



Minutes of Meeting

September 13, 2012 - Ramkota, Rapid City
September 14, 2012 – Black Hills Works, Rapid City

Members Present:

Jolon Beck

Monica Burgess

Dawn Hahn

Jackie Juhala

Janice Knutsen

Dan Lusk

Josh Nankivel

Judy Struck

Mark Way

Valere Beeck

JoAnne Cleveland

Barb Hemmelman

Robert Kean

Ann Larson

Lisa Merchen

Cindy Roan Eagle

Peggy Waltner

Others Attending:

Arlene Poncelet

Julie Lewandowski

Jennifer Krieger

INTRODUCTIONS

Valere Beeck called meeting to order at 3:03 p.m. MST and welcomed back a few people. 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

Mark Way made a motion to accept the meeting agenda, seconded by JoAnn Cleveland. Motion passed.

On page 3 of the July 26th minutes, the information under Grants Policy should read "page 3, 2c". JoAnn Cleveland made a motion

to approve the minutes of the July 26, 2012 Council meeting as corrected, seconded by Mark Way. Motion passed.

ACCEPT REPORT AND RATIFY ACTIONS OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The following actions were taken at the September 3 meeting of the Executive Committee;

1. GreenStar Symposium - \$5000 approved
2. State Employment Leadership Network – recommended to present at September meeting
3. Families Planning Together – recommended to present at September meeting
4. South Dakota Inclusive Arts Initiative – recommended to present at September meeting

Mark Way made a motion to accept the report of the September 3 Executive Committee meeting and ratify actions taken, seconded by JoAnn Cleveland. Motion passed.

BUDGET UPDATE

Arlene handed out a sheet reflecting information as of the end of August. The sheet gave an overview of how much the Council has available for projects, what the estimated grant award will be for FFY13 and the amounts for potential proposals for FFY13. Currently, the total federal funds available for projects are \$89,361.65. Arlene also informed the Council that the FFY13 starts October 1.

DIRECTORS REPORT

Arlene brought copies of information for the Greenstar Symposium, YLF applications and information on the Fall Rehabilitation Conference in Spearfish.

Arlene informed the Council the October is National Disability Employment Awareness month.

GRANTS POLICY

Arlene provided everyone with the updates from the last meeting. Additional discussion was held regarding grant requests asking for two years of funding. It was also noted that the language in the contract must include specific language about a re-evaluation. Arlene will verify and make necessary revisions. Arlene will also change the grant application packet to request a separate budget for each year of a multi-year request.

Page 3, 3b – It was decided to add item “e” to read “The Council may approve funding for a more than one year time period” and re-lettering.

Robert Kean made a motion, seconded by Jackie Juhala, to approve the grants policy with the changes on page 3. Motion passed.

GRANT APPLICATIONS

SOUTH DAKOTA ADVOCATES FOR CHANGE

Chuck Henrie, Coordinator, Eric Bower, Nancy Weiss and Kevin Moulton, Leadership Team Members, gave an overview of what South Dakota Advocates for Change has done this past year and what their plans are for next year.

Mark Way made a motion to approve \$48,911.10 in federal funds for this project, seconded by JoAnn Cleveland. Discussion was held about this being the third year that they have asked the Council for funding. Arlene explained that the Council is required to support a statewide self-advocacy organization for individuals with developmental disabilities. In the past the council has funded two other projects like this but they didn't reach the goals set and Council funding was ended. Motion passed. Jackie Juhala abstained.

PARTNERS IN POLICYMAKING

Robert Kean gave a brief history of how Partners started 20 years ago and how the classes are constantly shifting to keep up with the current issues.

A motion was made by Dan Lusk to approve \$115,000.00 in federal funds for this project, seconded by Mark Way. Motion passed. Judy Struck abstained.

SOUTH DAKOTA INCLUSIVE ARTS INITIATIVE, FALLOUT CREATIVE COMMUNITY

Dan Cleberg explained to the Council that SD Inclusive Arts Initiative is an arts community with a mission to embrace people with all abilities to embrace arts. He gave an overview of what they have done in the past year and what the plans are for the next year. Questions during the presentation included: non-profit status was just achieved; limited requests to other funding sources; Council had hoped that the past 3 years would have provided solid connections to help replicate this in other communities; and last year they were asked if they would be back to request funding and answered “no”.

Jackie Juhala made a motion to approve \$79,620.00 in federal funds for this project, seconded by JoAnn Cleveland. Discussion included: commended for the work that has been done and the activities completed; the Council’s focus is on systemic change in education, employment and transportation; outreach activities should have already been started; need a blueprint to share with others, possible funding contact is the Vecurivich Foundation. Motion failed.

