

## October 12, 2021 Executive Committee Minutes

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

**Absent Council Members:** Mark Schneider

**Council Staff:** Brooke Lovelace

**Absent Council Staff:** Bill Kallestad and Lindsay Hommer

A meeting of the Iowa Developmental Disability Council (DD Council) Executive Committee (EC) was held on Oct 12, 2021 via Zoom. Meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm.

**Next meeting plans for in person, virtual, or both:** Fagerlund stated he has not seen that a lot has changed pertaining to in-person meetings and asked if there was some insight learned from the Make Your Mark conference that had in-person attendees. Other meetings that he has attended for other organizations have all been held via Zoom still and are looking at going to face-to-face in 2022. Warth said that the University is giving the recommendation that if in person meetings are necessary than do that, otherwise they are shying away from in-person meetings. They can still not eat lunch together at the hospital. Werger asked Fagerlund if he is wanting to look at in-person meetings in 2022. Fagerlund stated that if it was his call, that is what he would do. Fagerlund is not opposed to in-person meetings now though. Kelly mentioned that the public hearing on redistricting was all virtual recently. Lovelace stated that there were people in the capital that day too. She said that DHS is getting out and doing some things in-person. Town hall meetings coming up in Des Moines, Cedar Rapids, and Marshalltown will be in-person. Werger asked if he could come to the next meeting in November at the Council office. He stated that he is getting burned out looking at the computer all day. Werger said that he would be okay with starting in-person meetings in November or in 2022 and make in-person attendance optional. Fagerlund agreed that attendance in-person should be optional. Warth said that starting optional in-person attendance in 2022 would be okay and that if Werger attended the November 2021 meeting at the Council office that that would be good so he could learn from Fagerlund how to facilitate a meeting. Lovelace agreed that would be good. She stated that the EC could be invited to attend in-person at the Council office to do a test run of a hybrid model (virtual and in-person) full council meeting. Fagerlund agreed that was a good idea. Werger also agreed. Warth stated that while attending the virtual meetings, it's hard to feel connected to the people via the computer. She suggested a 2<sup>nd</sup> camera be installed to get a different viewpoint of the room at the DD Council office. Warth offered to bring her laptop that has a webcam. Lovelace said that she thought that would work as the DD Council cannot buy anymore equipment. Werger agreed that having the EC council meeting in November in-person and trying out the hybrid meeting with the full council would be beneficial. Werger motioned to have EC council meet in-person on November 4. Kelly seconded the motion. Lovelace let the group know that Schneider had told her he would go with the group consensus and he is okay with attending in-person.

Werger made a motion to adjourn. Warth seconded. Meeting adjourned.

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