

## November 10, 2022 Executive Committee Minutes

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

**Council Staff:** Brooke Lovelace and Lindsay Hommer

**Absent Council Members:** Brittney Drinovsky

A meeting of the Iowa Developmental Disability Council (DD Council) Executive Committee (EC) was held on November 10, 2022. The meeting was called to order at 9:09 AM by Werger

### 2022 & 2021 Budget Review:

Lovelace reviewed the Final 2022 budget sheet. Lovelace stated that we have spent all of the 2020 funds. As of 9/30/2022 it shows we have \$119,485.31 on the Final budget sheet for 2021 grant. We have outstanding invoices that still need paid so it will not show this amount on the October budget sheet.

Lovelace stated on the October 2022 budget sheet it shows that out of the \$119,485.31 we have paid \$73,000 and part of that is the Make Your Mark conference expenses. We have \$45,700.95 left to spend from 2021. \$50,000 was granted to carry over to 2022. We may have to take funds from future years to cover these costs for the University of Iowa Community Ambassadors program contract that the \$50,000 was to cover.

Lovelace reviewed the Obligation chart. We are over committed for 2022 and 2023. Some of the obligated funds may not be used though. Lovelace has no concerns about the obligations. Warth stated that she is comfortable with the budget if Lovelace is. Warth stated that as we review our strategic plan, we should look for ways to increase our revenue. Lovelace stated that there are opportunities for us to apply for grants from time to time.

### Public Policy Manager Recruiting Update:

Lovelace stated that we had four candidates that interviewed well. Lovelace will submit paperwork to hopefully hire one of those today. Part of our state plan was to hire an intern with a disability and may reach out to one of the Public Policy Manager candidates to do the internship at some point. Right now though, we do not have funds to pay an intern and Lovelace is focusing on hiring and training a Public Policy Manager. Roozeboom asked how we can increase funding for the DD Council. Lovelace said that due to us being a state agency, we rely on grants because we can't do fundraising efforts. Lovelace stated that we did lower the contract for Advocacy Management by \$28,000 in this last contract. Lovelace stated that if the legislators decided to appropriate more funds to the DD Council, we could do more projects. We cannot ask for more funds from them though. Lovelace encouraged DD Council members to educate their legislators about what good the DD Council does. Warth asked if the DD Council could partner with Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) and use draw down dollars. Lovelace stated she wasn't sure if this could be done with state funds. Warth stated that VR with their federal funding does a three for one match. So, if we took \$10,000 of our appropriation, we could possibly create

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\$40,000. Lovelace stated that right now we use the state funding of \$35,000 to help pay for salaries. Lovelace stated she would check into if the state funds have to be used for salaries or not.

### **Direct Support Professionals Publication:**

Lovelace stated we have talked about doing this for the last two years. We spoke about the publication we are doing at the September 2022 meeting in which we are partnering with the University Centers for Excellence on Developmental Disabilities (UCEDD), ASK Resources, Iowa Association of Community Providers, Iowa Caregiver Association, and VR to talk about the great work that direct support professionals (DSP's) do. We are collecting stories now and our goal is still for the publication to go out in March hopefully to coincide with National Disability Awareness month. \$9,000 is the DD Council's contribution to this project.

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

Breakfast will be 7:30am – 10:30am on February 1, 2023 at the Capitol. We need Council members there. This is going to be an in-person event where we go over our legislative agenda with legislators. Lovelace would like Council members to invite their legislators. A virtual open house about our legislative agenda will be on January 5, 2023 at 11AM. The legislative agenda will go to print tomorrow. We will mail a hard copy of the legislative agenda and an invite to attend virtual event to legislators before the holidays in December. Also, an email will go out next week to our network partners. Lovelace encouraged Council members to reach out to their legislators and invite them to both events.

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

Lovelace stated that the voter trainings were cancelled because of lack of interest. Targeted disparity goal is struggling. We are going to focus on young adults (18-26) with developmental disabilities, provide advocacy and voter trainings in rural areas. We tried to do three voter trainings this year and we failed. Roozeboom stated that we may have went wrong focusing on voting and not advocacy. He believes advocacy would draw more people. Werger stated his roommate had problems trying to figure out if he was registered to vote and Werger assisted him. Warth suggested we target schools for our trainings. Warth agreed to reach out to her contacts in northwest Iowa. Lovelace asked if Roozeboom has contacts in his area at the schools. Roozeboom stated he now knows there is a group in his area called "Tidal Waves" that he didn't know existed but would like to reach out to them.

### **Other Topics for Discussion:**

We have been working with a group of advocates we have been calling the Leadership Summit. We don't want the DD Council to run this group, we want the group to run the group. This group was formed to help us with our 2<sup>nd</sup> objective on our state plan which is to create leaders. This group is helping us achieve this goal.

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Lovelace asked if the DD Council would like to hear more frequently from our state appointed Council members about what is going on at their agencies? Warth stated that this is not a bad idea to have state agency representatives let us know what they are working on. Werger and Roozeboom agreed.

Warth stated that she and Werger have been discussing how to engage DD Council more. They are thinking of creating board mentors that would help people prep for meetings and give encouragement to speak during meetings. Lovelace asked Warth to present this to the full council. Warth volunteered to facilitate this project.

#### Action Steps:

Lovelace will research what we can spend \$35,000 of state funding on.

Council members will invite legislators to attend open house on January 5, 2023 and the legislative breakfast on February 1, 2023.

Warth and Roozeboom will contact the schools to reach young adults about advocacy trainings in rural areas.

Warth will facilitate creating board mentors for council members.

Adjourn: Kelly made a motion to adjourn and Roozeboom seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 10:06 AM.