

West Virginia Developmental Disabilities Council
Quarterly Meeting
Stonewall Jackson Resort
July 22, 2008

MINUTES

Members Present: Christy Black, Bob Cain, Joyce Church, Richard Covert, Ronald Dean, Jeannie Elkins, Virginia Gattlieb, Amber Hinkle, Stephanie Jackson, Carlos Lucero, M.D., Jeff Marr, Clint Martin, Pat Moss, Libby Nester, Richard Perry, Jerry Ramsey, Karen Robinson, Karen Ruddle, Kevin Smith, LuAnn Summers, Donald Thraikill, Pat Winston.

Members Absent: Sandy Haberbosch, Clarice Hausch, Janice Holland, Jane McCallister, Marsha Morris, Parul Shah, Julie Shelton, Zila Shemel, John David Smith.

Immediate Past Members: Christina Smith, Jennifer Waybright.

Guests: Cassandra Toliver, DD Division, OBHS; Angela Amado, Ph.D., Presenter; Timothy Clyde, Presenter, Susan Given, (WVDDC Intern).

Staff Present: Jim Cremeans, Linda Higgs, Steve Wiseman, Tiffany Wiseman.

Welcome, Introduction and Announcements: Jeannie Elkins opened the meeting by having everyone introduce themselves. She also made the following announcements: Christy Black, Richard Covert, Clint Martin, Steve Wiseman and Jim Cremeans attended the National Association's Annual Meeting, ADD Technical Assistance Institute, Policy Seminar and Hill Visits in Washington D.C., June 8 – 12, 2008. The NADDC will be holding its national conference in October, and Steve will participate in a presentation pertaining to Social Role Valorization (SRV) and how it relates to DD Councils. The Council provided its fourth SRV training in June 2008. Jeannie Elkins, Christy Black, Susan Given, Joyce Church and Tiffany Wiseman attended the training. Linda Higgs and Steve Wiseman presented at the SRV training. Jeannie welcomed all of the new Council Members: Amber Hinkle from Lewisburg, Stephanie Jackson from Wayne, Donald Thraikill from Kearneysville and Richard Perry from St. Albans.

Jeannie Elkins and Steve Wiseman presented Jennifer Waybright and Christina Smith with certificates of appreciation for their hard work, contributions and dedication to the Council. Jeannie also thanked Kim Farley, Christy Bishop and Craig Curtis for their dedicated service as they also left the Council. Certificates will be sent to them. Jeannie announced that Partners in Policymaking (PIP) training seminar will not be taking place this year due to insufficient number of applications. Jeannie discussed all information inside the Council Member packets. Lastly, Jeannie announced upcoming training events:

- Families Conference, November 14-16, 2008, Stonewall Jackson Resort;
- People First Conference, October 3-5, 2008, Jackson's Mill;

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- Wrightslaw Boot Camp, November 19 and 20, 2008, Ramada Plaza Hotel, Charleston ;
- Customized Employment for People with Developmental and Other Disabilities, August 14, 2008, Town Center Marriott, Charleston;
- Adventure Pursuits, September 12, 2008, Mineral Wells.

Housekeeping: Members whose terms expired June 30 will not be voting as the Governor has appointed the new Council Members. New Council Members will be voting at this meeting.

Mission Statement Reminder: Carlos Lucero, M.D. read the Mission Statement.

Public Comments: None

Approval of the April 22, 2008 Meeting Minutes:

Kevin Smith moved for the Meeting Minutes to be approved as written. Ronald Dean seconded that motion. Motion carried.

Old Business: Jeannie Elkins discussed concerns raised at the last Council meeting related to education. A meeting has been scheduled with Dr. Lynn Boyer, Ph.D. on August 13, 2008 to discuss those concerns.

New Business: Steve Wiseman raised a concern about segregated preschools. Additionally, Christina Smith mentioned concerns about school teacher's aides taking students off campus and sometimes to their homes. Ginny Gattlieb was also aware of this matter and mentioned that school staff have been referring to these excursions as social and community outings. There is also a one-year permission slip for teacher's aides to take the student off the campus for various outings. Ginny has been encouraging parents not to sign this form. Joyce Church and Kevin Smith also voiced their concerns with this matter. LuAnn Summers raised concern that Karen Ruddle, Dr. Boyer's representative on the Council, should attend the meeting. Jeannie Elkins agreed but stated that would be determined by Dr. Boyer. Karen stated that these issues have not been brought to her attention, nor to those in her office. She recommended those individuals who attend the meeting be familiar with Policy 2510 on transportation.

