

MINUTES

March 11, 2010
Governor's DD Council Meeting
Urbandale Public Library

Members Present:

Mary Anderson
Lance Baker
Frank Forcucci
Naomi Guinn-Johnson
Jamie Gurganus
Art Hedberg
Andy Kaiser
Kay Leeper
Barb McClannahan
SueAnn Morrow
Scott Rahm
Bill Stumpf
Lisa Yunek

Members Absent:

Craig Cretsinger
Mardi Deluhery
Don Gookin
Paul Kiburz
Guadalupe Larson
Brad Leckrone
Harvey Schneider
Elayne Sexsmith
Frank Varvaris

Staff Present:

Becky Harker
Fran Morris
Rik Shannon

Call to Order: Chair SueAnn Morrow called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. A quorum was present. Members, staff, and visitors introduced themselves. No member declared a conflict of interest with any agenda item.

Consent Agenda: Hedberg moved, seconded by Guinn-Johnson, to approve the November 10, 2009 Council Meeting minutes and the February 19, 2010 Executive Committee minutes. Approved 12-0.

Public Comment: Karin Ford handed out flyers and encouraged members to become involved in the planned statewide celebrations connected to the 20th anniversary of the signing of the Americans With Disabilities Act.

Executive Committee Report:

Executive Director Evaluation: Morrow reported that a new 360 evaluation using a web-based survey tool incorporating comments from staff, Executive Committee, Council members, and other stakeholders was successfully utilized for Harker's annual evaluation.

Youth Advisory Board & Advocacy University: A majority of Council members emailed approvals of the two proposals; the Executive Committee voted to award contracts at their February 19 meeting.

Council Membership Update: Hedberg's second term expires on June 30, 2010. Since he represents Iowa Protection & Advocacy, Harker has asked their Executive Director for a new member recommendation. Others whose first full terms expire on June 30 – Baker, Guinn-Johnson, Kaiser, Rahm, and Schneider – are eligible for reappointment by the Governor's Office. One additional member with a developmental disability may be needed to replace an appointed member from 2009 who has not been attending Council meetings.

Moving the Council Office: The Council staff have been preparing for a move to the former Mercy Capitol building by either June 30 or September 30, depending on lease termination negotiations. The State of Iowa purchased the Mercy Capitol property at 603 East 12th near the State Capitol several years ago and it recently became a state office building.

2010-11 Executive Committee Nominations: The nomination process for the 2010-11 Executive Committee elections in April will begin soon. Members were asked to indicate their interest in serving on next year's Executive Committee on a pre-nomination form.

Budget Report: Harker explained line items from the financial section of the Council's FFY 2009 Program Performance Report and the 70/30 cap on administrative costs from the Council & Staff Support budget. There were some funds from 2009 left unspent at the end of the last fiscal year; these have been directed to the new Youth Advisory Board and Advocacy University contracts.

Public Policy Updates:

Legislature: Shannon reported that recent budget cuts have impacted health and human services; however, there may be some federal funds available later to states for Medicaid services. The 2nd funnel date for non-budget bills to be reported out of legislative committees was March 5 and work has begun crafting the state budget for SFY 2011. Interested members should consult the Council's infoNET website regularly at <http://infonetiowa.com> for current information.

Meetings with DHS Director Krogmeier: Harker and Shannon continue communication with DHS to minimize the impact on the Council of policies related to recent 10% state budget cuts. The Director has agreed that while the Council staff is included in mandatory unpaid days, Council travel falls under ADD's non-interference clause.

Medical Home System Advisory Council: Naomi Guinn-Johnson, the Council's representative on the State's Medical Home System Advisory Council, shared their second progress report which was recently released. At the conclusion of discussion of the Medical Home System, Council members expressed interest in learning more about the proposed statewide structure intended to centralize medical records and services to better serve individuals who need health care. Staff will contact local experts to speak at the May DD Council meeting.

Consideration of Organizational Name Change: Presently the names "Governor's DD Council" and "Iowa DD Council" are used interchangeably with the latter being used in connection the Council's ID Action project in order to reinforce its non-partisan orientation. Shannon presented the staff's opinion that the upcoming move to another address would also afford an opportunity to update the Council's formal name in mailings and Iowa Code references. Changing the name in the Iowa Code may also involve an Executive Order or legislative action.

Hedberg moved, seconded by Baker, to change the name of the Council after Shannon has consulted the Attorney General's Office for an opinion.

At the conclusion of discussion, Hedberg accepted an amendment proposed by Stumpf to change the name of the Governor's DD Council to the Iowa DD Council.

Motion: The formal name of the Governor's Developmental Disabilities (DD) Council shall be changed to the Iowa Developmental Disabilities (DD) Council upon receipt of an opinion from the Attorney General's Office.

- Yes: Anderson, Forcucci, Guinn-Johnson, Gurganus, Hedberg, Kaiser, Leeper, McClannahan, Rahm, Stumpf, Yunek.
- No: Baker

Motion passed, 11-1.

Program Performance (Annual) Report: Harker distributed an analysis of the FFY 2009 numbers relating to ID Action contracts from the Council's 2009 PPR Report. Members were asked to provide feedback concerning the reporting format and whether such reports would be useful quarterly as both an indicator of progress and as a tool to define objectives for the next 5-year State Plan. There will be a more detailed discussion of tasks and timelines for developing a new State Plan in 2010-11 on the agenda for the May Council meeting.

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m. Next meeting will be May 13, 2010 at the Urbandale Public Library.