

**Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**

**Attendees:**

**Council Members**

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

**Staff**

Brooke Lovelace  
Bill Kallestad

**Members absent:**

Elyn Holton-Dean – Vice Chair

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A meeting of the Iowa Developmental Disabilities Council (DD Council) Executive Committee (EC) was held on July 20, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. via Zoom. The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Council Chair, Kristine Dreckman.

[Agenda Item / Camera purchase for Council office](#)

Lovelace received a bid from Embark IT to possibly get a web camera installed in the DD Council Office to help facilitate council meetings. Lovelace visited the Department of Aging as they have a similar camera set up at their office. The benefits of the camera would be that anyone coming into the office on meeting day (staff included) would be able to see all of the meeting participants who are connecting via Zoom. Dreckman suggested we might benefit from waiting 6 months or so to see how the Council's needs and Council members needs change in that time period. Brooke explained that it is not a large expense (\$3,000) and this would come out of 2020 administrative costs. Our 2020 administrative costs are lower than budgeted because of staff salary costs when we did not have a Public Policy Manager. Staff has done very little travel this year so we are under budget in that area as well. It would need to be purchased by September 30th to come out of 2020 administrative costs. Schneider motioned to approve the purchase and Werger seconded. Motion approved.

[Agenda Item / Derecho Storm grants](#)

Werger proposed that the Council look at helping victims of the derecho storm that took place on August 10, 2020. Organizations all over the state have been affected by the derecho and have many needs to fill. Lovelace

recommended that funds be designated for providers or organizations supporting people with disabilities that were impacted by the derecho storm. The total would be \$10,000 to be given in \$1,000 increments to providers. Providers would be given roughly 2 weeks to apply for the grant. Kallestad asked if perhaps we should look at giving these as a reimbursement as well. For example, a provider may have needed to buy 2 generators and the grant funds would act as a reimbursement. Dreckman asked how the DD Council helps people with disabilities during disasters, and how can this be incorporated into our state plan. Dreckman shared that Council member Hudson has been a part of these conversation are taking place currently. Lovelace agreed and said that the Council definitely needs to be a part of these larger conversations at the State level. Kallestad and Lovelace shared that how we choose to help should be connected to the State plan. The state plan should also address providers who are supposed to have a disaster plan, as well as taking into account individuals who live independently. Schneider motioned to approve the total grant amount of \$10,000 given in increments of \$1,000 for organizations and individuals who have been affected by the derecho. The council staff will determine if the requests can be granted. Grants may be given as a reimbursement for items or services as well as future costs. Brady seconded the motion. Motion carries.

#### [Agenda Item/New member council orientation](#)

New member orientation will take place on September 1, 2020 at 1:30. Current EC members will be asked to share their experiences and time on the Council. The Agenda will be sent out soon.

The NACDD is also doing an orientation for new council members. There will be 3 different sessions. Lovelace shared this information via email and encouraged EC members to attend the sessions.

Meeting ended at 4:40.