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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

May 28-29, 2015 Retreat

Brown v Board of Education – 1515 SE Monroe St.
Topeka, KS

Members Present: Kelley, Johnson, Fairbank, Jones, King, Santiago, Linnenkamp, Story, Wilson, Coates, Nichols, Adams (for Wehmeyer), Smith, Brennon (non-voting)

Staff Present: Gieber, Knutson, Moran, Cobbs

Members Absent: Excused - Mattison
Absent: Meier-Hummel

Guests: LaRae Santiago, Mary Giesler, Seth Bates

May 28, 2015

Tour Capital: KCDD staff provided a tour of the State Capital Building for the council members. They then convened in room 546S for Legislative Updates.

Brown v Board: The meeting reconvened at Brown v Board of Education at 12:00pm.
Speaker: Seth Bates - Presentation to the council on the following: External & Internal Concerns; When you think about the future of people with I/DD, what would you like to see; What do you want for yourselves (how we govern this organization...etc; Gaps...Concerns vs Aspirations; How does it feel; Reason for Conversation; Leadership vs Authority; Anyone can lead Anytime & Anywhere; Responsibilities of THIS Board; Duty of Loyalty; Duty of Obedience; Accomplishments; Thoughts about the process for the next 5 Year Plan...etc.

May 29, 2015:

Meeting: Meeting called to order at 1:31pm

Public comment: No comments

Min\Feb. 6, 2015: An open discussion on the minutes. Brennon made a request to spell out all acronyms. Fairbank stated that the council in previous discussion had talked about handing off Project SEARCH to another entity and it's not reflected in the minutes. Gieber concurs...suggests an amendment to reflect this. Knutson

stated there was a discussion of the three (MCOs) Manage Care Organization to take Project SEARCH. Fairbank say she thought it maybe SACK.

KCDD Budget:

Gieber provided an update to the council on the budget. Big Tent's membership is \$500.00 this year. KCDD spends 30% or less on management. Right now it's at about 22%. There is \$143K that needs to be obligated or it will go back to the feds. Gieber made a suggestion for SACK to become a payroll agent (much like an independent payroll agent) with funds being managed internally. SACK will get 10% for obligating the funds. The funds will remain with the Federal Government until drawn down to pay expenses so there's no threat to SACK for

error.

Gieber further explained that in 2015, KCDD received about \$600K in two payments. First, an authorization is received that there is \$600K allocated to KCDD. After that a request is made to the state to draw down some of those funds to pay rent, wages...etc for operation expenses when funds are made available. If \$300K is spent on operations and \$300K left...that allows a cushion. KCDD have three years (first year allocated, second year obligated, third year must be spent). 2014 Funds must be obligated by September 30, 2015 and spent by September 2016 of the following year. KCDD does not want to return unspent funds.

Travel:

Gieber will attend (NACDD) National Association Council on Developmental Disability 2015 Annual Conference & (ITACC) Information and Technical Assistance Center for Councils Event on July 21-23 at JA Nugget Hotel in Sparks Nevada. Theme ***"Impacting Communities Side By Side."***

Gieber will also attend – August 23-26, 2015 - The Center for Social Capital - The Best Go West: ***Customized Employment Leadership Rendezvous 2015. Purpose: Fostering inventive strategies to implement and expand Employment First and Customized Employment Initiatives. Theme: Perspective: Using Collective Impact to Solve the Unemployment Problem.***

Grants:

(KSYLF) The Kansas Youth Leadership Forum submitted a request for an increase from last year of \$1K to 14K. Because KSYLF did not follow protocol for an unsolicited grant for their event to be held 11-1-2015 and did not provide a complete grant application, the Council suggests KSYLF reapply next year and encourage them to follow protocol.

2015 Disability Caucus Sponsorship will be August 13-14, 2015 in Topeka for people with all types of disabilities representing every county of the state.

Employment Systems Change (G&H) Griffin & Hammis - KCDD received one deliverable so far from Griffin & Hammis (report). They have identified some missing tools that other states have, but Kansas does not. Staff is waiting for the final report before it's shared. Gieber asked Griffin & Hammis to develop a roadmap.

End the Wait – Nichols reported they are building the case through public education on the need to make progress on the Waiting List. The Governor has put in new dollars in his budget. The state is holding up the (DRC) Disability Rights Center Grant for \$25K yet DRC is still doing the work.

