



*Kansas Council on Developmental Disabilities*

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*"To ensure the opportunity to make choices regarding participation in society and quality of life for individuals with developmental disabilities"*

Meeting Minutes

February 6, 2015

Kanza Café, 2701 SW East Circle Drive South  
Topeka, KS 66606

**Members Present:** Kelley, Johnson, Fairbank, King, Santiago, Walters, Linnenkamp, Story, Wilson, Nichols, Coates, Brennon, Mattison, Wintle & Leistra ( for Meier-Hummel)

**Staff Present:** Gieber. Knutson

**Members Absent:** Excused: Wehmeyer, Jones, Smith

**Guests:** LaRae Santiago

**Call to Order:** Wilson officially called the meeting to order at 9:05 am.

**Public comment:** N/A

**November Minutes:** An open discussion on November 14, 2014 Minutes with no comments

**KCDD Budget:** Gieber provided an update on the 2014/2015 Financial Budget. There is \$320,000 currently uncommitted but will be used on projects previously discussed. 2015 Big Tent \$500 membership dues is money well spent on leveraging. KCDD asked for \$10,000 for the (WIA) Workforce Investment Act Event and spent \$6,000.

**Contract Review:** **PROJECT SEARCH** - Knutson provide the council an update on Project SEARCH stating there are 12 sites with 64 interns now. Sites interested in expanding are in Wellington & Topeka. Knutson will also talk to Jamea Kline about Project SEARCH. Knutson will travel to Project SEARCH sites to inquire about more funding.

**(WIA) Workforce Investment Act Summit Event** – 58 out of 60 invited attended the (WIA) Workforce Investment Act Summit. There was a great excitement about the statewide project. Will be able to leverage significant match due to (ODEP) Office of Disability Employment Policy bringing Lisa Mills, Michael Moore and

Stephen Hall in. Gave Kansas input on New Federal Regulations. Subject experts are compiling notes.

**(ANE) Abuse, Neglect & Exploitation** – (SAFE) Stop Abuse for Everyone training going statewide with (SCCDO) Sedgwick County Community Disability Organization. Kelley inquired about data collection from the training. Brennon remarked (DCF) Department of Children & Family info re; (ANE) Abuse, Neglect & Exploitation is confidential.

**Grant Funds Available** – Gieber provided an update between \$200-250K.

**Leadership** – KCDD working w/ (KLC) Kansas Leadership Center. Looking at using leadership training to replace Partners In Policymaking. Kansas Leadership Center will waive \$300.00 fee for training for people associated with KCDD and SACK. In the leadership training, we want to have two people with disabilities continue participating at each training: 24/year

**Director Travel:** Gieber will travel to Washington DC to attend the 2015 (NACDD) National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities Policy Seminar and (AUCD) Association of University Centers on Disabilities Trainee Event on April, 11-15, 2015.

**ED Evaluation** – Council filled out the Executive Director Self-Evaluation.

**Legislation:** Follow-up discussion on HB 2043. SB 123 hearing will be Wednesday, February 11, 2015. HB 2092 – Self-Reporting is an issue for people with memory problems. Can't hold people liable if they can't remember they've been told they can't drive. Doctors need to report to (DMV) Department of Motor Vehicles.

**Staffing:** Gieber discussed Elizabeth Cole Moran experience with guardianship and legal background.

**Big Tent:** **Rev-Up Kansas** – Gieber provided an update on Rev-Up Kansas that sprang out of the Big Tent concerns about the need to find services. Fairbank requested that “**DO NO HARM**” be included in the Rev-Up Kansas.

Rev-Up Kansas grew out of Big Tent's concern for larger revenue issues. Gieber is on the Steering Committee for both Big Tent & Rev-Up Kansas. Council recommends continued involvement in advocating for increased revenue and engage Rev-Up Kansas, but not as signatory organization.

Big Tent Dues are already in the budget.

**Votes:** Johnson moved to accept the November 14, 2015 KCDD Minutes as written. Story second. Motion Passed.

Linnenkamp moved to approve new KCDD Staff position. King second. Motion Passed. No discussion. **Note:** Gieber already began the approval process; with the

options of withdrawing the position if not approved by council.

**Goal Review** –2015 Five Year State Plan and 2014 KCDD (PPR) Program Performance Report are both uploaded on KCDD’s website.

**Council Membership** – Board approved 4 year seats; seats by state for 3 years.

- Fairbank technical expired, fulfills Native American requirement
- Kelley finishing out another person’s term
- Johnson finishing out another person’s term
- Mattison expired in 2013 and has reapplied but not received confirmation till 2016
- King expired, but reapplied in 2012 – 2016
- Jones expired in 2013, reapplied
- Story will expire in 2016
- Santiago expired and will reapply
- Linnenkamp will expire in 2016
- Wilson has expired and remain on council till filled

**Note:** Council directed Gieber to speak with Appointment Secretary to fill vacant position. (VR) Vocational Rehabilitation reported they can't appoint anyone to the council. Council will make recommendations for the Council Chair to Governor. Kelley recommends Wilson to remain the KCDD Chair with Santiago Second. Motion Passed.

**CDDO ANE:** **Project Proposal** - \$45,000 to take (SAFE) Stop Abuse for Everyone Training statewide. Johnson moved to fund project with Kelley second. Motion Passed.

Gieber endorsed Kansas Children’s Service League Mission. More information on kcsl.org

**Retreat Planning:** Gieber recommends going to (KLC) Kansas Leadership Center for 2015 KCDD Retreat May 28-29. Will provided more information on new location at a later date.

**Dates for 2015 KCDD Council Meetings**

May 28-29, 2015 – To be announced

August 7, 2015 – Kanza Café

November 13, 2015 – Kanza Cafe

**Adjournment:** **Fairbank motioned to adjourn with Story Second.**