ACTIVITY TO COMPLETE IN FFY 2013-2014 (PER STATE PLAN)

In the State Plan under number 2 it states that during FFY13 the Council would discuss the issue of transportation and determine any further actions necessary. Several Council members provided information or suggestions including:

- Spearfish has a bus buddy program
- Gap in Rapid City is that Dial-a-Ride does not run in the evening
- Is there a recent needs assessment?
- Need to keep DOT aware that many places do not have any public transportation.
- Only 1 bus in Madison.
- Assistance for lifts for private vehicles (resources, awareness of resources, etc.)
- Can the Council select 8-9 areas – then decide what we can and should work on?
- Shelly Pfaff has been involved in past transit activities.
- Ask DOT what is already available
- River Cities Public Transit in Pierre is a model for cooperative transportation activities
- At the DDD Public Forums transportation was a large concern as it related to access for people with disabilities to their communities. No transportation dollars available to get to jobs or recreation in the community.
- Lifts and vehicle modifications are sometimes funded thru Family Support 360.

Arlene suggested having someone from DOT talk to the Council at the January meeting. In the meantime, the services in the individual areas need to be assessed. The Council asked Arlene to ask 1-2 questions regarding transportation of DD Council Members, Community Support Providers, Family Support 360 Coordinators, SD Parent Connection (phone calls), and possibly gather info from other states.

Arlene reminded everyone that the Friday meeting will be at Black Hills Works. The Council meeting recessed at 5:13 p.m. MST.

The meeting reconvened at 8:30 a.m. MST on September 14, 2012 at Black Hills Works.

FAMILIES PLANNING TOGETHER, SD PARENT CONNECTION

Elaine Roberts and Keri Larson presented via teleconference and informed the Council of their plans on reaching out to families and providing training on Person Centered Thinking. The budget presented to the Council was for a two year time period. Questions included the match amount provided; which reservations would be contacted; promotion through schools; evaluation and outcomes.

Mark Way made a motion to approve \$25,275.00 in federal funds for this project, seconded by Jackie Juhala. Arlene was asked to talk with SD Parent Connection regarding additional possibilities for in-kind match. Motion carried. Judy Struck abstained. Motion passed. Judy Struck abstained.

STATE EMPLOYMENT LEADERSHIP NETWORK, DIVISION OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

Julie Hand with the Division of Developmental Disabilities presented the State Employment Leadership Network proposal to the Council. She explained that the State Employment Leadership Network will assist with focus groups to identify where help is needed and developing a work plan.

Judy Struck made a motion to approve \$28,500.00 in federal funds for this project, seconded by Mark Way. Motion passed. Dan Lusk abstained.

REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS

YOUTH LEADERSHIP FORUM 2013

Arlene shared a draft of the RFP for the Youth Leadership Forum 2013. No changes were made from last year. Valere shared with the Council that Dan Rounds was asked by the Executive Committee to look into expanding YLF to western South Dakota.

Mark Way made a motion to issue the Request for Proposal for Youth Leadership Forum 2013, seconded by Jackie Juhala. Motion carried. Grady Kikul and Ann Larson abstained.

PUBLIC INFORMATION & AWARENESS

Arlene shared a draft of the RFP for Public Information & Awareness. No changes were made from last year.

Cindy Roan Eagle made a motion to issue the Request for Proposal for Public Information & Awareness, seconded by JoAnn Cleveland. Motion passed. Judy Struck abstained.

OTHER

Monica Burgess proposed that a competitive Request for Proposal go out for training parents on the difference between the IFSP, IFP, and IEP. Discussion included:

- Partners could focus on parents with a newly diagnosed child with a disability. These families need connections with resources and networking.
- IFSP to IEP training for parents of children ages 2-4
- Need to provide childcare on-site
- Regional trainings – 3 sessions each for 2-3 hours on a Saturday morning
- See about using technology to capture the trainings and share via YouTube, etc.

- Meet every 2 weeks. Learn advocacy skills, resources, networking, blend with Families Planning Together?
- Program would feed Partners, Youth Leadership Forums and Person Centered Thinking activities.

A committee was formed to work on a Request for Proposal. Volunteers included Josh, Judy, Robert, Ann or Susan Sheppick, Val, Mark, Jolon and ask Elaine from SD Parent Connection.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mark Way made a motion to keep Teresa Geraets as the Member-at-Large, seconded by Jackie Juhala. Motion carried.

BLACK HILLS WORKS

Brad Saathoff told the Council that Black Hills Workshop and Training Center has recently changed their name to Black Hills Works. The reason for this is that there are more people working in the community setting and fewer in the workshop setting. Tom Miller also joined Brad and explained his role as an Disability Advocate Specialist.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held via DDN in January.

ADJOURNMENT

Mark Way made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Dawn Hahn.

Meeting adjourned at 11:20 MST.

Following the meeting Council members toured Black Hills Works.