



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

August 7, 2015

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

Members Present: Kelley, Johnson, Fairbank, King, Linnenkamp, Story, Wilson, Ewert, Donnelly, Coates, Nichols, Smith, Brennon (non-voting)

Staff Present: Gieber, Knutson, Moran, Cobbs

Members Absent: Excused - Jones, Mattison, Santiago, Wehmeyer

Guests: Mary Giesler

Meeting: Meeting called to order at 8:07AM.

Public comment: Two new council members; Michael Donnelly & Joe Ewert.

Minutes:

May 28-29, 2015: An open discussion on the minutes. Brennon had made request to spell out all **February 6, 2015**: acronyms from the February 6, 2015 minutes. An open discussion on the May 28-29 minutes to reflex that the funds were only earmarked for obligation toward council goals.

KCDD Budget: Gieber provided an update to the council on the 2015 Budget and expense activities/incidents.

Tech Re-Tool: Moran provided information on equipment needed for staff in the impending move from Docking State Office Building. The intent is for the staff to be more remote; working more out of the office and in the community to increase availability in the Topeka area on a regular and ongoing basis. The staff has Apple/Mac equipment and would like to use PC technology. Donnelly suggested Moran contact the state for their pricing. The proposed budget will be \$15,000 to \$20,000.

Project SEARCH: Knutson report that Kansas currently has 11 Project SEARCH sites in 9 different communities including two adult sites. Project SEARCH communities are: Salina, Lawrence, Johnson County, Chanute, Wichita, Derby, Mulvane, El Dorado/Butler County & Newton. United HealthCare through Empower Kansas initiative, funded an Adult Project SEARCH site in Johnson County Developmental Services (JCDS) and Johnson County Government. 2013-2014, Kansas achieved a 73% success in positive outcomes resulting in employment for interns. The 2014-2015 school year had 64 interns participating in Project SEARCH.

The council plans to completely step out of Project SEARCH by September 30, 2017. The 2015-2016 school year, there should be an increase in the number of participating interns. However, two Project SEARCH sites will close down due to education budget cuts and loss of host business site (Manhattan and Tri-Valley/Neosho).

2015-2016 Project SEARCH communities are: Wichita: Sedgwick County Government & Via Christi Hospital; Lawrence: University of Kansas & Lawrence Memorial Hospital; El Dorado: Butler Community College & Susan B. Allen Hospital; Johnson County: Johnson County Government; Salina: Salina Regional Medical Center; Newton: Newton Regional Hospital; Mulvane: The Hampton Inn Derby: McConnell Air force Base. The 2015 International Conference, Project SEARCH announced a new pricing structure for establishing/replicating sites from \$7,500 to \$15,000.

2015-2016 Project SEARCH itemized budget for \$40,000 was reported to the council.

Employment First: Scheduled for April 21-22, 2016 at The Capitol Plaza Hotel in Topeka, KS. A planning committee has been formed and meets on monthly conference calls. **Theme: Trailblazing: Charting Our Employment Path.** Website domain name: EmploymentFirstSummit.com is reserved for one year. Proposed Budget is \$50,000.

ANE/S.A.F.E.: Moran reported on (ANE) Abuse, Neglect and/or Exploitation, (SAFE) Stop Abuse for Everyone. (SCDDO) Sedgwick County Developmental Disability Organization will conduct up to 21 sessions (of 4 training modules each). The council will continue seek information on unmet needs, barriers, and gaps that exist relating to Kansas Adult Guardianship. A budget request of \$50,000 was presented to the council to continue the ANE training.

Griffin-Hammis: Has concluded their 9 public community, provider, self-advocate and government community forums. Deliverable # 4 was emailed to all council members. The council approved \$50,000 for Griffin-Hammis to implement a roadmap. Total cost to the council will be \$66,578.

5 Year Plan: Gieber discussed the 5-year plan, logic model and annual work plan. The 2017-2021 state plan was also discussed with the council.

Designated State Agency: Open discussion. No MOU – Memorandum of Understanding. Committee formed to review Department of Children & Families.

Exec.Session: Wilson made motion for the council entered into Executive Session at 1:31. Johnson second. Session ended at 1:45pm.

Votes: Approve Five-Year Plan amendments

Appoint/confirm Committee Chairs – Borchers not in attendance.
No appointment.

Approve (Feb 6 & May 28-29, 2015) Minutes –

February minutes approved from May 29 meeting.

May 28-29, 2015 Minutes - Fairbank motion for an amendment in the minutes that the \$143,000 is earmarked toward council goals only. Linnenkamp Second. Motion Pass with Donnelly abstaining.

Approve 3rd Quarter Budget

Approve 2015 Budget - Tabled until more information is provided to the council. Budget detailed information to be sent to all council members in one week following a conference call on September 3, 2015 10:00am.

Board Action on Grants/Contracts

End The Wait - Section 8, new provision for state. Tabled for next meeting.

Designated State Agency – Formed a DSA Committee to review:
Kristin Fairbank (Chairperson), Stephanie King, Nancy Johnson, Joan Kelley

Adjourn: Fairbank motion to end meeting at 2:00pm. King Second. Motion Passed.