



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

October 28, 2016

**Topeka & Shawnee County Public Library
1515 SW 10th Ave, Marvin Auditorium/RM 101A**

Members Present: Santiago, Fairbank, King, Wilson, Donnelly, Coleman, Darnell, Shogren, (Bigler) for Smith, Story, Zienkewicz, Krom-Craven, Parkes– Conference Call In

Staff Present: Gieber, Knutson, Cobbs

Absent: Coates, Johnson, Kelley, Nichols R., Haehn, Kaberline, Nichols A-Resigned

Call to Order: Chair Wilson called the meeting to order at 9:35am with a quorum present.

Announcements: No Public Comment.

Open Meeting: There was a discussion of Open-Meetings and request for training.

Minutes: Discussion of the July 29, 2016 Minutes with corrections. Request to add the wording changes from 5 Year Plan in the minutes.

Vote: Voted for change to minutes not approved at this time.

Budget: Gieber provided an update on the KCDD Budget and 2017 Budget Report. All information from the Supported Decision-Making Conference is not reflected in the budget. There was a request for Department of Children & Family Service accountant for KCDD to address the council as a group on the budget.

New KCDD Budget Finance Committee:

Mike Donnelly
La Rae Santiago
Lindsey Krom-Craven.

New Executive Committee:

Chair – Dawn Wilson
Vice Chair – Patrick Parkes
Secretary/Treasury – Lindsey Krom-Craven & La Rae Santiago
At Large – Kerrie Shogren & Bill Story

New Governance Committee:

Chair – Patrick Parkes
Heather Smith
Kristin Fairbank
Stephanie Coleman

- Vote: Zienkewicz motion to except the slate of officers. King Second. Motion Passed.
- 5 Year Plan: 5 Year Plan is tentatively approved. KCDD is working with a brand new system and still waiting on comments from federal funders.
- Travel: Gieber – Executive Director’s Meeting in Austin, TX- September 25-28, 2016

Gieber traveled to Garden City for Midwest Academy Advocate Training – October 10-13, 2016
- Council Tablets: **A Lenovo Tablet** was purchased and loaded for council member’s presentation using One Note by Krom-Craven & Knutson. Tablets will be purchased through the state along with protectors. Tablets will be inventoried with staff over-site and updates.
- Vote: Santiago motion for the purchase the Lenovo Tablets up to the amount of \$10,000 with comparable values and upgrades. Story Second. Motion Passed. Donnelly was not present for vote.
- Projects: **Kansas Guardianship Program** –Gieber provided a report on the Supported Decision-Making Conference held on September 23, 2016 in the Overland Park Convention Center, as a great success with 263 in attendance and 29 registrants for live broadcast. Power Point and documents from the conference will be posted on KCDD Website. Speakers were: Jonathan Martinis, JD, Senior Director for Law & Policy at the Burton Blatt Institute at Syracuse University, Michelle “Sheli” Reynolds, PHD, director of Individual Advocacy & Family support at the UMKC Institute for Human Development (UCEDD), Jessalyn Gustin, Program Director at Upper Valley Services in Bradford, Vermont, The Honorable Michael P. Joyce, appointed to the Johnson County District Court, M. Jean Krahn, Executive Director of the Kansas Guardianship Program (KGP), Hal Schultz, Self Advocate Coalition of Kansas. There was a discussion of doing the Supported Decision-Making

Conference in Western & Central Kansas in the future. Parkes suggested a Web Base Course on Guardianship.

Interhab Conference: Power Up!- Oct. 12-13, 2016 at Hyatt Regency Hotel in Wichita. Moran presentations: Guardianship: Understanding Your Legal Rights & Responsibilities; Supported-Decision Making: Options & Alternatives to Guardianship; Tools You Can Use Now for Supported Decision Making for Individuals and Families

KCDD Website – Knutson present a RFP Authority and Purpose of the website covering up to a single year period and is related to creating, maintain and hosting the KCDD.org Website-including updating pages to current accessibility standards on an as needed basis; creating new web pages and converting existing pages to a responsive design format; training of Council staff on procedures to update the website on a regular and timely basis; and provide necessary support to expand the Council's social media outreach efforts, including, but not limited to its Facebook page, YouTube Channel, and Twitter account. A total of \$25,000 may be available for the initial year for the work.

Kansas Leadership Training – Knutson reported the progress of the program for 2016 as of (10/11/16) with a grant of \$50,000 allocation to provide between 50-60 individuals Leadership Training opportunities have been 48 people. SACK also provided written documentation of their partnership with KCDD and KLC.

Project SEARCH – Knutson provided a report on the progress of the program since it was transferred to Lifeshare USA. The current Project SEARCH Coordinator is Cheryl Laaker. KCDD staff will continue to participate in the Project SEARCH activities as a member on the Advisory Council.

Communities of Practice (CoP) Gieber reported KCDD staff continues to attend workshops, webinars, and work with KDADS to develop strategies in the CoP programming (<http://supportstofamilies.org/>). The staff is in the beginning stages of developing KS-Specific Tools from the CoP LifeCourse Toolkit (<http://lifecoursetools.com/planning>) and has been participating in KDADS' stakeholder meetings for Person Centered Planning and Supports, introducing and encouraging those tools to be utilized in the planning process moving forward.

Call For Investment – Gieber reported a plan is in place to do a Transition Conference in August 2017. KCDD is in partnership with various organizations & state agencies. KCDD will travel throughout the state speaking to focus groups, educators, providers...etc. The question is “What is it they know and what they don't know about Transition?” One of the target locations is Greenbush in Southeast Kansas.

National Issues – Gieber gave a Power Point from (KCDD Website) presentation on trends at the federal level that will be affecting Kansan. ADA Olmstead, SS, Centers for Medicaid Services, Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act,

Developmental Disabilities Act, DOL Wage Protection for Overtime Workers,
Every Student Succeeds Act.

Adjourn: King motion to adjourn at 2:05pm. Zienkewicz Second. Motion Passed.

2017 Meeting Dates:

*[January 13, 2017](#) – Topeka & Shawnee County Public Library, 1515 SW 10th Ave,
Topeka, KS/Marvin Auditorium 101A

*[May 5, 2017](#) – Topeka & Shawnee County Public Library, 1515 SW 10th Ave,
Topeka, KS/Marvin Auditorium 101A

*[July 21, 2017-](#) – Topeka & Shawnee County Public Library, 1515 SW 10th Ave,
Topeka, KS/Marvin Auditorium 101A