

March 1, 2023 Executive Committee Minutes

Attendee Council Members: Brady Werger, Hugh Kelly, Judy Warth

Council Staff: Brooke Lovelace, Carlyn Crowe, Lindsay Hommer

Absent Council Members: Rob Roozeboom, Brittney Drinovsky

A meeting of the Iowa Developmental Disability Council (DD Council) Executive Committee (EC) was held on March 1, 2023. The meeting was called to order at 3:04 pm by Werger.

Election Committee for Executive Committee (EC):

Lovelace stated that every March we need to ask for three volunteers that will become the election committee that will then determine candidates that we vote on in May. Warth motioned that we ask for volunteers during the DD Council meeting on March 9th, Kelly seconded. Warth volunteered to be on the election committee since she will be leaving the DD Council in June. There will be potentially two openings on the EC. Hoenig is interested on being on the EC and Cogil may be. Other interested Council members will need to let the Election committee or Lovelace know. It would be ideal to have family members and self-advocates on EC. The Council will need to vote on new EC members in May.

Recruiting new Council Members:

Werger stated he has had three people show interest in joining the Council. Willard and Warth will end their second terms on the Council this year. Dianne Brennehan, who is with the child health specialty clinics, has applied. She could take Willard's place. Cross, Lyon, Motsinger, Vratsinas, and Smith will be ending their first terms. They will need to reapply if they want to remain on the Council. We will need to ask them during the meeting to let us know if they will be reapplying.

Disability Awareness Month Resolution:

Crowe stated we have secured the sponsors and the Resolution has been introduced. The presentation will take place at 8:30am in House and 9:00am in the Senate on March 9th. We are inviting Council members, partners, friends to attend. We are encouraging others to watch online due to capacity of the Capitol. We are doing publicity about Disability Awareness Month and there are handouts for legislators about how to include people with disabilities in their decision making. Lovelace stated Emma will be featured in the Capitol Snapshot next week on March 10th. There may be Advocacy 101 training in the future. The DD Council has asked people to submit artwork or stories for disabilities awareness month. Werger stated he has a friend that he can reach out to for a story. Lovelace will email Capture to get something on our website where people can submit artwork and stories.

July meeting:

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Lovelace proposed to cancel the July meeting. We could vote on our budget during the September meeting. Orientation will be in August for new Council members. Warth made a motion to cancel the July meeting, Kelly seconded. Motion is approved.

Other Topics for Discussion:

Lovelace stated that Werger needs folders put together with DD Council information for his trip in April to Washington D.C.

Warth stated that some of her colleagues at the Iowa Department of Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) are concerned about consolidating into Workforce Development. Workforce Development is committed to workforce needs and the Department of Education is committed to individual needs. Lovelace stated VR will do a public comment and people with disabilities should show up during this. Warth stated she is looking for a way to proactively play a role to make sure that people with disabilities receive the care they need.

Action Steps:

Hommer to check governor's list to make sure of Council members term dates.

Folders need put together for Werger to take to Washington DC.

Adjourn: Warth made a motion to adjourn, Kelly seconded. Motion is approved. The meeting adjourned at 3:45 pm.

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