

WV DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES COUNCIL

July 26, 2016

Quarterly Meeting

Tamarack Conference Center, Beckley, WV

MINUTES

Members present: Doug Auten, Angie Breeden, Jonathan Chaffin, Deborah Davis, Delmar Davis, Julie Dial, Susan Given, Amber Hinkle, Betty Holliday, Teresa McCourt, Kelly Miller, Beth Morrison (afternoon), Kristin O'Neal, Jacqueline Proctor, Wanda Proffitt, Clark Queen, Pam Roush (for Christina Mullins), Tara Roush, Jon Sassi, and Tina Tanner.

Members absent: Greg Bilonick, Pat Elliott, Mary Pat Farrell, Mary Etta Jones, Pat Nisbet, Laura Sperry-Barno, Melvin West, and Sheila Zickefoose.

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

Guests included those awaiting appointment by the Governor: Kenneth Accord, Rhonda Blosser, Cali Brill, Patty Combs, Marc Ellison, James Gallaher, and Matthew Wink, along with Inetta Fluharty and Christina Smith of the Arc of the Mid-Ohio Valley, and Richard Ward with the Division of Rehabilitation Services.

Call to Order, Welcome, Introductions and Announcements by Members:

Angie Breeden, Council Chair, called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. She then asked Members to introduce themselves and share any announcements.

Following introductions by Members, Steve announced that one of the Council's Members, Brent Bush, passed away recently. Brent served on the Council as the family member/guardian of a woman with developmental disabilities and was actively involved for years in services for people with developmental disabilities.

Introductions and Comments by those awaiting appointment: Those guests who are awaiting appointment to the Council were then invited to introduce themselves and tell what made them interested in being a Council Member.

Mission Statement Reminder: Kelly Miller read the Council's Mission Statement.

Public Comment: None

Approval of April 27, 2016 Meeting Minutes: After a review of the *Minutes*, **Teresa McCourt moved** and **Kelly Miller seconded** the motion to approve the *Minutes* as written. **Motion carried.**

New Business

Approval of FFY 2017 Budget: Steve presented and explained his budget proposal for Federal Fiscal Year 2017 and asked Members for their approval. Copies were provided in Members' packets. **Delmar Davis moved** and **Deborah Davis seconded** the motion to approve the FFY 2017 budget for \$798,166.00. **Motion carried.**

Approval of Designated Stipends: Julie Dial presented the report for the Designated Stipends workgroup. Members were Angie Breeden, Jonathan Chaffin, Julie, Susan Given, and Jon Sassi. Copies of the chart were provided in Members' packets. **Julie moved** and **Delmar Davis seconded** the motion to award \$25,700.00 of Designated Stipends funds as follows:

The Arc of WV, Youth Advocacy Conference: \$2500
The Arc of WV, People First Conference: \$9000
Autism Society, WV Chapter, Annual Conference: \$6000
Fair Shake Network, Legislative Training Day & Disability Advocacy Day: \$5000
Fair Shake Network, quarterly IEP trainings: \$1000
WV SenseAbilities Project, Family Learning weekend: \$2200

Motion carried.

Approval of Renewal Grants: Jonathan Chaffin presented the report on behalf of the Grant Review workgroup. Members were Doug Auten, Angie Breeden, Jonathan Chaffin, Lesley Cottrell, Julie Dial, Susan Given, Teresa McCourt, and Jon Sassi. Copies of the chart were provided in Members' packets. After reviewing the requests, Workgroup Members agreed to fund each application at the amount requested.

On behalf of the workgroup, **Jonathan moved** that the Council fund the Arc of WV, People First of WV, in the amount of \$79,479. **Tara Roush seconded** the motion. **Motion carried.**

Jonathan then moved that the Council fund the Fair Shake Network, Statewide Cross-Disability Advocacy Organization, for \$21,000. **Jon Sassi seconded** the motion. **Motion carried.**

Jonathan moved that the Council fund the Mountain State Centers for Independent Living, Council Functions support grant, for \$139,370. **Delmar Davis seconded** the motion. **Motion carried.**

Jonathan moved that the Council fund the Community Access, Inc., Comprehensive State Plan functions support grant, for \$215,285. **Jacqueline Proctor seconded** the motion. **Motion carried.**

Approval of New Grants: Jon Sassi reported on new grant applications on behalf of the Grant Review workgroup. A chart was provided in Council Members' packets. The Council received four grant applications in response to the *Call for Investments*, none of which were for demonstration grants. Three were to provide training and one was to update and develop new information for a guide.

Two applications were received from Griffin-Hammis Associates (GHA). Breaking Down the Benefits Barrier was to provide trainings on opportunities and implications associated with Social Security Benefits and PASS Work Incentive. The request was for \$29,004.48. After much discussion, the workgroup determined they would not suggest funding this application.

