



LAURA KELLY, Governor • KATHY KECK, Chairperson • STEVE GIEBER, Executive Director

“To empower individuals with I/DD and their families to lead systems change, build capacity, and advocate for inclusive, integrated, accessible communities where everyone belongs and thrives.”

KCDD Meeting Minutes

May 13, 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, Decker, Keck, Swindler, Story, Zajic, Fessler, Schwindt, Seitz, Burgess, Padding, Morgan, Bigler, Martinez

Members Absent: (Seymour-Hunter, Excused) (Meitner, Excused) (Heiman, Excused), (Chaffin – Excused) (Darnell, Unexcused), (Fairchild, Unexcused),

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

Guests: Adams, Bill Perez

Keck called the meeting to order at 9:05am with a quorum present.

Minutes (April 8, 2022): (Vote) Martinez made a motion to approve minutes with corrections to remove question mark from Meitner’s name. Decker Second. Motion pass.

Budget Report/Financial Report: Allocation of funds are all through the year starting October 1. Have received the rest of the funds. Have two years to obligate and a third year to liquidate. When a new five-year cycle start, there is a little buildup of funds that is at risk of not obligated by October 1 of this year. KCDD pushed hard on the state to get the RFP out. Our federal funder is giving another one-year extension due to the pandemic. June meeting will be focusing on financials in greater detail.

Legislative Updates: Testimonies from Adams and Keck was helpful to the legislators of the challenges in their lives. Bankers still not on board. SDM – were not able to overcome the bankers. Will regroup this fall to see if can get bankers on board.



LAURA KELLY, Governor • KATHY KECK, Chairperson • STEVE GIEBER, Executive Director

"To empower individuals with I/DD and their families to lead systems change, build capacity, and advocate for inclusive, integrated, accessible communities where everyone belongs and thrives."

Tax Credit: Employers who employ people with developmental disabilities received a tax credit. Significant piece of life legislation that was half the five million. Hope to go back to legislators in a couple of years to get the cap raised. Rates raised for DD Service 25% increase. Specialize Medical Care up to \$47.00.

Election Bills: Lots of election bills to make it harder for people with I/DD to vote which most have not happened yet. Vote by mail as to whether it is the ballot boxes or the drop boxes. There is a lot of people with disabilities who vote advanced by mail.

Bill Assistant Animal in Housing: Big issue for people denied housing with assistant animals.

Note: A lot of issues and how to collectively help people. Training to keep the DD population updated as technology change. Must have meetings to team up to keep the DD Community informed.

Special Education: Funding to fully fund special education did not pass. Some of the Covid Aid Fund, a separate portion of that funding, will be able to go. Section 504 will be opened by Dept. of Education. Do not know what they are proposing.

Medicaid have not gotten traction this year. It will have a negative impact on Kansans with DD. Lots of people with DD have not been able to navigate the SSI. One-year Medicaid is possible. One year extension of the MCO.

Executive Meeting: Martinez made a motion to go into Executive Session for 10-15 minutes. Decker Second. Motion Pass.

Committee Reports & Updates:

Governance Committee: Discussion of the policy for Unsolicited Grant Proposals and the guidelines around that. Suggestions were in the feedback order were in discussion. We would like to do it at a high level to make sure the online application for the Unsolicited Grants is easier to navigate. There were a lot of suggestion around improving technology. Long has been helping in research to learn how to either get away from the survey monkey platform or to download a PDF from the website rather than having to fill out. We also want to have an example of a successful or an approved Unsolicited Grant Application so that people can understand what it looks like and encourage more people to submit their proposals.



LAURA KELLY, Governor • KATHY KECK, Chairperson • STEVE GIEBER, Executive Director

“To empower individuals with I/DD and their families to lead systems change, build capacity, and advocate for inclusive, integrated, accessible communities where everyone belongs and thrives.”

Other things we are looking at changing were minor, but instead of proposals, we are suggesting proposals must provide deliverables that have a direct effect on the current KCDD 5 Year State Plan Goals and Objectives. They must include activities that fit advocacy, systems change and or capacity building. It must align with the DD Act Values of independence, productivity, integrations, and self-determination. Those are straightforward and have measurable outcomes that will have an impact instead of reasonable, because reasonable is hard to measure. Must be consistent with the amount of funds requested, which leads to meaningful changes for people with I/DD and their family members. **Vote:** Swindler made a motion to approve policy changes regarding Unsolicited Proposals. Decker Second. Motion Pass.

Grants & Contracts: Reviewed KCDD current Grants and Contracts. The biggest concern is will grantees get their money spent. **Concern:** Most recipients still have a large balance carrying over that they are backloading their grants with major events scheduled for third and fourth quarter. This is something we need to be cognizant of moving forward.

Executive Committee is doubling with Search Committee for KCDD Executive Director. One Unsolicited Proposal from Cassandra Sines with a showing of UNSEEN requesting a sponsorship of \$1,500.00. Total cost is \$3,000.00. Keck made recommendations to fund the proposal. Bigler (federal dollars) stated her organization have approved the other half of the video for educational purposes only. Cassandra’s contributions are in-kind. Expected outcome of this project is that there will be more awareness of what caregivers of individuals with I/DD and medical complexities go through daily and those in decision-making positions will remember what they saw when they are making decisions regarding individuals with I/DD and medical complexities. Note: In the future the Executive Committee can make a motion to waive the match.

5 Year State Plan/Finalized: RFP update will post next Thursday. Will also have a **Pre-Conference**. Applications are due July 20th which is forty-five business days from posting. There will be a period when we will review the bids and will allow time to amend KCDD Annual Work Plan. Bids that we want to pursue will have August 15th to have those in and the Notice of Award will go out September 15th. In the event we do not get enough responses, or we have some flexibility we may try it with this timeframe to see how it goes.



LAURA KELLY, Governor • KATHY KECK, Chairperson • STEVE GIEBER, Executive Director

"To empower individuals with I/DD and their families to lead systems change, build capacity, and advocate for inclusive, integrated, accessible communities where everyone belongs and thrives."

Monthly Staff Summary – Made available for council review

New Council Membership Recruitment/Update – May 5th Melissa King's email that they will be reaching out to schedule interviews with Colin and Kacey next week. They also plan to move Nancy Chaffin and Bill Story's reappointment to the governor for consideration in the next couple of weeks. Also, there are three council members (Martinez, Alters & Seitz) who will need to re-apply and the information was sent to them.

Public Comment/Wrap Up

January 14, 2022 – July 14, 2023

KCDD Council Meeting Dates

Topic: KCDD Council Meeting

Time: Jan 14, 2022, 09:00 AM Central Time (US and Canada)

Every month on the Second Fri, 19 occurrence(s)

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

Mar 10, 2023 09:00 AM

Apr 14, 2023 09:00 AM



LAURA KELLY, Governor • KATHY KECK, Chairperson • STEVE GIEBER, Executive Director
“To empower individuals with I/DD and their families to lead systems change, build capacity, and advocate for inclusive, integrated, accessible communities where everyone belongs and thrives.”

May 12, 2023 09:00 AM

Jun 9, 2023 09:00 AM

Jul 14, 2023 09:00 AM

Rules to Meet by	Tab	#8
KCDD Quarterly Meeting Schedules	Tab	#8
Conflict of Interest Overview	Tab	#8
KCDD By-Laws	Tab	#9
KCDD Policies	Tab	#10

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