

Utah Developmental Disabilities Council
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, December 10, 2013
11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Present: Claire Mantonya
Deborah Bowman
Dustin Erekson
Eric Stoker
Frank Long
Jennifer Kuhn
Kayci Lynam
Kim Belliston - via Telephone
Libby Oseguera
Troy Justesen - via Telephone

Meeting convened at: 11:05 a.m.

OPENING ANNOUNCEMENTS

People First of Utah will be hosting pancake breakfast in February 8, 2014 at the First Unitarian Church. The event encourages adult siblings of people with disabilities to attend in hopes that they will join Utah's chapter of the Sibling Leadership Network- hoping for 250 people. Utah Food Services will generously donate food, staff and equipment.

COUNCIL, COMMITTEES AND CONTRACT UPDATES

Education and Employment Committee

Utah Transition Action Team will continue its work with Jeff Sheen and Bob Morgan of CPD, although the team's work has changed directions. The Council's Education and Employment Committee will gather success stories to illustrate positive experiences with post-secondary education. Think College! has highlights of successful students on their website that can be used as examples. The Committee can utilize UTAT to advertise the need to have written stories of Utah students collected. Troy Justesen has been working with Representative Becky Edwards to obtain scholarship funds for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities to have opportunities for post-secondary education. The Council has set a budget of \$15,000 for a grant awardee-produced employment webinar series or symposium that will focus on employment first for people with I/DD. The Committee will work with Frank and Claire to advertise and select the grant recipient to recommend to the full Council for their approval. *Take Your Legislator to Work* had 20 individuals sign up to participate in this project. Two reported that their employer did not support them in participating and others did not follow through and the Council is unsure of the reason, as we were unable to make contact with those individuals. Two of the three who actually participated had publicized stories in local newspapers. Claire recommends that we hold this event next year and build on this year's efforts.

Claire is working with Leslee Hintze, the Governor's Committee on Employment for People with Disabilities, to have Gov. Herbert highlight employing people with disabilities during his annual Economic Summit in the spring.

Community Supports Committee

Claire will introduce Marilyn Hammond to Kim Belliston, as Kim's Committee is required to monitor and review the progress of the Safety Training project (abuse & neglect) with the CPD and DLC. Utah Caregiver Alliance and HireMyCare.org is working on new ideas for getting people to the registry. The organization has tried outreach to encourage people to sign onto the registry. The ABCD program has kept the Homer Dale Farm project going through the winter by having a seed exchange at the St. Christopher's Episcopal Church Christmas bazaar. The Committee will

collaborate with Bekke Robb and Jeff Sheen to support the development of Utah Adult Brothers & Sisters (UTABS – adult sibling network), the Utah chapter of the Sibling Leadership Network. The group will be hosting a pancake breakfast on February 8, 2014 with People First of Utah to introduce adult siblings to the UTABS. The committee will work toward helping people understand the Affordable Care Act and continue to work on health care reform while protecting the interests of people with disabilities. Also, the Committee will work with Troy Justesen and Representative Edwards on changing statutes regarding worker's compensation insurance requirement for individuals using the Self-Administered Services model.

Leadership Committee:

This Committee will continue to support People First and Gap goals by educating the community and legislature about the waiting list. Support will be given to the Leadership Project and continue to encourage self-advocates to gain skills and broaden their sights to serve in the greater community as well as support to SABE and SABE President Bryon Murray. The Leadership Committee will lead the effort to rally people to testify at the 2014 legislative session and build a template on how to testify. Chair, Kayci Lynam, will meet with Claire to organize goals of the leadership committee.

Committee Chairs will meet with Claire and their committee in January and will report their activities at the February full council meeting.

FRPs

The Council is interested in supporting new ideas or programs or help make systems changes that are applicable to the goals of our current 5-Year Plan in related areas of post-secondary education, employment, community supports and leadership development and are offering three opportunities for \$1000 grants per year. The Council's Executive Committee or other appointed selection committee, will review individual grant applications and select award winners according to the selection criteria determined in this policy. There must be at least 3 Council members on the selection committee. Since the disability community is small, and potential conflict of interest might be a possibility, the selection committee members will be determined after all grant applications are submitted and deemed eligible. Any selection committee member with a conflict of interest will be replaced. Council staff will support the committee and will not have a vote. The due date for applications will be moved to March 15 from April 1.

Motion to present to the information to the public made by Deborah Bowman- 2nd made by Dustin Erekson. Motion passed unanimously.

The grant announcement will be out by December 20, 2013.

2014 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

1. Reducing the waiting list: About 2000 people waiting for critical services. Support a 3 or 4 year plan for the legislature to fund the waiting list of at least 1900 people.
2. Worker's Comp. for in-home care providers:- Remove the exemption allowing families not to provide coverage for in-home direct care employees. CNA programs are encouraging grads to not do in-home care because they will not be covered by Worker's Comp., and in-home care employers have a risk of not being adequately insured when an employee has an on the job injury.
3. Accessing beyond high school training that leads to employment. Everyone has the right to public education, but getting modifications is difficult. We are hoping that Utah's technical colleges will use this incentive to make their programs more accessible to people with ID/DD. Examples would be longer course sessions for these individuals.
4. Network with other agencies to support their priorities and in return, form stronger partnerships and advocates. USOR needs 1 million to recoup a short fall for VR and they need that money from the State of Utah to get its federal match money. Consider supporting

USOR in requisitioning the million dollars, and in return, garner some goodwill while increasing transition services and VR ID/DD services.

FINAL REMARKS AND TOPICS OF CONCERN

Recommendation of higher reimbursement

Motion to approve reimbursing Troy Justesen at higher mileage reimbursement rate of (??); made by Eric Stocker, seconded by Kayci Lynam, passed unanimously.

Motion to approve \$500 to support LCPD reception by Dustin Erekson, seconded by Eric Stoker; passed unanimously.

Supporting SABE- The Council will discontinue supporting people to serve on the SABE board for upcoming years. We will continue to help support people attending the SABE national conference by urging them to save and/or fundraise, and will support Bryon Murray for the duration of his presidency.

Next Executive Committee Meeting:

Tuesday, March 11, 2014 11:00am-1:00 pm
Council Office

Meeting adjourned at 1:15 pm.

Minutes prepared by Libby Oseguera