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KCDD Council Meeting Minutes

March 11, 2022

9:00AM-12:00PM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85705422962?pwd=Wmk2MC9Rb3hBQzdOa3RsTlVtcGg1UT09>

Meeting ID: 857 0542 2962 - Passcode: 5233

Members Present: Alters, Hanson, Keck, Chaffin, Story, Zajic, Seymour-Hunter, Bigler, Stiffler, Morgan, Heiman, Martinez, Meitner, Swindler, Fessler, Schwindt, Seitz, Burgess, Padding, Decker

Members Absent: (Darnell, Unexcused), (McLemore), (Fairchild, Unexcused),

Staff Present: Gieber, Long, Knutson, Schroeder, Cobbs, Kamai (Intern)

Guests: Askia Adams, Bill Perez – GT Independence - Florida

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 9:05 with a quorum present.

- StrengthsFinder discussion of everyone’s strengths.
- Conflict of Interest Form are due annually by all Council Members. Get to Charline by end of next week.

Minutes: Review Minutes (January 14, 2022) (**Vote**) – Decker made a motion to approve the minutes. Padding Second. Motion Passes

Budget: Gieber briefed the council on the Federal Reporting due March 1st that was submitted a week ahead of time allowed. Long



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provided an update on the Financial Reports showing difference between funds by percentage.

Legislative Updates

- Martinez - HB 2717 – Could affect our community in a negative way – Hearing Tuesday morning at 9:00 in the House Fed and State Committee
- ABLE Act looks like it will pass
- 2443 – Kathy’s Law – Trying to get an amendment written and hope to get across the line
- Supported Decision-Making – Trying to get this bill across the line. Working with the Banking Association on their concerns. Added an amendment to the bill in hopes that it will address the Banking Industry’s concern
- Charlie’s Bill – Allow residents of Long-Term Care – gives them more time if they are given notice to move
- Direct Service Wages –Should see some of the Direct Care Wages increase
- Oral Health – Seeing good movement on this
- Freezing the Medicare Program –Expecting this to end up in a budget proviso

Committee Reports

Staff Technology-OITS Update - Meeting scheduled with OTIS to tie up loose ends. Everyone has their new computers up and running but not sure if everyone is using them yet. Teams is a new feature and have a shared One-Drive upload documents for staff. Faxes are now directly received through emails. Training will be provided as a team coming up.

Governance Committee Update - Met to discuss Unsolicited Grant Guidelines and Application Format for improvement. Explore Instructions/Code for saving and coming back

Governance Committee and Grants & Outcomes Committee will meet as a group to refine – Include Long on this meeting as well



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5 Year State Plan

- Federal Feed-Back- KS Plan w/recommended changes
 - Kansas had very few changes to make from the Federal Feed-Back. Changes have been made and ready to submit.
 - Changes were reviewed with the Council for any input and recommendations before submitting back to Feds. **Note:** Burges made a motion to approve wording recommendations and submit back to Feds. Fessler Second. Motion Pass.
 - PPR – 4th & 5th Year Reports – PPR was submitted a week ahead of time and don't expect any issues
 - KCDD 5th Year Plan – Intern Lesli Kamai will pull highlights from the 5-Yr State Plan and submit drafts by the end of the month

DCF Review of KCDD RFP New Grants still in review. There are 4 other RFPs they are reviewing currently

Updates:

- Disability Awareness Month (DAS) March
 - March is Disability Awareness Month – We will be posing stuff on social media
- Appointment Office Report
 - Governor is getting a new intern to handle the applications.
- Disability Seminar March 28-30, 2022 (State Captain)
 - Cut-off date for cheaper registration is today
 - KCDD is attending virtually
 - LEND is sending folks in person
 - –**Note:** Swindler made a motion to approve the funding requests to attend Disability Policy Seminar. Burgess Seconds – Kathy, Nikki, Kacy – abstaining – Motion Pass



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- State Captain – Liz is checking in to this and see if a co-captain is available with one in person and one virtually
- Monthly Staff Summary Review
- Website Revamp
 - Need to refresh our website to reflect and include our new 5-year state plan
 - Please send Liz any ideas of what you would like to see, or if there are things you don't like
 - Think about how we are using our website and social media to communicate with folks
- COVID Update Health Care \$40,000
 - Still have COVID money available that will expire Oct. 1, 2022 – Have been looking at options for this
 - Have available money available to employ people to work on health care issues - \$40,000 a year for 2 years
 - Having discussions with our other partners on how we can work together for this
- Format of Upcoming Meetings
 - Hybrid option?
 - What will this look like going forward?
 - Think we should leave the option open to attend in person and virtually as well
 - Look at setting something up in the summer (June) to begin meeting in person and having an option to join virtually
- New Council Orientation
 - Steve and Kathy are trying to get something together in the next few months
- KCDD Council Staff Evaluations
- KCDD Executive Director Performance Evaluation
 - Focus time on doing an Executive Director search. Steve is looking at retirement. Planning on probably working to last part of June at the latest.



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- Executive Committee will be the steering committee to work on filling the Executive Director position

Public Comment:

- Bill Perez – Thanks for letting me attend. If there is anything we can do to assist, let us know.
- Askia Adams - First I want to thank Steve for allowing me to attend these meeting.

Questions for Steve

1. What are the bankers’ concerns with supportive decision making? – They just said that they had concerns and wanted to protect their members.
2. Could share more about the wages for direct support workers – There is some money in the governor’s budget for some direct support workers. They are looking at a 2% increase for direct support workers across all of the waivers. Goal is to get the wages up to \$15 per hour.

Bethel Committee

Reaching out to self-advocates to testify

Unsolicited Proposal

Steve answered question. do we have the authority to shift in mid-stream?

Wrap-up

- LifeCourse training opportunities sponsored by Aetna are coming up
- Adjourned

KCDD Council Meeting Dates



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Topic: KCDD Council Meeting

Time: 09:00 AM Central Time (US and Canada)

Every month on the Second Friday

Apr 8, 2022 09:00 AM

May 13, 2022 09:00 AM

Jun 10, 2022 09:00 AM

Jul 8, 2022 09:00 AM

Aug 12, 2022 09:00 AM

Sep 9, 2022 09:00 AM

Oct 14, 2022 09:00 AM

Nov 11, 2022 09:00 AM

Dec 9, 2022 09:00 AM

Jan 13, 2023 09:00 AM

Feb 10, 2023 09:00 AM

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Note: KCDD Meetings are open to the public. A time for public comment is made available.