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Meeting Minutes

Thursday, June 19, 2020

9:00AM-12:00PM Central Time (US and Canada)

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Members Present: Alters, Heiman, Keck, Martinez, Meitner, Zajic (for Moore), (Swindler for Shogren), Story, Smith, Burgess (for Nichols), Tweedy, Seitz, Chaffin, Schwindt, Decker, Bowles

Future Council Members: Adams, Fessler, Padding, Stiffler

Staff Present: Gieber, Knutson, Schroeder, Cobbs

Members Absent: Darnell, McLemore, Fairchild

Call to Order: Chair Keck called the meeting to order 9:02am with a quorum present.

Minutes: Martinez made a motion to approve **May 28, 2020** Minutes. Story Second. Motion Passes.

Technology Pilot: Swindler moves that KCDD staff develop a plan of what tech they need to upgrade to bring back to the Council; Tweedy seconds. Motion passes.

KCDD 5YR Plan: Burgess moves to have KCDD staff develop a pilot project with a \$25,000 budget with an option(s) not to exceed \$150,000 to get tech into the hands of family members and self advocates. Staff look into a survey into tech needs as part of the plan. Zajic seconds. Motion passes. Swindler notes that the Council may have to have an ad hoc meeting to move quickly.

Council reviewed plan, and decided to leave the 5YR Plan in place unchanged.



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Discussion – Continuation on the 5YR Plan list of the IDD System. Chair Keck asked the council for additions/deletions from the list that was created in the May 28, 2020 Council Meeting? Additions in **RED**

What keeps you up at night?

1. Caregivers Mental Health managing burnout with complex medical.
2. Lack of transportation.
3. Worry about Abuse, Neglect & Exploitation.
4. Everything opening to quickly and people being force going back to day services.
5. Being able to appropriately support people in the hospital.
6. How employers react to the reopening of economy and will employers give people with disabilities same opportunities as prior to COVID-19?
7. Better jobs making transition plans more meaningful and connected to meaning Employment Transition.
8. Support accommodation in the Education System – adequate and appropriate.
9. Teacher prep for students and continuing between teachers and grades.
10. Online accommodation for students with IEP.
11. Adult Service are outdated. I worry that when I die, Tris will go into services that will take away her voice; her civil rights to feel safe in her environment and happy doing what SHE wants with her life.
12. Worried about people who don't self-direct in day and residential services might not get what they need.
13. Not having staff for services. **Lack of appropriate pay for direct support work. Lack of adequate appropriate training for staff including patience.**
14. Not having employment opportunities; out of work for eleven years.
15. No data and ability to track outcomes for people with I/DD; no global data.
16. Isolation if people don't have support.
17. People work for less than minimum wage.
18. ANE – Financial Abuse



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19. Individual in group home that have behaviors that can't communicate with speech that could be over medications to control behaviors. A problem is having PRN medications to easily available.
20. Access to healthcare – care coordination – excessive time on phone trying to access healthcare. Limited providers in rural area. Access to health professionals that are educated in the DD needs.
21. Better training for everyone is important in all fields including education, medical and law enforcement – explore partnerships with other groups.

If you could change one thing to improve the life for a person or family with I/DD, what would you do?

1. Protection from abuse.
2. Make everything simpler.
3. Be more employed focus at an early age making sure those options are kept on the table.
4. Change attitude barriers.
5. Give people with I/DD more control over self-directing funding.
6. Raising expectation.
7. Making true Competitive Employment a priority instead of just talking about it.
8. Data driven directions about the system.
9. Questioning the current structure of the KDAD/Waivers & KDHE Special Health Care needs.
10. Listening to self-advocates and their families more.
11. Spending time at a horse ranch with Chris Morran who helped me with my confidence and who helped me grow into the person I am today – flexibility on how funds are spent.
12. Get the word out to people to support and build a support group meeting once a week or chat room and place to ask questions and answers sent back to email, pen-pal, life coach.
13. Have family and person input to KDADS/Waiver to give input about policies & procedures
14. Peer-to- Peer support group; how to help each other of what's going on in their lives
15. Adequate access to technology for employment, medical, communication and reduce social isolation.



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- 16. Revised policies regarding antipsychotics and communication barriers.
- 17. Holistic care coordination and state coordination of services and systems.
- 18. Doctors talking to caretakers and parents and not the patient.

Wrap-Up

Meeting Adjourned