Kevin Smith moved that these issues be discussed at the scheduled meeting with Dr. Boyer. Kevin gave the following statement, "No child shall be taken anywhere, one on one, to places that are questionable; into homes or otherwise. People need to be in the public eye." Ginny Gattlieb seconded the motion. LuAnn Summers and Karen Ruddle abstained. LuAnn abstained as she does not feel the intention is clear. Karen abstained as she works for the Department of Education. Motion carried.

- Approval of Budget (Action Needed)
Steve discussed the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2009. A 3% wage increase that took place on July 1, 2008 did not cause a significant increase in projected

personnel costs. The projected budget for personnel and benefits remained at the FY 2008 level (\$233,000). Projections for current expenses including repairs and equipment were explained from the budget detail (\$77,500). The Council had previously approved a budget of \$325,000 for new grants. When combined with the anticipated renewals of some current grants (\$413,837) and the janitorial contract of \$6,500; the total proposed budget for grants was \$745,337. The total FY 2009 expenditures were projected to be \$1,055,837. The total projected available funds in FY 2009 were \$1,610,836 for a projected balance of \$554,999.

It was explained that any “expiring” Federal grant funds would be used first in the next fiscal year.

Christy Black moved the budget be approved in its’ current form. Kevin Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- Approval of Designated Stipends
The Council approved \$25,000 to be used for designated stipends at the April 2008 meeting. The Arc of the MOV requested additional monies to cover the cost of more participants for the People First conference. The Council received an application for designated stipends for the Wrights Law workshop by the WV Advocates. The workgroup would like to support this workshop. This would require an increase in funding. The additional request for funds would total \$8,000 and increase the budget to \$33,000 for FY2009.

Libby Nester moved to increase the budget by \$8,000 for a total of \$33,000 in designated stipend funding. Karen Robinson seconded the motion. Kevin Smith stated his desire to increase the budget based on the increase in grant and related expenses. Motion carried.

- Approval of Grants – Renewal Applications
Steve discussed the grant review process and thanked those 14 Council Members who were able to participate. The following grants were proposed for renewal and approved or disapproved. LuAnn Summers reported on the Grant Proposal Review Workgroup’s recommendations.

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Grant</u>	<u>Funding Yr.</u>	<u>Fund Amount</u>
Arc of the MOV	“Health & Wellth”	5	\$14, 008

Luann made a motion to fund and Karen Ruddle seconds the motion. Motion carried.

Arc of the MOV	“Inclusion for All”	3	\$17,929
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LuAnn made a motion to fund and Joyce Church seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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Community Access	“School Transition to Employment”	2	\$49,900
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LuAnn made a motion to fund and Christy Black seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Fair Shake Network	“Statewide Cross Disability Advocacy Coalition”	11	\$25,000
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LuAnn made a motion to fund and Kevin Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Community Access	DDC Support	*	\$183,000
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LuAnn made a motion to fund and Libby Nester seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mountain State CIL	DDC Support	**	\$124,000
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LuAnn made a motion to fund and Donald Thrailkill seconded the motion. Motion carried.

*This grant funds Communications, Technical Assistance and Training including SRV, PASSING, PIP, and Oral History Project.

**This grant funds Council Members’ expenses, meeting expenses, designated stipends funding and other training.

Kevin Smith made motion for the Executive Committee to decide how to handle the review of the Council management related grants in the future. LuAnn Summers seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- Approval of Grants – New Applications
Libby Nester reported the Grant Proposal Review Workgroup’s recommendations on the grants below.

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Grant</u>	<u>FundAmount</u>
Arc of the MOV	“People First of WV”	\$43,334

Libby Nester made a motion to fund with stipulations and Kevin Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Jackson Co. Dev.	“Micro Enterprise/Self-
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Center	Employment”	\$30,219
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Libby Nester made a motion to fund with stipulations and Clint Martin seconded the motion. Kevin Smith abstained for personal reasons. Motion carried.

Job Squad, Inc.	“Active Employer Council/ Training Employers”	\$33,566
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Libby Nester made a motion to fund and Joyce Church seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Job Squad, Inc.	“Self-Employment Project/ Self-Employment”	\$30,866
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Libby Nester made a motion to fund and Pat Moss seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Steve Wiseman reported the proposals below to the Council. The Grant Proposal Review Workgroup recommended to not fund these proposals.

