

MINUTES FOR THE OKLAHOMA DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES COUNCIL (DDCO) MEETING

DATE: Friday, July 16, 2021

TIME: 1:00 p.m.

PLACE: Teleconference via Zoom

BE IT REMEMBERED that on Friday the 16th day of July, 2021, at 1:00 p.m., the Developmental Disabilities Council of Oklahoma met at Connect Auditorium in Oklahoma City.

NOTICE of the schedule of regular meetings of the Developmental Disabilities Council of Oklahoma for the calendar year 2021 has been provided to the Oklahoma Secretary of State, and public notice and agenda has been posted in accordance with the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act, 25 O.S. Section 311.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Council Chair AJ Griffin called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. Chair Griffin recognized the two Council Members that have passed, Sam Jenkins and Mark Maddy.

II. ROLL CALL AND RECOGNITION OF QUORUM

Staff Member Steva Yeoman called the roll. Chair AJ Griffin declared a quorum.

Members present:

Robin Arter, David Blose, Mindee Brown (by Zoom), Jeromy Buchanan, John Corpolongo, Debra Espinosa (at 1:08), Janie Fugitt, Sharon Garrity, Shelly Greenhaw, Alicia Murie, Beth Scrutchins, Lindsey Spoon (by Zoom), RoseAnn Duplan for Melissa Sublett, Wanda Felty for Valerie Williams (left at 2:30), AJ Griffin.

Members absent: Dee Banta, Marcellius Bell, Joseph Honeycutt, Michelle Kelley, Todd Loftin, Daniel Prock

Staff present:

Jennifer Grover, Jenifer Randle, Mark Lewis, and Steva Yeoman.

Presiding:

AJ Griffin, Chair

Guests present: Dee Blose (Parent of Council Member), RoseAnn Percival (OKSAN)

III. INTRODUCTION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS AND GUESTS

AJ Griffin introduced guests.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 23, 2021 DDCO MEETING.

AJ Griffin asked for a motion to approve the Minutes from the April 23rd, 2021 Council meeting.

ACTION: Ms. Murie moved and Mr. Corpolongo seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the DDCO Meeting of April 23rd, 2021.

MOTION: Carried.

AYES: Robin Arter, David Blose, Jeromy Buchanan, John Corpolongo, Debra Espinosa, Janie Fugitt, Sharon Garrity, Shelly Greenhaw, Alicia Murie, Beth Scrutchins, RoseAnn Duplan for Melissa Sublett, Wanda Felty for Valerie Williams, AJ Griffin.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Dee Banta, Marcellius Bell, Mindee Brown, Joseph Honeycutt, Michelle Kelley, Todd Loftin, Daniel Prock, Lindsey Spoon

V. COUNCIL TRAININGS

A. OKSAN

RoseAnn Percival recapped the last year during COVID-19. There were trainings on COVID-19, washing hands, learning to use Zoom, learning to use technology, sexual health, health care, advocacy and more. OKSAN did trainings with Dale Rogers. Self-advocates were able to be provided technology, trainings, and virtual community involvement. One of the main trainings focused on was Sexual Health, as this was found an issue for people for developmental disabilities.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Advocacy, Training and Outreach Committee

John Corpolongo reported 784 accounts in OKSTABLE. Ellen Hefner has given the Committee record updates for OKSTABLE. The committee made a motion to order more computers to support PIP and YLF participants. Allie Murie gave updates to the committee on Task Force Legislation and TBI. Jen Randle is finalizing dates for PIP. Randle is hiring Rick Barcus to help with PIP and other tasks until someone is officially hired for the Advocacy Training position. YLF was held virtually for two weeks and is completed.

B. State Plan Committee

Shelly Greenhaw reported the updated 2022 – 2026 State Plan Goals and Objectives. Greenhaw read through all of the goals and objectives. The Council made modifications.

ACTION: Ms. Murie moves and Ms. Espinosa seconds to approve the amended 2022 – 2026 State Plan Goals and Objectives.

MOTION: Carried.

