the additional amount that is expected to be awarded. The sheet also showed the funds available for FFY14, the amounts for proposals for the January meeting, and the funds that would be available if all January proposals are approved. The bottom of the sheet showed the FFY15 estimated grant to be awarded minus the possible proposals for FFY15.

### DIRECTORS REPORT

Arlene asked anyone that is eligible for a stipend to email her the information. She has been submitted the annual report (due December 31<sup>st</sup>). Also submitted on December 31<sup>st</sup> were the State Plan amendments. The Disability Advocacy Network will have DDN's during session to keep updated. If anyone is interested in attending Arlene can make sure you are aware of the dates and times. Disability Awareness Day is February 12 and that is also the same day as the DHS budget hearing.

### YOUTH LEADERSHIP FORUM (YLF)

Dan Rounds explained what YLF is, where it is held and how students are selected to attend. He gave an overview of how many students applied last year and how many applications have been received so far this year. Kirsten Pfeifer and Dave Halverson joined via DDN from Rapid City and Kirsten told about her goals in life and how YLF has helped her to realize that she can reach those goals and how. Questions about the location, West River possible location, the number of applicants and the number of students selected were asked by Council members. Monica Burgess made a motion, seconded by Robert Kean, to approve \$15,000.00 in federal funds for the 2014 Youth

Leadership Forum. Motion passed. Abstaining were Dan Lusk, Eric Weiss and Melissa Flor.

### INFORMATION AND RESOURCES IN SOUTH DAKOTA

Derric Miller gave an overview of what information has been distributed in the last year, how it has been distributed, and how many website hits there have been for the last year. Derric explained to the Council that the USD Center for Disabilities would like to take the lead on making a transition handbook. He explained that they work with the Wegner Center and now instead of purchasing information that they think people would like they get a list of what the people request but isn't available. Questions were asked regarding the transition handbook, the funding and match, and what partners would be included in developing the handbook.

Monica Burges made a motion, seconded by JoAnne Cleveland, to approve \$15,000.00 in federal funding for this proposal. Discussion was held around the match requirement, prior funding and recommendations. The motion was withdrawn. Monica Burgess made a motion, seconded by Robert Kean, to approve the full \$18,000.00 in federal funds if a budget that reflects the 25% match requirement is provided and to require collaboration on the Transition Guide. Motion passed with 16 ayes, one nay.

### COMMUNITY THEATER PRODUCTION

Georgia Langbehn from Huron was joined by Diane Clayton and Robin Knutson. Georgia explained what the Community Theater project for is and who was involved. She continued to explain how the plays are written each year and how to audition. Questions were asked by the council regarding other sources of funding, how many attend the classes for auditioning and how many attend the productions. JoAnne Cleveland made a motion, seconded by Jackie Juhala, to approve \$3,300.00 in federal funding with the provision that a booklet or report be provided to

share this experience with other community theaters and this is the final time they will receive Council funding. Motion passed with 15 ayes and two nays. Additional discussion was held about the timing of the request since what they were asking for money to cover what has already been done; concerns about sustainability; why this production is not part of local community theater; and why proceeds go to the community theater.

### CAMP LEAD FOR LIFE

Georgia Langbehn was joined by Blaine Leibnow and Sydney Tschetter to explain to the council what their camp does and their goals. They told who the speakers for this next year will be, the location of the camp, and the cost for campers to attend.

Concerns by the council focused around the cost of the camp; ability to get enough campers; it is not driven by developmental disabilities but other disabilities; could give more support if campers were 50/50 kids with disabilities and kids without disabilities; why go to the Waterpark when the Camp has a lot of available activities; and our projects need to focus on people with developmental disabilities. A motion was made by Barb Hemmelman, seconded by Robert Kean, to not fund this proposal. Motion passed.

### DARE TO DIALOGUE

Lisa Sanderson spoke to the council about the Dare to Dialogue document. The document is a mixture of questions and statements for families. She explained what they would like to do with the publication and how it would help families. Lisa explained that it has taken three years to get this document created. The document has been reviewed by SD Advocacy Services, SD Parent Connection staff including Navigators and the Office of Special Education. Peggy Waltner made a motion, seconded by JoAnne Cleveland to approve \$10,000 of federal funds for this project. Motion passed. Abstaining were Melissa Flor and Robert Kean.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on April 25, 2014, in Sioux Falls.

ADJOURNMENT

Peggy Waltner made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Jackie Juhala.

Meeting adjourned at 1 p.m. Central Time.