Project SEARCH – Knutson reported all data from the sites are in on time. He also has set up a Survey Monkey to evaluate Kansas' sites data. He stated they will be losing the Manhattan School District site due to education. Tri-Valley, lost the original host business site however they may still be able to work with the city as a site. There will be 12 sites in 9 communities because Butler County site is adding a site Susan B Allen Hospital. KCDD will continue with Project SEARCH in maintenance mode with no expansion.

(ANE) Abuse, Neglect & Exploitation – Sedgwick County – Knutson reported that Sedgwick County has begun training in their local area. They held a webinar to expand to other (CDDO) Community Developmental Disabilities Organization areas. The initial webinar got cancelled, yet there is a lot of interest from CDDO's who want to get involved. It will be train the trainer. Brennon stated Sedgwick County to encourage more webinars.

(KLC) Kansas Leadership Center - Gieber reported on the progress.

Legislative Update – Knutson provided an update on legislative sessions. Two legislation to enhance and protect the quality of life, The ABLE Act (Achieving a Better Life Experience and Protection from Unnecessary Seclusion and Restraint. Others: (TANF/SNAP) Temporary Assistance for Needy Families/ Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program – Limits/restricts access. Education Funding – will block grant funding jeopardizing some of the services provided to kids in special education. KanCare = rearranges the makeup of KanCare oversight committee so that more Republicans serve on the committee. SACK Funding – In jeopardy this year, however, look like they will be protected in appropriations. In committee Military access to (HCBS) Home & Community Based Services Waiver – Allow military families to bypass the waiting list to access HCBS Services. Homestead Property Tax Relief – Still in committee that will reinstate the Homestead Property Tax Deduction for people with disabilities even if they are renters.

Guardianship – Moran reported inquires and concerns received by KCDD and many advocacy partners for information on unmet needs, barriers, and gaps that exist with guardianship. Moran stated she is doing a survey on guardianship to gather information that will advise and assist KCDD with strategic planning to assist Kansans with developmental disabilities and their families.

The ABLE ACT – Became a federal law on December 19, 2014 and creates a new option for some people with disabilities and their families to save for the future while protecting eligibility for public benefits. They are qualified to have a savings account that receive preferred federal tax treatment intended to enable eligible individuals to save for disability related expenses.

Funding:

\$50,000 – Employment First Summit

Jones made a motion on \$50,000. Santiago Second. Linnenkamp abstained.
Motion Passed

\$20,000 – Scholarship for (KLC) Kansas Leadership Center

Johnson made a motion on \$20,000. Linnenkamp Second. Motion Passed

\$50,000 – System Change – Griffin-Hammis

Linnenkamp made a motion on \$50,000. Story Second. Motion Passed
Modification – To follow-up to implement the change of Phase One.

\$40,000 – Project SEARCH – Keep current sites strong. Linnenkamp

made a motion to expand two sites of Project SEARCH. Story Second. Fund up
to \$15,000 per site. Tabled for next meeting. Motion not Passed.

\$40,000 – Project SEARCH -Nichols made a motion to maintain sites only. Jones
Second. Funds of \$40,000 to fund Project SEARCH. Motion Passed.

\$50,000 – Staff Project – Issues & Guardianship – Follow-up work. Jones made a
motion for a plan next meeting from Moran on Guardianship. Nichols Second.
Kelley asked for plan a week prior to next council meeting. Motion Passed.

\$10,000 – Meeting Logistics. Johnson Motion. Fairbank Second. Motion Passed

\$5,000 – Scholarship and other Community Supports – Tabled until next meeting.

Feb. 6, 2015 Minutes – Johnson made a motion with corrections. Story Second.
Motion Passed.

\$14,000 (KSYLF) The Kansas Youth Leadership Forum Grant Request – Did not
meet timeline. Johnson made a motion not to accept grant request. Fairbank
Second. Motion Passed. KCDD will not fund KSYLF Grant Request.

Kansas Disability Caucus – Jones motion for \$250.00 ad and up to \$5,000 for
lodging for individuals who live 30 miles away. Linnenkamp Second for people
with (I/DD) Intellectual/Developmental Disability.

Nichols made a request for a tab on KCDD Policy, Procedures & By-Laws to be
in notebooks at all meetings. Moran made a suggestion to make a banner of
KCDD Policies to display at all meetings.

Work Plan for next 5 years. Staff will find documents for council members.

Call For Investments – None.

Adjourn:

Meeting adjourned at 4:00pm

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