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KCDD Meeting Minutes

May 14, 2021 -9:00AM-12:00PM

Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 857 0542 2962

Passcode: 5233

Members Present: Alters, Chaffin, Keck, Meitner, (Zajic for Moore), Schwindt, Story,(Burgess for Nichols), Smith, Seymour-Hunter, Seitz, (Swindler for Shogren), Stiffler, Padding, (Bowles for Penrod), Martinez, McLemore, Fairchild, Fessler, Decker

Staff Present: Gieber, Knutson, Schroeder, Long, Cobbs

Citizen: Adams

Members Absent: Tweedy, Darnell, Heiman

Call to Order: Chair Keck called the meeting to order 9:07 with a quorum present.

Public Comments: No Public Comments

Minutes: Martinez made a motion to accept minutes with amendment to add Council Staff recommended issues for CDDO Contract Negotiations. Bowles Seconded. Motion Passes.

Governance Committee Report/Notes: Recruitment Ideas & votes from their May 10th Meeting:

1. Programs we've invested in – begin here for more self-advocate applicants.
2. Remind existing council members to help recruit within their own networks. Educate on who we're looking for. Need more self-



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advocates; those from rural areas, mixed diversity/gender to best represent the full state.

- a. Promotion of DD Council application in plain language? – Educate key partners to use these materials? Video/ad campaign on social media or radio or print (self advocate created & promoted)?
- b. Steve to research national DD council to see what other states are doing that are successful at recruiting self-advocates.
- c. Ask SACK (or other partners) if we could gain paid membership for self-advocates – pay stipend to self-advocates & family members (not done previously but allowable under federal rules per Steve) – bring motion to larger council meeting.

Swindler made motion. Smith Second. Motion passed.

Recruitment Plan: Staff was directed to develop a plan to do additional outreach to find council members including recruiting self-advocates that have been through the Leadership Training Center. Committee would like to review recruitment materials including job description etc. around council member recruitment at a future meeting. It was suggested we explore developing a recruiting video starring some of our current council members to recruiting new members.

Swindler made a motion to pay self-advocate and family members a stipend to serve as members of the council. Smith Seconded. Motion Pass.

May 14th Full Council Meeting discussion to investigate stipend for self advocates and family members. Reviewing of KCDD Bylaws; five self-advocate positions are currently open on the Council; making the KCDD Application more accessible for self-advocates, including plain language and interviewing and KCDD Staff helping self-advocates fill out the Governor’s Application for Appointment.



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Seitz made a motion to accept Keck’s recommendation to modify Slate of Officers to include Fessler on Executive Committee. McLemore Seconds. Motion Passes.

Seitz made a motion to accept Slate of Officers and committee assignments. Decker Seconds. Motion Passes.

Governance Committee next meeting: 05/17/21 at 3:30

1. Review any Applications
2. Review existing recruitment/training materials
3. Review percentage/guidelines of # of self-advocates, family members & agency partners
 - a. Look at data of membership and where they are from in the state etc.
4. Assign Organizational Policy’s for Review.
5. Review by-laws & update as needed (example: 12 meetings now vs 4) – on website

New Slate of Officers:

Executive Committee

Keck, Kathy Chair
Story, Bill Vice Chair
Bowles, Russell
Martinez, Richard Treasurer
Alters, Joshua
Fessler, Shirley
Gieber, Steve Staff Support

Governance Committee

Seitz, Kacy Chair
Smith, Heather
Chaffin, Nancy
Swindler, Sean
Fairchild, Michael
McLemore, Kimberly
Padding, Karey
Gieber, Steve Staff Support

Budget Finance Committee

Martinez, Richard Chair
Zajic, Dean
Alters, Josh
Meitner, Sarah
Stiffler, Kathy
Long, Liz Staff Support

Grants & Contracts Committee

Keck, Kathy Chair
Story, Bill
Bowles, Russell
Martinez, Richard
Alters, Josh
Fessler, Shirley
Knutson, Craig Staff Support

Ad Hoc Grant Outcomes Committee

Keck, Kathy Chair
Decker, Dan
Meitner, Sarah
Schwindt, Skylar
Heiman, Nikki
Seymour Hunter, Fran
Schroeder, Jeff Staff Support

