

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

May 9, 2019

Iowa DD Council Office

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Present: Al Fagerlund, Kristine Dreckman, Elyn Holton-Dean, Hugh Kelly, Rick Samson

Staff: Lindsay Leonetti, Brooke Lovelace, Sheryl Matney, Rik Shannon

**Call to Order:** Dreckman called the meeting to order at 8:51. Introduction of Sheryl Matney, and why she is here and the guidance that she provides to DD Councils.

**Financial Discussion:** Lovelace discussed the new guidelines from ACL. Why, and when we use the different years of money. New regulations were just released in April. Regulations will be started in October 1, 2020. Personnel costs can no longer come out of 2018 funds. In total, the Council budget has about \$342K to use before October 1, 2019

**New Projects:** Mentoring Project with UCEDD was approved last meeting, but the budget has changed. The new budget is \$70,000 which includes the University's indirect costs and match. Motion to recommend the approval of the project and budget increase to the full council by Kelly, seconded by Samson. Motion passed.

Increase lowans with Disabilities in Action contract by \$10,000. Reasons for the increase 1) Make Your Mark Conference will be held in Coralville this year, and there is increased cost with that 2) want to keep the Make Your Mark a free event 3) To be able to get good quality keynote speakers. We would also like to have another print run for the Legislative Guide. Motion to increase the contract by Holton-Dean, Kelly seconded. Motions passed.

The Vocational Rehabilitation contract would like to be extended to be able to provide these customized employment training in other communities. Department of Human Rights project would like to continue for another year as well to help in the further development of the talent bank project and the needs assessment for diverse populations. Motion made to recommend to the full council to add one year to both contracts by Holton-Dean, Kelly second. Motion passed.

Lovelace provided info on another project - Employment Transformation Grants. These are 5-\$20,000 grants given to providers to help increase their employment outcomes. This would have to be done through an RFP process, which we would start on May 20, 2019, with an anticipated start date of projects on October 1, 2019. Motion to recommend this project to the full council by Kelly, seconded by Samson, motion passes.

**Council Survey:** Council survey answers were collected from the March meeting and discussed. Staff will give more information in the meetings on what we do that pertains to our goals, and how the activities that we do pertain to the goals in the work plan. It is hard for some Council members to follow along with the handouts. Staff will explore options to have a clearer delivery and assembly of meeting materials. Staff is looking at having a projection or big screen to help people follow along installed. Survey will go out again in September.

**Website Update:** Leonetti gave an update on the website project. Work began on the website on May 2. Hoping to have the website up and running by June 30.

**Member Recruitment and Update:** We may have 4-5 new people – 3 self-advocates. Looking at doing a new member orientation in August. Staff will get out a doodle poll for dates in August for the orientation.

**Discussion and questions for Sheryl:**

Lobbying vs. Educating, and the guidance that Sheryl will go over in the full council meeting. The DD Council hosted a showing of “Intelligent Lives” last week. We had about 50 people in attendance, and a very good group discussion afterwards. There are many screenings planned in the future, and we possibly may show it at the MYM conference. Dreckman suggested that we could have a panel discussion afterwards, as well as a discussion with the audience.

Motion to adjourn by Kelly, seconded by Fagerlund. Meeting adjourned 10:05.