

May 12, 2022 Executive Committee Minutes

Attendee Council Members: Judy Warth, Brady Werger, Hugh Kelly, Mark Schneider, Al Fagerlund
Council Staff: Brooke Lovelace, Bill Kallestad, and Lindsay Hommer

A meeting of the Iowa Developmental Disability Council (DD Council) Executive Committee (EC) was held on May 12, 2022. The meeting was called to order at 9:09 AM by Werger

2022, 2021, and 2020 Budget Review:

Lovelace reviewed the Council budget sheet. There are still funds from the 2020 award to spend which will be used when Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) sends in their invoice.

Lovelace reviewed the Obligation tab which hasn't changed since the last time the Council met in March 2022. Lovelace stated she is positive we will be able to ask for a no cost extension for our 2021 award which is unspent. This will allow the remaining 2021 award to be spent after 9/30/2022 for one more year. If we do not ask for this no cost extension and any of the 2021 award is remaining unspent, we will lose those funds. The 2022 award is still just being used for administration costs. The September 2022 meeting will be when we put together the next year administrative costs and we will need to vote on this for fiscal year 2023.

Lovelace reviewed the Administration cap page. We have only spent about \$81,000 so far and we should be fine for the year.

Fagerlund asked if Lovelace thinks the budget will remain relatively the same in 2023. Lovelace stated that in 2023 there may be a slight increase in our appropriation but now it is only predicted to be about \$5000.

Public Health Workforce Funding:

Lovelace stated this is the funding we received from the Administration of Community Living (ACL) to help the public health workforce as well as help people with disabilities during a pandemic or health care crisis. Our share was \$95,000 for two years. We cannot hire a person so we are hoping to contract with the University Centers for Excellence on Developmental Disabilities (UCEDD) to do this project. UCEDD will be hiring a public health worker or social worker to do outreach in-person in various communities to help people in-person deal with stressors by developing coping skills. They will hire one full-time employee and mental health ambassadors with lived experience to do outreach. The communities they will target are Sioux City, Council Bluffs, Mason City, Fort Dodge, Carroll, Atlantic, Ames, Waterloo, Cedar Rapids, Burlington, and Dubuque and those surrounding areas. They will help identify services in their communities and make connections with these services. House party style of an in-person intervention is the method they will use for this project. Warth stated it is a model that is used to develop a more personal relationship. Schneider stated it may make it more effective to collaborate

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with Mental Health Disability Services (MHDS) people in those regions. Lovelace stated she will note this suggestion. Warth asked if the regions are Child Health Specialty Regions. Lovelace stated it does not say that but may be. This contract would start 9/1/2022 and go through 9/30/2024. Werger asked for a vote on this. Schneider motioned and this will be sent to the full council for a second. Warth abstained from voting as she works for the UCEDD.

State Plan Update and Workplan:

Lovelace stated we have not received formal approval of the state plan yet. It is out for public comment currently. Marilyn Straw, from the public, left a public comment stating we need to support workshops. This has been the only public comment. Warth stated it has been distributed in Thursday notes. Lovelace will update the state plan pertaining to how we receive public comment. State plan corrections are due August 15, 2022 but, the system we have to submit it to is not ready yet. Our new objective, 1.3, supports people to lead disability organizations and groups. Warth's idea, to host a leadership summit during Make Your Mark! (MYM!) with advocacy organizations is a new activity. Lovelace stated we would like to keep the number of people attending to about fifteen. Lovelace asked for suggestions of people from the EC of people to invite. The guest list will be created in May. The targeted disparity goal was narrowed to focus on rural areas of youth ages 18-26 and focusing on advocacy, civic engagement, and voting. We continue to work with Roozeboom and Funston to host an event in September 2022. We may not get two events done by Sept 30, 2022. Warth stated she could reach out and promote if people have ideas of where to host an event. Lovelace stated we are wanting Werger to chair this event (the leadership summit) as the Chair of the Council. It is held on the last day of MYM!. Kallestad stated there are a lot of loose advocacy groups and this may help to coordinate their efforts and bring them together to have a conversation to possibly organize. Warth stated this will enhance the status of advocates and people with disabilities. Lovelace stated specific groups have specific asks and this could bring people together. Schneider stated that he thinks this a great idea.

