



## *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 2, 2013 - 9:00AM-3:00PM

Kanza Café - 2701 SW East Circle Dr. South  
Topeka KS

**Members Present:** Brennon, Fairbank, King, Nichols, Stewart, Smith, Kelley, Santiago, Wilson, Jones, Wehmeyer, Pickell, Rasnic, Gurney

**Staff Present:** Gieber, May, Cobbs

**Members Absent:** Excused - Steffy, Bowley, Jordan

**Guests:** LaRae Santiago, Ravon Stewart, Barb Zimmerman

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**Call to Order:** Brennon officially called the meeting to order at 9:00am.

**Public comment:** No public comments.

**Budget:** Gieber presented the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2014 Budget and other expense activities. He also provided an update on Partners In Policymaking. The council was informed of the decision that there would not be a Partners' class this year but will look into Advocacy to replace it. Gieber also asked the council for suggestions on how to spend the \$8,000 left over from the Partners' program. He informed the council that the Governor's Appointment Office will be seeking and appointing all future KCDD council members.

**Grant:** May provided the council with an update on the 2014 Employment First Summit to be held April 30-May 1, 2014 at the Capital Plaza in Topeka, KS. The attendees will be 450-500. The cost is \$50.00- to be refundable upon attendance. Scholarships will also be available for family members/individuals with disabilities for lodging. The Theme is *Changing Expectations: Changing Lives*.

**Project SEARCH** – May gave an overview of the progress on Project SEARCH. She stated that six Kansas teams received outcome awards their first year of implementation (school year 2011-2012). She also attended the annual Project SEARCH Conference in July in Cincinnati, OH. There will also be a Project SEARCH Class with Erin Riehle on September 10,

2013, 9:00am – 4:00pm at Maner Convention Center in the Shawnee Room in Topeka, KS.

**Small Business Technical Assistance & Outreach Center – Griffin Hammis Associates** finished up year 2 with the grant ending 09/30/14. Final 3-day immersion training scheduled for year three in SE Kansas.

**End the Wait Campaign – DRC:** The 3-year grant ends 12/31/13. A 2013 Summary Legislative Report was also presented to the group.

**NACDD:**

Gieber attended the 2013 TA Institute on July 8, 2013 and the 2013 NACDD Annual Conference, July 9-10 in Washington, DC. Sessions were Getting a Seat at the Table (persistent non adversarial), Communicate Collaborate Cultivate Credibility, Quality Outcomes for DD councils, Logic Models Evaluation Tools, Social Media and Self-Determination.

**Performance:**

Gieber gave an overview of the DD Council Performance Measures for May 2013 on Output & Outcome Measures on Advocacy, System Change and Resource Leverage. He also reviewed the Quality Assurance Goals, Action and Objectives. There was also a discussion on KCDD Goals in Recreation, Self-Determination, Employment & Health Care. **Note:** Recreation and Housing were dropped from the goals.

**Suggestions:**

- Join Working Healthy on Health Care
- Continuing Education Class for Dentist
- Treat Dentist Staff for lunch with training
- Focus more on transition we know and save the difference for next year. Improve the system we have.
- Get MCO together and share DD goals
- Conference on Self-Advocacy this fall
- AIDD on Self-Determination
- Regional Self Advocacy Conference
- Keep SACK by including in regional groups
- Mental Health – someone needs to be at the table or KCDD

**Intensity Scale:**

Wehmeyer gave a report on Supports Intensity Scale (SIS) and Assessment Field Test for persons with DD. This is an estimate of support needs to rate the individual. He informed the group about a website **LEND:** <http://www.aucd.org> *is Leadership Education in Neuro-developmental and Related Disabilities (LEND) programs provide long-term, graduate level interdisciplinary training as well as interdisciplinary services and care. The purpose of the LEND training program is to improve the health of infants, children, and adolescents with disabilities. They accomplish this by preparing trainees from diverse professional disciplines to assume leadership roles in their respective fields and by insuring high levels of interdisciplinary clinical competence.*

*LEND programs operate within a university system, usually as part of a University Center for Excellence (UCEDD) or other larger entity, and collaborate with local university hospitals and/or health care centers. This set-up gives them the expert faculty, facilities, and other resources necessary to provide exceptional interdisciplinary training and services.*

- Organizations:** All council members were asked to list any workgroups, council/board staff they are serving on as representative of KCDD. They were also asked to list other meeting and groups KCDD is monitoring. **Note:** A suggestion was to invite guests from different organizations to KCDD meeting for input that will when we need additional resources instead of adding another council member.
- Minutes:** King motion to approve May 2-3, 2013 minutes as is. Fairbank Second. Motion Carried
- Five Year Plan:** Jones motioned to made amendments to Five-Year Plan if needed based on discussion of documents. Wilson Second. Motion Carried.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Budget:** Stewart motion to approve 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Budget. King Second. Motion Carried.
- Governance Committee:** Rocky Nichols will replace James Bart as Chair.
- Partners:** Rasnic motions for Partners In Policymaking Committee to meet to discuss how to spend the left over funds. Wilson Second. Fairbank made an amendment that if the money from the Partners fund is not spent to give it back. Jones Second. Motion carried.
- Adjournment:** Fairbank motion to adjourn. Rasnic Second. Meeting adjourned

***2013 KCDD Meeting Date:***

**\*November 15, 2013**

Partners in Policy Committee met by Phone on Aug. 6<sup>th</sup> and decided to have the left over funds returned.