

## February 16, 2022 Executive Committee Minutes

**Attendee Council Members:** Judy Warth, Brady Werger, Hugh Kelly, Al Fagerlund

**Absent Council Members:** Mark Schneider

**Council Staff:** Brooke Lovelace, Bill Kallestad, Lindsay Hommer

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A meeting of the Iowa Developmental Disability Council (DD Council) Executive Committee (EC) was held on February 16, 2022 via Zoom.

Meeting was called to order by Fagerlund at 3:33 pm.

### Discussion of Future Meetings:

Discussion on how we want to meet for the March 10<sup>th</sup> meeting and/or beyond, either in-person or via Zoom or leave the option open (hybrid). Lovelace asked Warth if the University is allowing travel yet. Warth stated travel is restricted through February and does not know beyond that. Werger stated he would be comfortable with the hybrid option unless Covid numbers skyrocket. Kelly is comfortable with the hybrid option also. Warth is comfortable with the hybrid option as long as attendees via Zoom are actively participating. Warth stated she would not be comfortable with requiring a full council meeting in-person. Lovelace stated that if we do a hybrid option, she does not think there would be a lot of people that show up in-person for the meeting. She also stated that the boys state basketball tournament will be going on the week of the meeting so it will restrict parking. Fagerlund stated he remembers parking about three blocks away a few years ago for the meeting in March due to the limited parking. Lovelace stated that if there is inclement weather, the meeting will be held via Zoom entirely. Warth stated she would like a hybrid model to be the option. Fagerlund and Werger agreed. Warth asked Council staff how they felt about people coming to the office for the meetings. Lovelace stated she is comfortable with a small number of people attending the meetings. She said that the guest speakers that will be attending the meeting will do so via Zoom. Kallestad and Hommer agreed that a small amount of people attending the meetings they would be comfortable with. Warth motioned that we offer a hybrid model for the meeting unless too many people want to attend or Covid numbers rise. We are going to ask that committee members let us know by a certain date if they are planning to attend in-person. Lovelace and Fagerlund can ratify the meeting to strictly Zoom if needed. Kelly seconded. Motion carried.

Lovelace stated that the Administration for Community Living (ACL) offered a grant opportunity centered around the vaccine and the workforce crisis. The council would need to hire somebody or contract with somebody to do public health work around the vaccine. The grant is about \$80,000 and we would have about two years to spend it. Lovelace stated that is not enough for a state agency to hire someone. We accepted the grant and hope that University Center for Excellence and Developmental Disabilities (UCEDD) can utilize someone that they already have on board. Lovelace would like to see the grant money spent on doing outreach with provider agencies and other pockets of people with disabilities that may be marginalized to see why or why not they are not getting vaccinated and

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encourage vaccination. We did accept the grant but we don't know for sure how much exactly it will be. We have until September of 2024 to spend this funding. Fagerlund asked which group the DD Council would like to partner with for this grant. Lovelace stated we would like to partner with the UCEDD whom Warth works for. Lovelace stated it would be the Iowa Compass staff that we have been doing the Recovery Iowa project that we have been partnering with to get some information out. It would be a social worker within that or someone they hire. Fagerlund stated this sounded like a good thing. Lovelace stated she may wait until the May meeting to bring this up at the full council meeting.

Motion to adjourn made by Werger. Kelly seconded by Meeting adjourned at 3:55 pm.

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