

MINUTES

May 13, 2010
Iowa DD Council Meeting
Urbandale Public Library

Members Present:

Mary Anderson
Lance Baker
Mardi Deluhery
Frank Forcucci
Don Gookin
Jamie Gurganus
Art Hedberg
Andy Kaiser
Brad Leckrone
Kay Leeper
Barb McClannahan
Scott Rahm
Harvey Schneider
Elayne Sexsmith
Bill Stumpf
Frank Varvaris

Members Absent:

Craig Cretsinger
Naomi Guinn-Johnson
Paul Kiburz
Guadalupe Larson
SueAnn Morrow
Lisa Yunek

Staff Present:

Becky Harker
Fran Morris

Call to Order: Vice-Chair Mardi Deluhery called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. A quorum was present. Members, staff, and visitors introduced themselves.

Consent Agenda: Baker moved, seconded by Schneider, to approve the March 11 Council Meeting minutes and the April 23 Executive Committee minutes. Approved 14-0 (Absent: Anderson, Varvaris).

Executive Committee Report:

Recognition of Departing Members: Mary Anderson, Naomi Guinn-Johnson, and Art Hedberg will be leaving the Council on June 30. Deluhery presented certificates in honor of their service to those in attendance.

Executive Committee Election Results: The new DD Council Executive Committee will take office on July 1, 2010. Chair will be Andy Kaiser; Vice-Chair: Mardi Deluhery; Past Chair: SueAnn Morrow; Members-at-Large: Craig Cretsinger and Jamie Gurganus.

Office Relocation: The Governor vetoed the item in SF 2389 that would have restricted moves from leased facilities into the Mercy Capitol state office building. The Dept. of Administrative Services will provide staff with an update on a possible move within the next few weeks.

Membership: Harker's next meeting with the Governor's Appointments Coordinator will be June 1 with new appointments to be made between June 15 – July 1. Persons with developmental disabilities are still needed to fill open seats on the Council. Current members should encourage individuals with DD to submit applications to the DD Council office.

Medical Home System: Beth Jones of the Iowa Dept. of Public Health provided an in-depth look at the work of the Medical Home System Advisory Council intended to establish a statewide structure that would centralize medical records and coordinate health services to better serve patients. At the present time four workgroups within MHSAC – Certification, Reimbursement, Education, and Policy – are working on issues related to health care for children.

Due to Naomi Guinn-Johnson's departure, there will be an opening beginning July 1 on MHSAC for a DD Council member. Interested members should contact the Council office.

Division of Mental Health and DD Services: Jeanne Nesbit, the Administrator for the Division of Mental Health and DD Services, spoke regarding the recent restructuring of the Dept. of Human Services and their continued commitment to keeping persons with disabilities in their homes and communities through early intervention, employment opportunities, and use of Money Follows the Person funds. Also, the Division plans to continue supporting connections between the State ICF/MRs and communities to facilitate inclusion of residents.

Diane Diamond, Bureau Chief for Case Management, handed out materials regarding Targeted Case Management, which helps persons with disabilities access appropriate services within the community.

Bill Gardam, Bureau Chief for Community Services and Planning, updated members on development of a formal plan to identify needs, services, and priorities to facilitate community transition. The next step in the plan is developing a timeline and budget relating to five goals:

- Development of welcoming communities that promote full participation.
- Better access to services and supports within the community.
- Adequate capacity to serve individuals within the community.
- Development of good quality services within the community.
- Accountability standards for both providers and government.

The Bureau is presently developing objectives and action steps in consultation with the Olmstead Consumer Task Force, the Mental Health Planning Council, and the MH/DD Commission. Several DD Council volunteers might be needed to meet with representatives from these groups. Interested members should contact the Council office.

DD Council By-Laws Changes: Harker handed out copies of the revisions to the DD Council by-laws and Hedberg provided comments on each proposed change. Members suggested that language in Section II be changed to "disabilities" rather than "disability". A discrepancy between the by-laws and the Council calendar was discussed; the Council calendar will be revised to include a January meeting for 2011. Since there is a minimum 30-day consideration period, a vote on approval of the revised by-laws will take place at the July 8 Council meeting.

Money Follows the Person Update: Deb Johnson of Iowa Medicaid Enterprise explained the federal MFP grant administered by Iowa Medicaid Enterprise that moves individuals from ICF/MR facilities to independent living arrangements. Discussion focused on the cost, opportunities, and challenges encountered in the past year.

State Plan Responsibilities & Timeline: The development of goals for the DD Council's 2011-2015 State Plan will begin at the July 8 Council meeting. Harker handed out a list of items which must be included in all State Plans. Member input will be needed in the areas of evaluation of the State Service Delivery System, Selection of Priorities, and Goals & Performance Targets. These must be completed by March 2011 in order to approve contract Requests for Proposals at the March 11 Council meeting.

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 1:58 p.m. Next meeting will be July 8 at the Des Moines Botanical Center.