May 11, 2023 Executive Committee Minutes

Attendee Council Members: Brady Werger, Hugh Kelly, Judy Warth, Rob Roozeboom
Council Staff: Brooke Lovelace, Carlyn Crowe, Lindsay Hommer
Absent Council Members: Brittney Drinovsky

A meeting of the Iowa Developmental Disability Council (DD Council) Executive Committee (EC) was held on May 11, 2023. The meeting was called to order at 9:07 AM by Werger.

Council Budget:

Lovelace shared the Council budget sheet. Lovelace stated we should add a line item going forward for interpreter costs that we may incur. We have been supporting Allies in Advocacy using an ASL interpreter and are taking these costs out of Projects, Relief Grants, and Conference Sponsorships. Warth stated it would be wise to incorporate into the budget “Accommodation costs” for the future.

Lovelace stated we may need to increase the council support and the out of state travel budget. We will more than likely spend both of these entire budgets this year.

Lovelace reviewed the spending chart. There is approximately $158,000 left to spend of the 2022 funds. The projects have to be completed that are using these funds by the end of September 2022. States are allowed to apply for a no-cost extension. Requests need to be put in by the end of August.

Lovelace reviewed the obligation chart. We are over obligated for 2022 and 2023 and this is a good thing. The unobligated $5800 was spent on Projects, Relief Grants, and Sponsorships. We have spent this on interpreter costs, sponsoring the Spinal Cord Association, Autism Society, Epilepsy Foundation, two sponsorships for Association for Persons in Supported Employment (APSE), Brain Injury Alliance and a total of $9000 will be spent on a hard copy publication about direct support professionals.

Lovelace reviewed the Administration cap. Thirty percent of $774,176 is $232,252.80. This will be corrected. Currently we are spending 21% of the administration cap and we can go up to 30%. We have not had an award increase in eight years. Warth asked if state appropriation that the DD Council receives as part of the governor’s budget could be increased since Health and Human Services (HHS) costs have risen. Lovelace stated she will look into this for 2024.

Next year’s budget will need to be approved at the September meeting.

Workplan:

Lovelace stated we had a lot of activity at the Capitol this session. There were six grants awarded for groups to receive advocacy training and go to the capitol. One group had to cancel due to weather.
We still need help getting exhibitors and sponsors for Make Your Mark! (MYM!). Werger is trying to reach out the national Goodwill office to be an exhibitor. Warth stated she will get Werger a phone number to contact them.

Lovelace stated we need to get more people to get connected through social media. Will have Capture develop a post up about connecting with the DD Council.

We still need help recruiting for the Youth Leadership Academy (YLA) that will happen in July.

We still need to provide information to people about how to be successful on boards and committees. There will be more focus on this once the government reorganization is complete.

Hayden Crystal and Bill Krebs are keynote speakers for MYM!

Allies in Advocacy group is going to do a townhall. Crowe also knows another organization that would like to do a townhall.

The DD Council completed an advocacy and voter training at Panorama High School this year. These trainings are for rural school districts. Lovelace stated that perhaps next year, the DD Council could provide these trainings to more schools in SW and SE Iowa. Werger will reach out the Red Oak school district about this. Warth suggested that the young adults in the Youth Leadership Academy help the DD Council organize getting advocacy and voter training in schools.

Lovelace stated the Seat at the Table Publication was produced this year for the Disabilities Awareness proclamation. This could be revised yearly and handed out. January 24th there will be a legislative day at the Capitol. The statewide independent living centers (SILS) and Easterseals will be there that date also, and other providers such as Mosaic are considering.

**New Council Members and Orientation:**

Lovelace stated that Claire Kelly has spoken to the Governor about our appointees. After this, Lyon resigned from the Council. There is a male lawyer that is applying to replace him. There are people lined up to replace all Council members that are leaving. Caitlin Owens, Diane Brenneman, Emma Bouza, Joshua, and Melissa Lawson have all applies. We need the governor to appoint new members by July 1. EC members are requested to be in-person for orientation on August 23rd.

**MYM Update:**

Lovelace stated we have all speakers lined up except for the last day of the conference which will be more of a legislator day. We have asked Director Garcia or the new director of Aging and Disability Services to be the keynote speaker during lunch. Catherine Johnson is doing the breakfast keynote. Special Olympics is doing evening activity. The conference will be Aug 30-31. DD Council needs volunteers. Kelly and Warth volunteered. Werger will ask Special Olympics if they need athletes at their exhibitor booth.
Creating change with and for persons with developmental disabilities so they can live, work, learn and play in the community of their choosing.

**Other Topics for Discussion:**

Werger reminded everyone that we will not be meeting in July.

Hommer to send out an updated workplan and budget to the full council in July.

**Action Steps:**

- Werger will reach out to Goodwill about being a sponsor at MYMI after Warth provides him the phone number.
- Capture will put up a post on social media about connecting with the DD Council.
- Werger will reach out to Red Oak school district about advocacy training next year.
- Hommer will send out budget and workplan in July to full council.

**Adjourn:** Roozeboom made a motion to adjourn, Warth seconded. Motion is approved. The meeting adjourned at 10:08 AM.