



## *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

May 8-9, 2014  
The Abilene Civic Center  
201 NW Second  
Abilene, KS 67410

**Members Present:** Brennon, Shogren (for Wehmeyer), Jones, Story, Santiago, Kelley, King, Fairbank, Wilson, Wood (for Nichols), Linnenkamp, Johnson

**Staff Present:** Gieber, Cobbs, Knutson

**Members Absent:** Excused - Rasnic, Jordan, Smith, Pickell, Gurney

**Guests:** LaRae Santiago

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#### Thursday, May 8, 2014

**Call to Order:** Gieber officially called the meeting to order at 10:00am.

**Group Discussion:** The council spent the day brainstorming on various issues of concern for actions and implications. Discussions were as follows: Governor's Road Map, Environmental Scan, Committee Work Refinement & Committee Reporting on Quality Assurance, Health Care, Self-Determination, Employment/Education & Emerging Issues.

#### Friday, May 9, 2014

**Call To Order:** Wilson called the meeting to order at 9:00am.

**Minutes:** A brief discussion on the March 7, 2014 minutes.

**KCDD Budget:** Gieber provided an update to the council on the budget discussing planned and unplanned expenses. The staff will provide a cost to purchase iPods for self-advocates to the council before the next council meeting.

**Partners:** The council discussed how to bring past partners and self-advocates together to began active participation in the future of KCDD. The staff will continue providing self-advocate and advocates up-to-date information through email on current issues facing individuals with disabilities. An idea was to invite advocates to conference into the KCDD meetings and to email the issues the council discussed on Thursday in the brainstorming session for the input.

**Community & State Hospitals:** Joan Kelley provided a presentation of the benefits for state hospitals vs community-based living and issues facing individuals with developmental disabilities who cannot speak for themselves when/if state hospitals no longer exist. Her discussion topic: Rationale and Goals for closing Institutions.

**New Chair:** Kathleen Brennon was presented with an award for her service as KCDD Chairperson. Dawn Wilson was appointed by the Governor to be the next KCDD Chairperson.

**Votes:** **Minutes:** Linnenkamp motion to approve March 7, 2014 minutes as written. Story second. Motion carried.

**By-Laws Policy Changes/Duties of Chair:** The chairperson will serve as immediate past chair until replaced. If the Chair's term has expired and they have been replaced they will serve as a non-voting advisor to the council. Johnson motion for past chair to serve 2 years to train new chairperson as a non-voting member. Second Santiago. Motion Carried.

**Board Member Confidentiality Agreement:** KCDD has an open policy and this agreement is in opposition. Remove from board policy. Motion Santiago to remove the Confidentiality Agreement from KCDD Bylaws. Second Fairbank. Motion Carried

**Adjournment:** King motion to adjourn at 2:00pm. Second Fairbank. Motion **Carried.**

***2014 KCDD Meeting Dates:***

- \* **May 8-9, 2014** – Abilene, KS
- \* **July 25, 2014** – Kanza Café, 2701 SW East Circle Dr. South, Topeka, KS
- \* **November 14, 2014** – Kanza Café, 2701 SW East Circle Dr. South, Topeka KS