AYES: Robin Arter, David Blose, Jeromy Buchanan, John Corpolongo, Debra Espinosa, Janie Fugitt, Sharon Garrity, Shelly Greenhaw, Alicia Murie, Beth Scrutchins, RoseAnn Duplan for Melissa Sublett, Wanda Felty for Valerie Williams, AJ Griffin.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Dee Banta, Marcellius Bell, Mindee Brown, Joseph Honeycutt, Michelle Kelley, Todd Loftin, Daniel Prock, Lindsey Spoon

C. Finance Committee

Mark Lewis reported it is the end of the State Fiscal Year 2021. The budget at the start of the year was \$1,074,000. Thus far, \$596,000 has been spent and have a positive variance of \$477,000. There is a grant balance for FY2020 of \$324,000 and a grant balance for FY2021 of \$662,000 for a total of \$985,000, which needs to be spent by October 1st, 2022.

Sharon Garrity reported the ATO Committee recommended the purchase of 10 more computers for the use of YLF and PIP for a total of \$10,307. Garrity also reported the Committee motioned to move forward the Council partner with DDS to do a conference, similar to the Governor's Conference. The Council would provide an amended amount of up to \$100,000 to the conference, matching DDS. ATO Committee will be the designated committee to oversee this. Griffin reported August 2-5, 2021 is the NACDD Online Conference. Randle suggests the Council makes available reimbursement for any Council participants who want to attend.

ACTION: Ms. Garrity recommends on behalf of the Finance Committee and Ms. Arter seconds to approve the purchase of 10 computers for YLF and PIP participants for a total of \$10,307.

MOTION: Carried.

AYES: Robin Arter, David Blose, Jeromy Buchanan, John Corpolongo, Debra Espinosa, Janie Fugitt, Sharon Garrity, Shelly Greenhaw, Alicia Murie, Beth Scrutchins, RoseAnn Duplan for Melissa Sublett, Wanda Felty for Valerie Williams, AJ Griffin.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Dee Banta, Marcellius Bell, Mindee Brown, Joseph Honeycutt, Michelle Kelley, Todd Loftin, Daniel Prock, Lindsey Spoon

ACTION: Ms. Garrity recommends on behalf of the Finance Committee and Ms. Arter seconds to approve partnering with DDS to proceed with a Governor's conference for an amended of up to \$100,000.

MOTION: Carried.

AYES: Robin Arter, David Blose, Jeromy Buchanan, John Corpolongo, Debra Espinosa, Janie Fugitt, Sharon Garrity, Shelly Greenhaw, Alicia Murie, RoseAnn Duplan for Melissa Sublett, Wanda Felty for Valerie Williams, AJ Griffin.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: Beth Scrutchins.

ABSENT: Dee Banta, Marcellius Bell, Mindee Brown, Joseph Honeycutt, Michelle Kelley, Todd Loftin, Daniel Prock, Lindsey Spoon

ACTION: Finance Committee make a motion to approve reimbursement for Council participants attending the NACDD Conference August 2-5, 2021.

MOTION: Carried.

AYES: Robin Arter, David Blose, Jeromy Buchanan, John Corpolongo, Debra Espinosa, Janie Fugitt, Sharon Garrity, Shelly Greenhaw, Alicia Murie, Beth Scrutchins, RoseAnn Duplan for Melissa Sublett, Wanda Felty for Valerie Williams, AJ Griffin.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Dee Banta, Marcellius Bell, Mindee Brown, Joseph Honeycutt, Michelle Kelley, Todd Loftin, Daniel Prock, Lindsey Spoon

D. Executive Committee

Chair Griffin reported the Executive Committee approved the surplus list of items being donated to non-profits and government agencies. Chair Griffin announced this does not need to be approved in the full Council meeting.

The Executive Committee encourages Council Members to attend the NACDD Conference which is virtual this year. The Committee has recommended the Council pay for any Member who would like to attend.

ACTION: Ms. Murie makes a motion to approve reimbursement for Council participants attending the NACDD Conference August 2-5, 2021.

MOTION: Carried.

AYES: Robin Arter, David Blose, Jeromy Buchanan, John Corpolongo, Debra Espinosa, Janie Fugitt, Sharon Garrity, Shelly Greenhaw, Alicia Murie, Beth Scrutchins, RoseAnn Duplan for Melissa Sublett, Griffin.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Dee Banta, Marcellius Bell, Mindee Brown, Joseph Honeycutt, Michelle Kelley, Todd Loftin, Daniel Prock, Lindsey Spoon, Wanda Felty for Valerie Williams.