Fagerlund asked if placing the progress of activities on the workplan is helpful. Lovelace stated it is helpful and her and Kallestad meet every other month and update the workplan. Kallestad stated this has been very positive to keep track.

Recruitment of Council Members:

Lovelace stated we have a full slate for the governor to consider. Werger, Kelly, Balduf, Hedderich, and Roozeboom still need appointed for their second terms. Lovelace stated we have two family members from the Des Moines area that have applied for the Council and they are both male. For self-advocates, we need two as well, and Aaron Schwartz, Dr. Matt Conway, and Mike Hoenig applied. Lovelace stated the governor has the discretion to pick two to appoint. Lovelace stated that in April, the governor's office seemed hopeful that the new appointments will be on the Council by our July meeting. Eric Evans has been officially appointed as our VR representative on the Council.

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Bylaws changes:

Lovelace stated the bylaws state that members must be present at meetings. The Accessibility and Accommodation committee decide if they can attend virtually if people ask. A bylaws committee will be needed to decide if people can attend meetings virtually or in-person. Bylaws can be suspended if 2/3 of the Council vote to do so. Fagerlund stated he has been on many different boards and involvements and believed that in-person is the best for meetings but, taking into account that people live all over the state, it may be best to have a virtual option to draw people to meetings from all over the state. Fagerlund encourages everyone to attend in person but, there are circumstances when people cannot. Lovelace noted that we have not had an issue with a quorum since we have given the virtual option. Schneider stated he has no issue with making virtual an option. Werger stated he is comfortable with having a virtual option. Lovelace stated we need to have the bylaws committee meet, which is made up of the EC members, and review the bylaws. If there are changes wanted, the full council would then need to vote on the changes.

Orientation for New Members and a Diversity Training Retreat:

Warth checked with someone at the University of Iowa and they wanted money to do a training. Lovelace stated that the EC members are encouraged to be present on orientation day which will be in August 2022. Lovelace asked if we want to spend some more time looking at what a diversity training will look like. Kelly stated feedback from the whole Council about what type of diversity training would be helpful. Warth agreed. Lovelace stated we wanted to have this open to all council members to attend. Lovelace stated we may want to incorporate training pertaining to awareness and education about how the Council can be more inclusive.

Other Topics for Discussion:

Lovelace stated a suggestion from Marissa Eyanson was received stating, because of the closure of Glenwood, she thought it would be helpful for the DD Council to send a letter to Director Garcia and let her know what our top three expectations are that we would like DHS to keep in the forefront as they're moving forward with transitioning clients. Warth and Kelly said they think this a good idea. Werger stated for an example, staff in his program may get bumped out due to staff bumping based on seniority by Glenwood staff. Werger stated the clients like consistent staff who they are comfortable with. Warth supports a letter to Director Garcia. Lovelace stated that also a concern we are hearing, is how they are deciding which clients go to Woodward and which clients go to the community. The EC would like to open this up to the Council to get thoughts. Kallestad suggested we make a list of concerns and we narrow it down from there to the top three. Warth wants the letter to include key values and state we want DHS to enforce these values and base their decisions on these values. Warth stated community engagement which includes community employment is one of the values. Lovelace stated which includes good employment opportunities for the clients.

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Preparation, Participation, Power

Werger is in the process of moving to Waverly into possibly a low-income apartment. His family is trying to find a provider that could come to his apartment and help him. He is looking at Goodwill possibly. Werger asked Kallestad and Lovelace to please point anyone they know in his direction.

Kelly stated Goodwill has applied to be an exhibitor at MYM!. Werger stated Special Olympics Iowa also has.

Adjourn: Kelly made a motion to adjourn and Warth seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 10:18 AM.

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