

August 19, 2022 Legislative Committee Minutes

Attendee Legislative Committee Council Members: Carol Cross, Matt Conaway, Hugh Kelly, Brady Werger, Mark Smith

Absent Council Members: Rob Roozeboom, Roxanne Cogil, Kristen Aller, Brittney Funston, Paula Motsinger, Alecia Balduf

Council Staff: Brooke Lovelace, Bill Kallestad

Absent Council Staff: Lindsay Hommer

Public: Lisa Yunek

Welcome

Kallestad stated that he is leaving the DD Council to work for Lutheran Services of America.

Legislative Agenda: Where we are at

Kallestad stated that at the last meeting we tried to identify some stories and our legislative priorities. We are recommending to the full board that we accept the same three priorities as last year that were: workforce shortage, accessibility, and the waiting lists. The goal is to bring a rough draft to the board to get approval. Lovelace stated that during the September 8th meeting, we will discuss this and vote if possible. We will distribute the legislative agenda after the election to elected officials. Kallestad stated we have an infographic that was based on a survey of direct support professionals that we will use. Lovelace shared the infographic and stated that the survey showed that wages are important to this workforce.

Seeking Personal Stories for 2022

Cross gathered some contacts for parents that are wanting to share their stories. Kallestad shared this list of parents and what priorities their stories regarded. Kallestad will contact the parents on the list and gather their stories. The committee would then decide what stories to use in the legislative priorities. Lovelace stated that even if we don't end up using all four of the stories provided, we can invite the parents to meet with legislators when we have a meeting with them. Cross stated that no one provided a story about the accessibility issue. Lovelace said that Amy Campbell mentioned that it would be great if we could advocate for adult changing tables. Kallestad stated that the accessibility priority is a broad subject and there are many examples of accessibility issues in Iowa. Yunek suggested that we have specific topics that we would like addressed such as restroom accessibility and employment. Cross would like the priority to include the word "accessible" along with inclusive in this priority. Cross also agreed that we need to list specific topics that we would like addressed and include transportation as an issue to address. Yunek suggested a picture of a roof being held up by four pillars that state four areas that need addressed. Lovelace asked Yunek if Balduf would be willing to share her story about transportation issues that she encounters. Yunek said Balduf would but would need a microphone or a facilitator to draw the story from her. Kallestad stated that we could assist her to tell her story. Kallestad stated that if we go with adult changing tables as a topic to address, we have a list of people willing to

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talk about this. Kallestad also stated that Conaway's story may be a good story to incorporate that involves some issues to be addressed. Conaway stated that he can submit his story next week.

Kelly volunteered to share the draft of the legislative priorities with the Council at the September 8th meeting.

Next legislative meeting is September 16, 2022.

Meeting adjourned at 2:40 pm.

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