The second application from GHA, Self-Guided Discovery, was to teach individuals with intellectual and other developmental disabilities, families, and allies to utilize Discovery and Customized Employment to create community employment. The request was for \$26,777.52. Following discussion, the workgroup decided they would not suggest funding this application.

An application, Customized Employment Workshop, was received from Job Squad, Inc. (JSI) to conduct four regional workshops on customized employment around WV. The primary objective was assisting interested stakeholders in being able to demonstrate an increased awareness of best practices in customized employment. The request was for \$17,000. The workgroup members agreed to suggest funding the request with stipulations. Stipulations were that an Advisory Group assist in the development of the curriculum, and it was discussed that the Council's Employment First workgroup could serve in this regard; that \$10,000 would be made available during the development of the curriculum; and that the remaining \$7,000 would be divided and provided for each of the four workshops that had at least 10 people attending.

The final application was from Partnerships in Assistive Technologies, Inc. (PATHS). Increasing Access to Higher Education would focus on ways to increase knowledge about assistive technology and reasonable accommodations in higher education to make the transition to higher education easier for students with disabilities. Lesley Cottrell and Teresa McCourt abstained from the discussion and vote on this application due to a conflict of interest as employees of the UCED. The other workgroup members agreed not to suggest funding this application.

On behalf of the Grant Review Workgroup, **Jon made a motion** that the Council fund the JSI application, Customized Employment Workshop, for the requested amount of \$17,000 with the stipulations that the grantee utilize an Advisory Board such as the Council's Employment First Workgroup, and that they accept the requirements for billing for the funds. **Delmar Davis seconded** the motion. **Motion carried.**

Approval of State Plan: Jim Cremeans presented the FFY 2017-2021 Draft Five year State Plan. **Kristin O'Neal moved** and **Julie Dial seconded** the motion to approve the State Plan as presented. **Motion carried.** The State Plan will be submitted to the federal Administration on Community Living (ACL) and Administration on I/DD (AIDD) in August.

NACDD Conference: Angie Breeden and Kristin O'Neal recently attended the National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities Conference in Washington D.C. and reported on the conference.

Angie reported that she attended an all-day training designed for new Chairs, where she received a lot of valuable information. She liked meeting Council Chairpersons from across the country and felt grateful when hearing others talk about issues/concerns some Councils experience that have not occurred here.

Kristin reported that she attended several presentations, including a presentation on futures planning designed to help a family member with a developmental disability to "have the good life." Another presentation provided information on peer networks, which involved pairing a person with a developmental disability with a non-disabled peer in school in the hopes that friendships would develop. She also mentioned the national Arc's website included a link to the Futures Planning information as well as to Health & Wellness planning. Steve added that the Arc of the Mid-Ohio Valley (MOV) received a grant for Health and Wellness through the WVDDC a few years ago, and the Arc of the United States patterned some of their Health & Wellness planning project from the Arc of the MOV.

Pathways to the Future: Doug Auten, DRS representative to the Council, presented. Doug stated that DRS was working in partnership with Community Access, Inc. to implement the Pathways to the Future program throughout the state. The project will support the design and implementation of programming and outreach while addressing the new direction mandated by the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA). The program will address the five mandated pre-employment transition services for Vocational Rehabilitation clients from 16 -21: to expand vocational knowledge and determine a specific vocational goal; to explore job functions and duties through work-based learning experiences; to expand knowledge of post-secondary training and educational training programs; to develop social skills and independent living skills through workplace readiness training; and to develop greater knowledge of self-advocacy.

SafeGuard Self Protection Initiative: Christina Smith and Inetta Fluharty of the Arc of the Mid-Ohio Valley presented on this Council sponsored project which is in its third and final year. Christina stated that children and adults with disabilities have among the highest rates of physical, emotional and sexual abuse compared to any other group in our society today. Christina reported that people know 98% more about abuse/neglect than they did before this training. As a result of this grant, knowledge, awareness, and self-advocacy skills of youth and adults with IDD on issues related to the abuse, neglect, and exploitation of themselves or family members and the importance of reporting suspected abuse have increased. Inetta discussed the materials developed such as the Individual Response Plan, the sexuality and intimacy training and the goal bank for IEPs and IPPs. Christina discussed some of the raw data and stated that a completed report will be submitted by August 30th.

Farewell to Members with expiring terms: As is the Council's custom, Members whose terms will expire when the Governor makes new appointments were given certificates of appreciation and the Council celebrated with a cake. Members whose terms expire are Deborah Davis, previous Council Chair, Pat Elliott, Amber Hinkle, Betty Holliday, and Kelly Miller. As outgoing Chair, Deborah was also presented with a plaque of appreciation.

Members' Comments and Concerns: None

Adjournment: Members were encouraged to complete the feedback forms provided in their packets. **Kelly Miller moved** and **Clark Queen seconded** the motion to adjourn.