VII. DIRECTOR'S REPORT – JENIFER RANDLE

Jenifer Randle reported Dream Night will be September 3rd, 2021. Randle provided copies of emails from YLF parents expressing their gratitude towards YLF. 283 "All The Way To The Top"

books by Jennifer Keelan-Chaffins were disseminated throughout Oklahoma libraries. The 31st ADA Anniversary is July 26th, 2021. Disability Pride Month is the month of July. Guardianship Self – Determination Trainings by Ray Hester will be available to Council Members. If a Member is interested in watching these, please send name and email to Jen Randle for the training. Randle reported she would like to hire Rick Barcus, temporarily to assist with Council projects, such as Partners in Policymaking and COVID Supplemental funding.

ACTION: Ms. Griffin makes a motion and Ms. Murie seconds to approve the hiring of Rick Barcus for \$15,000.

MOTION: Carried.

AYES: Robin Arter, David Blose, Jeromy Buchanan, Debra Espinosa, Janie Fugitt, Sharon Garrity, Shelly Greenhaw, Alicia Murie, Beth Scrutchins, RoseAnn Duplan for Melissa Sublett, Griffin.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Dee Banta, Marcellius Bell, Mindee Brown, John Corpolongo, Joseph Honeycutt, Michelle Kelley, Todd Loftin, Daniel Prock, Lindsey Spoon, Wanda Felty for Valerie Williams.

VIII. REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE COMMITTEES AND AGENCY PARTNERS

A. DD ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Robin Arter reported the Committee met on July 15th, 2021. There was a problem with quorum, therefore, not all policies were discussed. Several were related to foster care, most changes were made to consolidate policies.

B. DDS: Beth Scrutchins reported two waivers were renewed – Community waiver and Cohort Battle Waiver. In home supports waiver for adults and children will be updated year. DDS will be applying for a grant to help support Oklahomans from ICF's and Medicaid facilities. DDS has requested a marketer position to help grow professional services to support the DD population. DDS is working on elimination the waiting list. They are working on rolling out a new IT system to be available to providers and clients and help with data reports. Technology grants will also be provided to everyone DDS supports to access the system. DDS was able plan respite for people to prevent crisis situations and provide them with respite homes. Service caps are being expanded, for example dentistry. DDS is providing vocational grants to providers. They are removing the

cap for public transportation. DDS is working on a Waiting List page on their website to provide all information regarding the Waiting List.

C. DHS COMMUNITY LIVING, AGING, AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES: Jeromy Buchanan reported Community Living, Aging, and Protective Services has created a brochure that lists all programs and information. Buchanan proposed the American Rescue Plan submitted on July 15th, 2021. The Plan is to provide specific services to Oklahomans. This list was provided to the Council and was a part of the packet.

D. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION: Todd Loftin and Lori Chesnut did not attend the meeting and did not report.

IX. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Chair Griffin reported there are two expenditures the Executive Committee approved. The first is a website toolbar called Recite Me. This allows for visual assistance, multiple languages, and more. The Committee approved a Consumer Involvement Fund request of \$225.00 to support Stephanie Red Elk to attend the Duncan Leadership Community by the Duncan Chamber of Commerce.

X. NEW BUSINESS:

None.

XI. PENDING FEDERAL AND STATE ISSUES, LEGISLATION, AND COURT ACTIONS:

None.

XII. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

None.

XXX. ADJOURNMENT OF COUNCIL MEETING:

ACTION: Ms. Griffin motioned and no second was needed to adjourn.

MOTION: Carried.

AYES: Robin Arter, David Blose, Jeromy Buchanan, John Corpolongo, Debra Espinosa, Janie Fugitt, Sharon Garrity, Shelly Greenhaw, Alicia Murie, Beth Scrutchins, RoseAnn Duplan for Melissa Sublett, Griffin.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Dee Banta, Marcellius Bell, Mindee Brown, Joseph Honeycutt, Michelle Kelley, Todd Loftin, Daniel Prock, Lindsey Spoon, Wanda Felty for Valerie Williams.

The Council meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.