

September 10, 2020 Executive Committee Minutes

Attendees:

Council Members

Kristine Dreckman – Chair
Al Fagerlund – At large
Hugh Kelly – At large
Brady Werger – At large
Mark Schneider – At large

Staff

Brooke Lovelace
Lindsay Leonetti
Bill Kallestad

A meeting of the Iowa Developmental Disabilities Council (DD Council) Executive Committee (EC) was held on November 12, 2020 via Zoom. The meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m.

Agenda Item / Current Budget Review: Lovelace shared the 2020 final budget. The council will be meeting with DHS accounting to ensure the final the final budget expenses match. We are over obligated for 2019, but Covid has affected many of the projects that the DD Council has in progress. If projects spend all of the funds, then the 2019 funds will roll over to 2020. There is approximately \$402,000 of 2020 funds that needs to be obligated by September 30th 2021 Lovelace said that the Council staff will probably not spend all of the administrative costs that are in the budget because of Covid limitations on staff travel. Lovelace said there is a slight chance the ACL might give Councils one more year to spend funds, and she will keep the Council updated on that front. Dreckman and Schneider shared that it would be beneficial to the Council if we can partner with other agencies and do more research on needs so we can fund larger projects. Lovelace spoke with Terri Rosanke with the Iowa Finance Authority about increasing appropriations for HCBS rent subsidies and having the Council as a partner on that. Lovelace will speak with Kristin Haar with the Department of Transportation to possibly fund a project about transportation issues that people with disabilities encounter. Fagerlund asked if Lovelace has communication with neighboring states to learn about issues and projects that they have funded. Lovelace shared that yes she does have weekly calls with other Council's so she is able to hear what they are doing and challenges they have. Kallestad shared that he is also part of a State Budget Emergency task force and he is able to learn what budget issues they face and how they appropriate funds.

Agenda Item/Legislative Priorities: Priorities from 2020 were shared. Kallestad said the 2021 priorities will be similar because the issues are still relevant. Kallestad will solicit volunteers from the Council for information gathering activities and to get a better idea of additional issues people are facing. Council members involved in the planning of the priorities will be able to play a key role in the development of them. Similar to years past, after the session starts, there will be conference calls for people to join to hear about legislation and activities that are important to the Council. Fagerlund asked if the Council has seen any issues crop up that might affect people with developmental disabilities in the last 6-9 months, during the campaigns. Kallestad said that people and other agencies are concerned about Covid relief and support going forward. Werger asked if the council can help or has any projects we can do with helping people who can't work because of Covid. Lovelace suggested emailing legislators so that they have a better understanding of how COVID has impacted people with disabilities and the importance of another stimulus package.

[Agenda Item / State Plan:](#) Today the Council will be discussing the objectives to get input from council members. State plan must be voted on in the March meeting so we have time to get any additional information and solicit suggestions from Council members. Dreckman suggested to get the information to the other council members via email so that they are prepared for discussion and vote in the March meeting. Kallestad suggested emailing the goals out one at a time in order to get info on each goal.

[Agenda Item / DHS Person Centered Positive Behavioral Support](#)

[Leadership Program Proposal:](#) Marissa Eyanson will share more about this project today in the full council meeting. There are many organizations that are working together in order to help project succeed. The project description and details are outlined in the handouts that we will be going over in the meeting.

[Agenda Item / Employment Transformation Grant:](#) This project was approved in the September meeting. The RFP will go public on Tuesday, November 17, 2020 with services expected to begin on February 1, 2021.

[Agenda Item / Recruiting and Retention project with Center for Disabilities and Development Update.](#)

This is a contract with the UCEDD to work with up to four Supported Community Living providers to provide an innovative way to hire and retain direct service providers. Budget for this project is \$129,400. The providers who we contract with will also agree to transition at least two individuals living in one of the two State Resource Centers (Woodward and Glenwood) by September 30, 2022.

[Agenda Item/Next Council meetings:](#) Dreckman suggested that we vote on making meetings take place via Zoom until at least the end of June and will continue to be on the odd numbered months on the second Tuesday. Updates to scheduled meeting in 2021: We will be having a July council meeting because we have to vote on the State plan. Also, in 2021 Veterans Day is on the same day as the Council meeting so we will reschedule the November meeting for November 4, 2021. Leonetti will send out the 2021 meeting calendar in December.

Dreckman and Kelly both attended the "Got Bias" training. Lovelace would like to schedule training on this issue for the whole council. Dreckman will send out info on a few documentaries that the Council could also have showings. The EC was in agreement that we need to be presenting these issues so the Council is more aware of the issues that we are facing.

Meeting adjourned at 10:13.