



**Minutes of Meeting  
January 4, 2013  
Via DDN**

Members Present:

Valere Beeck

Rebecca Carlson

Teresa Geraets

Jackie Juhala

Grady Kickul

Lisa Merchen

Josh Nankivel

Cindy Roan Eagle

Peggy Waltner

Ted Williams

Monica Burgess

JoAnne Cleveland

Melissa Flor

Robert Kean

Dan Lusk

Pat Monson

Crystal Reuter

Heather Stettnichs

Mark Way

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."

AGENDA & MINUTES

Robert Kean made a motion to accept the meeting agenda, seconded by Peggy Waltner. Motion passed.

Monica Burgess made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 13-14, 2012 Council meeting seconded by Robert Kean. Motion passed.

## ACCEPT REPORT AND RATIFY ACTIONS OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The following actions were taken at the December 19, 2012, meeting of the Executive Committee;

1. Feel the Joy Retreat - \$4,999.20 approved
2. Community Theater Production for Persons with Disabilities – \$1,700 approved.
3. Camp Lead for Life - \$4,191.11 approved
4. Extension of time for the Mines Buddies Grant until December 31, 2013 – approved
5. Extension of time for the Beneficiaries Training Grant until March 31, 2013 - approved

Mark Way made a motion to accept the report of the December 19, 2012 Executive Committee meeting and ratify actions taken by the committee, seconded by Robert Kean. Motion passed.

## FAMILY SUPPORT PROGRAM REVIEW

John New with Family Support showed a PowerPoint explaining how Family Support works and the differences between Statewide Family Support and the Local Family Support. The presentation explained that all the requirements for ARSD have to be met, and then the families can access Family Support services. John explained what types of services are included in Family Support. When Family Support first started it was only for children. A few years ago it expanded to support adults thru the PLANS program.

## TRANSPORTATION DISCUSSION

Bruce Lindholm, Department of Transportation (DOT), started the discussion by explaining a little about their budget and operating costs. He then informed the group that they have about 300 grant vehicles right now. They are only able to buy a couple new vehicles per year because of the cost. At one time they were able to buy mini vans for short trips but can no longer do that because

mini vans are now made in Canada. Bruce explained that they are trying to address efficiency by training transit drivers to provide more services to more people at one time. One problem with this is how addresses are entered into a computerized transportation system to find the most efficient route. South Dakota was treated as a BETA tester for the software and most of the issues that have been discovered are on the transit side internally.

Shelly Pfaff with the Coalition has been working with DOT on transit issues. She explained that there has been a lot done to expand and utilize the system to better serve people with disabilities throughout the state. One issue is that there is no common language and that everyone needs to be on the same page when it comes to cost and funding. She feels that the funding is going to become more and more strict and that there needs to be more community involvement for people with disabilities to get their voice heard so they are not left out of the conversation. There also needs to be continuing education of the services that are available as they change all the time. Every community is different and there needs to be an understanding as to why things can't run the same as the next community because each transit system is locally driven. That is an understanding people need to have when wanting services expanded to nights and weekends.

The Council still struggles to see how they can help the whole state of South Dakota. One suggestion brought up would be funding the development of a brochure that could link people to transit resources and committees in their community. It could also advise individuals how to approach their local communities about making changes. The brochure could be distributed at different events that Arlene attends.

## GRANT APPLICATIONS

### Providing Information and Awareness, Center for Disabilities

Derric Miller, Director of Dissemination with the Center for Disabilities, gave an overview of what information they disseminate. Teresa Geraets made a motion to approve \$18,000.00 in federal funds for this project, seconded by Robert Kean. Discussion was held about adding an analytical package to track more information on the material that is handed out and how people are finding the information. Motion passed with the inclusion of the analytical package. Heather Stettnichs abstained.

### Youth Leadership Forum 2013, BHSSC and the Transition Services Liaison Project

Dan Rounds gave the Council an overview of the Youth Leadership Forum (YLF) project. Jeffery Bartel accompanied Dan and explained to the Council how YLF has helped him not only through high school but also now in college. Dan explained that they had looked into expanding West River in the Spearfish area but they didn't feel they had the accommodations and activities to make it feasible. Aberdeen has been very successful and they have community business and resources contacting them to see what they can do to help. To make it easier for people from the western part of the state to attend, they work with staff and Vocational Rehab counselors for transportation. A motion was made by Peggy Waltner to approve \$15,000.00 in federal funds for this project, seconded by Crystal Reuter. Motion passed. Dan Lusk, Melissa Flor, and Grady Kickul abstained.

### SD COALITION OF CITIZENS WITH DISABILITIES

Arlene explained that this is a grant she uses for dissemination of information. A number of years ago Shelly Pfaff and Arlene made a presentation to the Council and since then it has been something that Arlene has requested. Discussion was held about what this money is used for, why such a large amount and why there was not grant application submitted per the Council's Grants

Policy for the Council to review before the meeting. Robert Kean made a motion to approve \$21,525.00 in federal funds with the provision of Shelly and Arlene doing a presentation at the April meeting, seconded by Josh Nankivel. Vote was 15 ayes and two nays. Monica Burgess and Pat Monson abstained. Questions were discussed about whether the Council would incur any expenses with the Coalition until after the presentation but it was clarified that there was a vote to accept the grant, therefore funding was approved to pay for any expenses.

### BUDGET UPDATE

Arlene provided a report on the current status of the Council's budget for FFY12 and FFY13. Final budgets for FFY13 has not been approved and could be impacted by the federal sequester. The current Continuing Resolution for the FFY13 budget ends March 31.

### DIRECTORS REPORT

Arlene informed Council members that if anyone would like to participate in the Disability Advocacy Network meetings by DDN to let her know and she will make sure they receive the details. Disability Awareness Day at the Capitol is February 13<sup>th</sup>.

Dan Lusk gave an overview of what DHS bills will be presented during the legislature this year The Department of Human Services has four bills: 1) reduce and repeal outdated statutes; 2) repeals and revises the Medicaid Waiver rules; 3) removes two outdated areas from DHS statutes – DD Council grant reviews by the Department and the radio/talking book program; and 4) changes terminology to remove the R-word from state statutes.

Arlene gave an update on the parent training subcommittee. After the September meeting discussion about parent training for parents of younger children, the subcommittee met via teleconference. Elaine Roberts shared information on current

activities in this area. The subcommittee determined that additional training was not needed at this time. Elaine and SD Parent Connection will keep the group updated.

#### NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at the Ramkota in Sioux Falls.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Dan Lusk made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Josh Nankivel.

Meeting adjourned at 12:43 p.m. central time.