PACE-TEC, Inc.	“Educating the Business Comm. In Morgantown”
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River Cities Therapeutic Riding Center, Inc.	“Developing Confidence, Character, & Independence through Equine Assisted Activities”
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Tangible Alternatives, Inc.	“Perspectives Photo Project”
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Team for WV Children, Inc. for Family Leadership First	“Imagine Your Child” - Transition Training for Parents”
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- State Plan Update

Jim Cremeans gave an explanation as to the goals, objectives and strategies to fulfill the State Plan. He also explained when and how recommendations and modifications are made to the State Plan. Of the received recommendations, none focused on changes to be made to the State Plan. The plan was proposed to the Council as it was currently written. Steve gave further explanation about the goals chosen in the State Plan and intent to support individuals with developmental disabilities in leading inclusive, productive, self directed lives.

Kevin Smith made a motion to approve the current State Plan. Ronald Dean seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Other Business: Carlos Lucero expressed his concern with advocacy and outreach in the rural counties of Southern WV. He questioned how the Council could be more active in developing advocacy coalitions. Christina reported some of her experiences in networking with various agencies in Southern WV through the “Health and Wellth” project. Some of the most positive and promising relationships resulted from unexpected prospects.

Master Clyde & DVD:

Timothy Clyde of Inwood, WV was a WVDDC grant recipient. Master Clyde developed an inclusive martial arts program that included adults and children with developmental disabilities in his regular classes. From this project, a DVD was produced to demonstrate how other martial arts instructors can provide inclusive martial arts services. After review of the video, Master Clyde spoke to the Council about how the DVD can serve as a catalyst to other inclusive programs. The DVD can and should be shared with instructors in a variety of recreational and health programs to encourage them to think inclusively and provide inclusive services. Master Clyde stressed the possibility and necessity of “regular” individuals working toward inclusive environments and activities. A person does not require education or experience in the developmental disability field to develop and implement services for people with developmental disabilities. All that is truly needed is an understanding of what can or should be done, strong desire to support people with developmental disabilities in attaining productive, inclusive, independent lives and the determination to see it through.

Completion of Meeting Evaluation Forms: Linda Higgs asked the members to complete the evaluation form at the end of the first day of the meeting if they did not intend to stay the second day for the Retreat.

Adjournment: By acclamation.

Joyce Church expressed her appreciation for the opportunity to meet Council Members’ families at this meeting/retreat, and also how enjoyable the Tango lessons were during the evening.

HUMAN BINGO

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<p>I crossed the states with a big Christmas Teddy Bear.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Kevin Smith</p>	<p>I like to watch cartoons. My favorites are “Pink Panther” and “Road Runner.”</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Carlos Lucero</p>	<p>I am a first time Aunt.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Jennifer Waybright</p>	<p>I was a waitress at Fuddrucker’s (World’s greatest hamburgers).</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Stephanie Jackson</p>	<p>I was hired for a job by winning a coin toss.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Amber Hinkle</p>
<p>I was a model during college.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ginny Gattlieb</p>	<p>I’ve worked at Foodland for 5 years and 8 months.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Jerry Ramsey</p>	<p>I did some skydiving in the early 1980’s.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Jeannie Elkins</p>	<p>I’ve flown from Chicago to California by myself about thirty times.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Jeff Marr</p>	<p>I had a pet groundhog named “Rocky.”</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Steve Wiseman</p>
<p>I met Arnold Schwarzenegger <u>and</u> Steve Martin.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Jim Cremeans</p>	<p>I have been married to the <u>same</u> man for 34 years...my high school sweetheart.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Susan Given</p>	<p>FREE SPACE</p>	<p>I once hugged an elephant.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Joyce Church</p>	<p>I am a professional hypnotist.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Donald Thrailkill</p>
<p>I was first chair drummer in the school band.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Jane McCallister</p>	<p>I paint houses in my community.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Richard Covert</p>	<p>I play the dulcimer.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Karen Robinson</p>	<p>I was in the USA Today for winning a tobacco spitting contest.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Christina Smith</p>	<p>I would rather cut grass than clean house.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Karen Ruddle</p>
<p>My childhood nickname was “Susie Q.”</p>	<p>I was “Boss of the Year” in 1994.</p>	<p>I caused a train to stop, at age 11, in Taipei, Taiwan.</p>	<p>I had a twin sister with a developmental disability.</p>	<p>I have planted and strung tobacco.</p>

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