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Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 28, 2020
3:00-5:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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Members Present: Alters, Heiman, Keck, Martinez, Meitner, Zajic (for Moore),
(Swindler for Shogren), Story, Smith, Burgess (for Nichols),
Tweedy, Seitz, Mclemore, Chaffin, Fairchild, Schwindt, Decker
Future Council Members: Adams, Fessler, Padding, Stiffler

Staff Present: Gieber, Knutson, Schroeder (absent), Cobbs

Members Absent: Darnell

Call to Order: Chair Keck called the meeting to order 3:05pm with a quorum present.

Minutes: Fairchild made a motion to approve **April 30, 2020** Minutes. Story Second. Decker Abstains. Motion Passes.

Decker: Decker, new VR Director and council member addressed the services/processes at VR. ALL VR staff is currently working again to continue to reach out to clients. Counties will be dictating reopening structures for face-to-face meetings. Looking at expediting the process to serve people and how do we engage early and continue the process? More cooperation with stakeholders and brought back post-employment services...etc.

DCF Meeting: Gieber provided an update on the May 27th meeting with DCF of the Federal Guidelines due to COVID-19 that the councils have another year to spend funds. DCF didn't have any issues



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and will work with KCDD. He also mentioned purchasing tablets and that DCF will work with KCDD to be creative in the process.

(ANE) Abuse, Neglect & Exploitation RFP will post June 4, 2020.

Conferences:

Discussion of the impact COVID-19 social distances on:

Employment First Conference - To be replaced with a Kansas City Conference.

Butler County Employment Conference – KCDD will provide staff-run financial assistance (as needed) to the Butler Cty Conference. Staff will meet with planners for a budget for full council review/approval.

SACK Conference – In lieu of hotel cost purchase equipment.

Question - “How can we schedule something of a possibility until everything open up?” **Answer:** A need to begin committing now.

Question - The Employment First Conference was started in 2007 - “ What kind of impact have the council seen from the conference in the last twelve years?”

Answer - KCDD Staff

Virtual do work; Speakers from Employment First have presented at TASN Conference; State secretaries have attended and presented at Employment First except DCF to end workshops; Employment have resulted in changes in the Employment System; Project SEARCH have received national recognition and Transformers came together to make changes in employment.

KCDD Values:

Fairchild moves to approve the list of KCDD Values as to how the council does it's work; Story Seconds. Motion Passes.

Person Centered

Impactful Outcomes



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Equitable Opportunity

What keeps you up at night?

1. Caregivers Mental Health managing burnout with complex medical.
2. Lack of transportation.
3. Worry about Abuse, Neglect & Exploitation.
4. Everything opening to quickly and people being force going back to day services.
5. Being able to appropriately support people in the hospital.
6. How employers react to the reopening of economy and will employers give people with disabilities same opportunities as prior to COVID-19?
7. Better jobs making transition plans more meaningful and connected to meaning Employment Transition.
8. Support accommodation in the Education System – adequate and appropriate.
9. Teacher prep for students and continuing between teachers and grades.
10. Online accommodation for students with IEP.
11. Adult Service are outdated. I worry that when I die, Tris will go into services that will take away her voice; her civil rights to feel safe in her environment and happy doing what SHE wants with her life.
12. Worried about people who don't self-direct in day and residential services might not get what they need.
13. Not having staff for services.
14. Not having employment opportunities; out of work for eleven years.
15. No data and ability to track outcomes for people with I/DD; no global data.
16. Isolation if people don't have support.
17. People work for less than minimum wage.
18. ANE – Financial Abuse



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If you could change one thing to improve the life for a person or family with I/DD, what would you do?

1. Protection from abuse.
2. Make everything simpler.
3. Be more employed focus at an early age making sure those options are kept on the table.
4. Change attitude barriers.
5. Give people with I/DD more control over self-directing funding.
6. Raising expectation.
7. Making true Competitive Employment a priority instead of just talking about it.
8. Data driven directions about the system.
9. Questioning the current structure of the KDAD/Waivers & KDHE Special Health Care needs.
10. Listening to self-advocates and their families more.
11. Spending time at a horse ranch with Chris Morran who helped me with my confidence and who helped me grow into the person I am today – flexibility on how funds are spent.
12. Get the word out to people to support and build a support group meeting once a week or chat room and place to ask questions and answers sent back to email, pen-pal, life coach.
13. Have family and person input to KDADS/Waiver to give input about policies & procedures
14. Peer-to- Peer support group; how to help each other of what’s going on in their lives

Wrap-Up - Next Meeting June 19, 2020

Meeting Adjourned