

March 11, 2021 Executive Committee Minutes

Attendees:

Council Members

Kristine Dreckman – Chair
Al Fagerlund – At large
Hugh Kelly – At large
Brady Werger – Vice Chair
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 March 11, 2021 via Zoom. The meeting was called to order at 9:06 a.m.

Agenda Item / Request for Proposals (RFP) for Public Policy Partnership and

Advocacy Management: Before the RFPs will be released to the public on March 24, 2021, the EC will need to vote on whether to release the RFP. Lovelace shared changes/details about each RFP:

Advocacy Management project changes include, limiting funding to \$275,000 a year (the previous RFP limit was \$301,000 current spending is \$313,000), branding projects as a DD Council project, not publishing Iowa Advocacy Connection and instead doing a yearly magazine that highlights all the work the Council does. The project also includes social media, website and event management, and increasing the number of people who are in the DD Council network.

Public Policy Partnership project changes include limiting contract to \$112,000 a year (the previous RFP was \$100,000 current spending is \$108,000), reducing the number of printed paper copies of InfoNET and instead do weekly online brief versions of InfoNet during legislative session. There will also be 4 hard copies distributed throughout the year. The RFP will also require the contractor to do more advocacy training, more social media engagement during session and creating some policy briefs during session.

Werger motioned to recommend approval of both RFPs to the Council, Kelly seconded. Motion passed.

Agenda Item/ Evaluation Committee for RFPs: We are seeking 3 volunteers to serve on the RFP evaluation committee which is responsible for reviewing, evaluating and recommending approval of the proposals submitted. Fagerlund volunteered to be on the committee. Schneider suggested having interested people to contact Lovelace. Schneider and Kelly said they may be interested if we cannot find volunteers at the full Council meeting today.

Agenda Item / State Plan Approval: Dreckman suggested that we ask the council as a whole to vote for approval of the State Plan. After approval, council staff will release the State Plan for public comment. Monday, March 15th the plan will be live and will be emailed to the DD Network, posted on the DD Council website, posted on social media and also a postcard will be mailed. We will have a dedicated email address for submitting comments. A survey will also be posted on the website. We will also do listening sessions, and council members and EC members are encouraged to attend at least one

session. The sessions will be on April 6 at 6:00, April 7 at 1:00 (this session is focused on deaf and hard of hearing community-but anyone may attend), and 4/8 11:30.

Agenda Item /Election Committee: Dreckman will ask for a volunteers to serve on the election committee today in the full Council meeting. The election committee will recommend new EC members. Fagerlund will begin his term as the Chair in July if voted in at the next Council meeting. Werger wishes to continue as Vice Chair. Schneider and Kelly will continue on the EC until June 2022.

Agenda Item/ Budget review: The guidance from Administration for Community Living has changed. Councils can now use 2 years of funding to pay for administrative costs that directly tie into the Council's State Plan. With this new guidance, all of our 2020 award is now obligated. We will have more funds available now from our 2021 award.

Agenda Item/ Disability Policy Seminar: The Disability Policy Seminar will be held virtually April 19-21. On the final day of the seminar, April 22nd, the attendee's will have the opportunity to meet virtually with their Senators and Representatives. The Council can sponsor three or more self-advocates to attend this seminar. Attendees would have to attend all sessions, and Lovelace would like to know why they want to attend. Dreckman will ask the full council if anyone would like to attend, to contact Brooke.

Agenda Item/ID Action Board of Directors: Previously, there was Board of Directors for ID Action so that ID Action could remain a non-profit. It has been updated with the Secretary of State's office and officers have been changed to have Lovelace appointed as President, Kallestad Secretary and Dreckman as Treasurer. The EC meetings will serve as the meetings for the ID Action Board of Directors. ID Action will be discussed at minimum twice a year, and minutes will be taken.

Agenda Item/Update on other projects: A new project focused on Health Self-Advocacy will begin soon and the Council will partner with CDD. The project was originally started in Oregon and will be modified for lowans with disabilities, and will be centered about educating people on how to advocate for their health. This project cost will come out of the special projects fund since the budget is under \$5,000.

Agenda Item/Other EC items: None.

Motion to adjourn by Werger and mark 2nd. Meeting adjourned at 10:05