

October 14, 2022 Legislative Committee Minutes

Attendee Legislative Committee Council Members: Roxanne Cogil, Hugh Kelly, Brady Werger, Steve Steveson, Matthew Conaway

Absent Council Members: Rob Roozeboom, Carol Cross, Mark Smith, Brittney Drinovsky, Kristen Aller

Council Staff: Brooke Lovelace

Absent Council Staff: Lindsay Hommer

Public: None

Review of Legislative Agenda Rough Draft

Second page: Lovelace will put “DSP” under Direct Support Professionals and a picture will be placed in the square.

Third page: We are missing a paragraph and Lovelace will send the story to Conaway and he will edit the story.

Fourth page: Lovelace stated we need to add to the Call to Action for #3 and state that the changing tables are for adults. Also, Lovelace would like another example of a physical structure added. Cogil suggested that we add the adult changing tables to #1 of the Call to Action. Lovelace stated that #4 may need to be changed to make the “Diversify Iowa’s workforce” stand out. Cogil suggested that we add “including evenings and weekends” to the Call to Action #2 that addresses access to reliable transportation. Werger shared that affordable transportation in Waverly is hard to find. “Affordable” may also need to be added to #2.

Fifth page: Lovelace stated we need to put Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and change “confined to a wheelchair” to “wheelchair user.” Lovelace stated that Robert’s quote is missing a few words so she will contact him and update the quote. Also, Robert’s last name will be removed. Werger suggested that it be mentioned that Robert Fisher has been advocating for the post office to be accessible to everyone for a great while.

Sixth page: Lovelace stated that Peter’s picture and story need moved around. The word “all” was added this year and needs to be made to stand out more.

Seventh page: Lovelace stated we should state that H & D stands for the Health and Disability Waiver. All acronyms need to be spelled out. Lovelace stated she contacted Nancy and got permission to state her 10-year old’s daughter name is Sophia. The sentence will be changed to, “ Sometimes their 10-year old daughter, Sophia, has to be a caregiver for Charlie, when really all she wants to be is his sister.” In Peter’s story, “funding/opportunity” will be changed to “access to the waiver resources.” “I believe” will be removed.

Lovelace stated that once all changes have been made, the legislative priorities will be sent out again to the legislative committee to review.

Capitol Day

Creating change with and for persons with developmental disabilities so they can live, work, learn and play in the community of their choosing.

Lovelace stated that we have a day reserved at the capitol to do a legislative breakfast. This will be a smaller event, 7 or 8 people, that will include the policy committee and it will be held on February 1, 2023 at 7:30am.

Legislative Meeting

Lovelace stated that there will probably be a virtual meeting set up with legislators in the first or second week of January.

Meeting Times

Friday afternoons work for most.

Action Steps

Next legislative meeting is December 2, 2022 at 2pm.