Ad Hoc Sub-Committee/Workgroup/5 Year Plan

Keck, Kathy Chair
Alters, Josh
Seitz, Kacy
Meitner, Sarah
Padding, Karey
Burgess, Mike
Martinez, Richard
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Legislative Report: Gieber - Supported Decision Making (SDM) Legislation was blocked by Banking Lobby; Protect Income Limit (PIL) went to 300%; Skilled Nursing Rate increased to \$43/hour; Attorney General (AG) bill for Abuse, Neglect & Exploitation (ANE) multidisciplinary teams into Elder Care Act with provisions for investigation improvements

Feds: American Jobs Plan has \$400B to end Waiting Lists; Sheltered Workshops, and provide affordable housing.

American Families Plan: Twelve weeks of Maternity Leave, Two years of preschool, more funding for Special Ed and training of professionals in that area.

ABLE Access Act age raise to 42

COVID 19 Funds: KCDD received \$33,736.00 Grant Award from the Feds for COVID-19. Council will discuss how to utilize the funds.

Technology Phones: Council will discuss what to do with the remainder of the Technology Phones. Committee will make survey.

KCDD 5YR Plan: Full Council Discussion

Goal 1: Create Leaders and Empower Advocacy:

- KLC Center activities facilitated through SACK
- Investing in SACK Conference
- Partner with groups like Special Olympics, Easter Seals, ARC, Down Syndrome Guild, UCP, Autism Speaks, etc all have adults they serve all over Kansas for expanding self-advocates
- Partner with other groups such as families together, ARC about getting folks on other boards
- Provide opportunities for self-advocates to join local boards
- Work with volunteer training centers
- Toastmasters chapter? <https://www.toastmasters.org>



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- Target student in high school for leadership in schools and post high school
- Partnership with community foundations
- Partner with LEND program
- Partnering with Supporting You
- Continue partnership with KLC for families.
- Continue partnership with families together and possibly expand it.
- Increase training for families on how to advocate and policy change at the state and federal level
- Peer to peer training on grant writing and community engagement strategies for more inclusive communities such as accessible parks, adult changing stations, increased family bathrooms

Life Course Framework

Goal 2: Lead Systems Change: People with developmental disabilities

- Increase Supporting You efforts
- Help Pediatric families have a better understanding of what services and services are available now and in the future
- Connect families with CDDO's SSA, DCF- Develop a brochure for pediatric providers.
- Partner with LEND program and Special Health Care Needs Families Roadmap for families with IDD
- Partner with KU and KU Med and CMH, UCEDD partners
- Target training for Tiny K participants transition to school
- Partner with KDHE Bridges program
- Medical transition
- Provide education to provide medical transition with medical complex needs
- Training on able accounts and other financial planning for families with children/adults with special needs
- Employment first summit?
- Create a place to share information.
- Supporting community living environments for medically/developmentally complex individuals



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- Outreach to military families coming into Kansas- Tricare ECHO(Tri-Care Extended Care Health Options) - EFMP- trained people who work with families on base.
 - Outreach to the families in the area targeted
 - Outreach to Catholic Church and other places that are connection points, hospitals, schools, social clubs
 - Information published in Spanish in plain language
 - Partner with other agencies to provide Spanish translated information and resources as well.
 - Supporting You materials translated
 - Spanish FEAT trainings
 - Assure KCDD website is accessible for Spanish speakers.

We can partner with the Kansas Hispanic and Latino American Affairs Commission to reach the Hispanic community.

Meeting Adjourned: 12:00

2021 KCDD Council Meetings:

Every month on the Second Fri, 12 occurrence(s)

Jan 8, 2021 09:00 AM

Feb 12, 2021 09:00 AM

Mar 12, 2021 09:00 AM

Apr 9, 2021 09:00 AM

May 14, 2021 09:00 AM

Jun 11, 2021 09:00 AM

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Aug 13, 2021 09:00 AM

Sep 10, 2021 09:00 AM

Oct 8, 2021 09:00 AM

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Dec 10, 2021 09:00 AM

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