

## January 12, 2023 Executive Committee Minutes

**Attendee Council Members:** Brady Werger, Hugh Kelly, Rob Roozeboom

**Council Staff:** Brooke Lovelace, Carlyn Crowe, Lindsay Hommer

**Absent Council Members:** Judy Warth, Brittney Drinovsky

A meeting of the Iowa Developmental Disability Council (DD Council) Executive Committee (EC) was held on January 12, 2023. The meeting was called to order at 9:06 AM by Werger

### Introductions – Meet our New Policy Manager:

All attendees introduced themselves.

### 2023, 2022, & 2021 Budget Review:

Lovelace stated we are going to go over our out of state travel budget for 2023. We have approximately \$5300 left to spend for the year. There is a trip coming up in March or April for the disability summit in Washington DC. Crowe will attend and possibly Werger and possibly Lovelace. In the future it will be Crowe and someone from the Council. We may need to budget more for out of state travel in the future.

We are going to be putting our office phone lines through Microsoft Teams and will save money.

Hommer stated that the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) overcharged us for mail by approximately \$2100 in October and we did receive the funds back in December.

Lovelace stated that the 2021 award is spent except for the approximately \$45,000 we asked to carryover that is for the Community Ambassador Program through the University of Iowa only.

Lovelace stated we have until September 2023 to spend the 2022 award. We are over obligated for both the 2022 award and the 2023 award. There was a budget increase federally for DD Council's but Iowa did not receive additional funding. We have not received an increase to our award since 2016.

Lovelace reviewed the 2023 admin cap. Seventy percent of funds must be spent on state plan activities. We have approximately \$192,000 left for this year. Hommer stated we had \$68,000 left last year. Roozeboom asked what the 47% on the Administration sheet meant. Lovelace explained that the time the DD Council staff doing state plan activities, we can take off of our administration costs. There was a time study conducted and 47% of the time, the Executive Director and the Public Policy Manager spend their time working on state plan activities.

### Annual Survey:

Lovelace stated that 433 people responded to the annual survey. There was approximately a 50/50 split of male/female respondents. One change that we are going to make next year is that if respondents

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mark that they did not attend a DD Council event or use the DD Council resources, we are not going to have them complete additional questions about the DD Council events. We will provide resources for them to reference. 50% of the people that responded said they spoke to their elected official. 78% of respondents stated they saw change. 79% responded that they use the legislative guide.

Roozeboom stated that he likes getting information via email. He would like that the information be shortened if it could. Lovelace suggested he watch the Capitol Snapshot videos that are sent out via email weekly during the legislative session to get a quick recap of what happened at the capitol each week. He also would like to be able to get more information related to waiver services and caretaker services.

Lovelace stated the comments to the survey questions are available on the DD Council website under meeting materials. One of the comments requested regional events hosted by the DD Council. For the last year we have been offering town hall meetings. In the last year and a half we have had only one request for this from the ARC of Northcentral Iowa. We would like to find a way to promote these. Roozeboom asked if there is way for IABLE to do another workshop and put information in layman's terms. Lovelace stated she would look into this.

#### Legislative Day at the Capitol February 1st:

Kelly, Werger, and Roozeboom plan on attending the legislative breakfast. We will be starting the breakfast at 7AM. Lovelace stated an invite will go out next week to Council members that can be sent to the legislators. Werger asked if name tags could be made for the legislative breakfast. Lovelace stated we would provide those.

#### Workplan Brainstorm on Areas We Are Behind or Missing:

The workplan is from October 2022 through December 2022. There are three Capitol Advocacy days scheduled and we have two more spots available. Roozeboom asked what organizations have done these in the past. Lovelace stated some examples are Mosaic, Spina Bifida Association, Family Leadership Training Institute, First Resources, and Life Empowerment. Lovelace is working with Baldur to perhaps have the Arch of North Central Iowa attend one. The DD Council provides training, lunch, and reimbursement for mileage. The group goes to the capitol to speak with their legislators. Werger asked for information about this and Lovelace stated the information is on our website and Facebook page.

Lovelace stated we are targeting two rural communities for our targeted disparity goal. Hoenig connected with a school district in southeast Iowa to try to set up a training there. Lovelace stated that we may need to focus on targeting school districts to set these trainings up. Cogil is also trying to set one up in her area.

We also need to work on the area related to policy makers and state leaders and how they gather information related to disability.

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Representative Staed reached out to the DD Council and would like to do a joint resolution with the house and the senate related to disabilities awareness month. Roozeboom suggested people with disabilities sit down with legislators and film their conversations and we send those out.

## Diversity Discussion – How Are We Reaching Underserved Populations:

Lovelace stated we will be starting recruiting for Council members in March or April and we would like ideas for how to reach underserved populations. She would like to get our Council more diversified. Roozeboom asked what are the prerequisites for being a member of the Council. Lovelace stated the person has to have a developmental disability or be a family member of a person with a developmental disability. Also, we try to have Council members from all over the state of Iowa both rural and urban. Werger asked if a person from Special Olympics Iowa could be appointed to the DD Council. Lovelace stated they would have to qualify and apply and be appointed by the Governor.

Werger asked if there is a way to put in our motto that we are asking for people from all backgrounds to join the Council. Lovelace stated we don't need to change the motto but we need to find a way to reach the underserved populations. Werger stated he would reach out to Jenn Wolfe to see if she knows of anyone we could reach out to. Crowe asked if it is possible to set up a task force or advisory group of non-council members to address this question of how we reach out to underserved populations.

## Other Topics for Discussion:

MYM! Conference planning committee will need volunteers assigned during the Council meeting today.

In March we will need to discuss who wants to be on the EC going forward and what role they would like to do. Warth will be coming off the EC. Roozeboom and Kelly would like to remain on the EC.

Lovelace will need to attend the DD Council meeting virtually in July.

## Action Steps:

Look into IABLE doing another workshop and have them put information in layman's terms.

Council members to invite their legislators to the legislative breakfast on Feb 1<sup>st</sup>

Werger will reach out to Jenn Wolfe about reaching underserved populations.

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

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