

WV Developmental Disabilities Council
April 27, 2016
Quarterly Meeting
Bridgeport Conference Center, Bridgeport, WV

MINUTES

Members present: Greg Bilonick, Angie Breeden, Lesley Cottrell, Deborah Davis, Delmar Davis, Julie Dial, Mary Pat Farrell, Susan Given, Amber Hinkle, Teresa McCourt, Kelly Miller, Christina Mullins, Kristin O'Neal, Jacqueline Proctor, Clark Queen, Tara Roush, Jon Sassi, Tina Tanner, and Sheila Zickefoose.

Members absent: Doug Auten, Brent Bush, Jonathan Chaffin, Pat Elliott, Betty Holliday, Mary Etta Jones, Beth Morrison, Pat Nisbet, Wanda Proffitt, Laura Sperry-Barno, and Melvin West.

Staff present: Christy Black, Jim Cremeans, Linda Higgs, and Steve Wiseman.

Guests present: Kristen Davis (Bureau for Children and Families) and Cassandra Toliver (Division of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities).

Call to Order, Welcome: Deborah Davis, Chair, called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone back following the retreat, which ended just prior to the quarterly meeting. She dispensed with introductions and announcements.

Mission Statement Reminder: Tina Tanner read the Council's Mission Statement.

Public Comments: None

Approval of October 27, 2015 Minutes: Tara moved and Greg seconded the motion to approve the October 27, 2015 Minutes as written. **Motion carried.**

New Business

Budget Update: Steve passed out a Budget update and reviewed it with the Members. He pointed out that the Personnel line is underspent because the Council has been without an administrative staff person for 12 months. He advised that spending by Grantees is on target for the year. He also reviewed the anticipated funding that should be available to the Council next year for the

purposes of determining the amount that could be available for Designated Stipends and a Call for Investments.

Designated Stipends Allotment: Based on the Budget update, Steve proposed to the Council that they could make \$35,000 available for Designated Stipends for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2017. **Greg moved** and **Sheila seconded** the motion to allot \$35,000 for Designated Stipends funding. **Motion carried.**

Call for Investments Allotment: Based on the Budget update, Steve proposed to the Council that they could advertise up to \$100,000 for the Call for Investments (CFI) for FFY 2017. **Tara moved** and **Clark seconded** the motion to allot \$100,000 for the Call for Investments for FFY 2017. There was a question as to what would be on the new CFI. Steve explained that Jim would be looking at the last year of the current State Plan, as well as looking ahead at what the new State Plan will look like to come up with what will go in the CFI for the last year of the current Plan. He also stated the CFI will be sent out to Members once it is completed. **Motion carried.**

Request from Autism Society – WV Chapter: Linda read a letter from the Chapter President requesting the Council to consider allotting \$5,000 in funds for Designated Stipends for the state-wide conference being held on September 24, 2016 at the Bridgeport Conference Center. The application had been mis-placed when it was sent to the Chapter in the spring. Steve advised that the Council had \$1,600 in the Designated Stipends line that had not been allotted. **Kristen moved** and **Sheila seconded** the motion to allot the remaining \$1600 to the Autism Society – WV Chapter for the September 24 conference. Sheila suggested advising the Chapter that families with children aged birth to eight could apply to the WV Early Childhood Training Connections and Resources for stipend funds. **Motion carried.** **Julie abstained** because she is on the Board of Directors of the Autism Society – WV Chapter.

Election of Executive Committee Members: Members were invited prior to this month's meeting to ask to have their name placed on a ballot for three openings on the Executive Committee. Terms are expiring for Jonathan Chaffin, Pat Elliott, and Christina Mullins (State Agency representative). Members who requested to be placed on the ballot were Jonathan Chaffin, Christina Mullins, and Kristin O'Neal. Nominations were accepted from the floor, and Delmar Davis asked to have his name placed on the ballot. Members elected to the Executive Committee

were Delmar Davis, Christina Mullins, and Kristin O'Neal. Their terms are for two years and will begin July 1, 2016.

Nominating Committee Report

Election of Council Chair: The Nominating Committee is tasked with recommending a new Chair to the Council. Nominating Committee Members were Amber Hinkle, Pat Nisbet, Kristen O'Neal and Jon Sassi – Chair. **Jon moved** on behalf of the Committee that Angie Breeden be accepted as Chair of the Council. **Kelly seconded** the motion and **it passed**. **Angie abstained** from voting.

Approval of Nominations for Governor's Appointment: **Jon made a motion** that the Council submit applications for Jonathan Chaffin, Tara Roush, and Melvin West to the Governor for reappointment to a second four year term. **Deborah seconded** the motion. **Motion carried**. **Tara abstained** from voting.

Kristen then made a motion that the Council submit Jon's application to the Governor for reappointment to a second four year term. **Greg seconded** the motion. **Motion carried**. **Jon abstained** from voting.

Jon then moved that the Council submit the application for Marc Ellison, from the WV Autism Training Center at Marshall University, to the Governor for appointment to a four year term in the At-Large category. **Julie seconded** the motion. **Motion carried**.

Jon moved that the Council submit the applications of Kenneth Accord and Cali Brill to the Governor for appointment to a term of four years. **Deborah seconded** the motion. **Motion carried**.

Jon moved that the Council submit the application of James Gallaher to the Governor for appointment to a term of two years. **Sheila seconded** the motion. **Motion carried**.

Jon moved that the Council submit the applications of Brandy Beery and Rhonda Blosser to the Governor for appointment to a term of four years; Patricia Combs for a term of two years, and Matthew Wink for a term of one year. **Sheila seconded** the motion. **Motion carried**.

Other Business

Steve invited Susan Given to play the video ads on voting that WV Advocates had developed through the Protection and Advocacy for Voter Access (PAVA) project.

Final Legislative Report: Christy Black reviewed with Members the Report in their packets.

PIP Update: Christy reported that Delegate Denise Campbell, who is a graduate of the Council's Partners in Policymaking program, will be the keynote speaker for the class graduation on May 21.

Disability Policy Seminar: Council Members Deborah Davis, Julie Dial, and Tara Roush attended the Disability Policy Seminar in Washington, D.C., along with Christy and Steve. Members who attended gave brief reports on the seminar and their visits with the Senators and Members of the House of Representatives.

Council Members' Comments and Concerns: Teresa McCourt reported the Specialized Family Care program will be celebrating 35 years on June 1st.

Kelly Miller reported that her daughter Alison will be featured in a documentary being developed by a physician at Harvard regarding her participation in a successful weight loss program with a local doctor. The documentary will be used to train other doctors in successful weight loss techniques for people with disabilities.

Adjournment: Tara moved and Clark seconded the motion to adjourn. **Motion carried.**