

Illinois Council on Developmental Disabilities
Council Meeting
Thursday, March 14, 2013
10:00 am

Members Present

Bill Bogdan, Chairperson
Joy Baker-Battagliotti
Diana Braun
Bonnie Dohogne
Lynn Gallagher
Deb Goodman
Brad Guidi
Cheryl Jansen
Helen Kauffman
Mary Mayes
Mary Milburn
Barb Pritchard
Mary Rizzolo
Rita Seggelke
Mary Spriggs-Ploessl
Randy Staton
Julie Stover
Vincent Smith
Susan Williams
Dan Winters

Members Absent

Cathy Christensen
Brian Dixon
Trevor Halfacre
Marc Staley
Jeff Stauter

Guests

Zanetia McClendon
Jose Ovalle
Craig Winters

Staff Present

Sheila Romano, Director
Val Elzy
Lia Ghelaidos
Margie Harkness
Jennifer Harrison
Janinna Hendricks
Vanessa Morris
Sandy Ryan

AGENDA ITEM: Call to Order

The Council Meeting for the Illinois Council on Developmental Disabilities was held on March 14, 2013. Bill Bogdan, Chairperson presiding and Sheila Romano, Director present. Chairperson Bogdan called the meeting to order at 10:07 am.

The Chairperson led introductions of Council Members and Council staff.

AGENDA ITEM: 1st Consent Agenda

Motion: Approve minutes from January 10, 2013 Council Meeting.

Accept minutes from October 31, 2012 Executive Committee Meeting.

The January 10, 2013 and the October 31, 2012 minutes were pulled from the 1st Consent Agenda for a separate motion for corrections.

Motion: Approve Final Reports (Enclosure #3a, #3b)

Made By: Vincent Smith Second: Deb Goodman

Vote: Motion carried unanimously

Motion: Approve the January 10, 2013 Council Meeting minutes with the correction to correct the date on the Council Meeting minutes heading from “Thursday, January 10, ~~2012~~ 2013” as well as under Agency reports, which states “HFS will hold a Town Hall meeting ~~on~~ at the James R. Thompson Building in Chicago on February 4, 2013 from 12pm – 3pm.”

Accept the October 31, 2012 Executive Committee Meeting minutes with the correction under the Director’s Report, which states “Jennifer Harrison will discuss the ~~Morreale~~ Morreale Firm tomorrow at the Council Meeting”.

Made By: Bonnie Dohogne Second: Deb Goodman

Vote: Motion carried unanimously

AGENDA ITEM: Chairperson’s Report

Chairperson Bogdan welcomed Brad Guidi who replaces Merlin Lehman. Mr. Guidi officially has been appointed to the Council. He will serve on the Executive Committee. Amy Walker and Mark Karner were terminated from the Council by the Governor’s office because of their failure to complete the yearly Ethics Trainings.

The Chairperson reported that he sent letters regarding the federal sequester.

Chairperson Bogdan and Jennifer Harrison will be attending the 2013 Disability Policy Seminar on April 15 – April 17, 2013.

Chairperson Bogdan requested that Council members complete Enclosure #4, Director’s Annual Evaluation survey. All surveys must be completed and returned by April 12, 2013 via mail or dropped off in the box labeled “Director’s Evaluation” at the entrance of the conference room.

The Council’s September Retreat will be held on September 11 – September 12, 2013. The meeting will be held at the Marriott Bloomington Hotel in Bloomington, Illinois.

Staff continues to work on developing the September 2013 Council Retreat agenda. Currently the agenda will focus the State Plan and making any needed revisions.

The Lester Pritchard Gala will be held on April 19, 2013 in Galesburg, Illinois. The video will be shown at the May Council meeting.

AGENDA ITEM: Director's Report

Director Romano gave an update on Pam Gorbett. Sabrina West will continue to assist during this time.

The Council's House and Senate Appropriations were held on March 12, 2013 and March 13, 2013 and both meetings went well.

The Director reported on the federal sequester that will affect the Council. It is expected that there will be a 5% reduction for all Councils. Notification of exact amounts will be forthcoming. It is expected that the Council will be able to absorb the reduction due to staff vacancies.

Janinna Hendricks reported that it is anticipated that a Continuing Resolution will be approved for another six (6) months.

Janinna Hendricks presented the financial report. The Council is on track with expending funds.

Changes to the Springfield office will be taking place over the next few months. ACES\$ will be expanding and will be utilizing more office space within the building.

Margie Harkness reported that the Council's annual Program Performance Report (PPR) was submitted last week to the Administration on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities.

The 2012 Progress Report is completed. Copies are available for Council members to review. Printing will be completed within the next several weeks.

Director Romano met with Tony Records and the Governor's office for an update on the Ligas implementation. Ligas Class members are receiving their letters notifying them that they have been selected for services and more letters are expected to go out in the next few weeks. Outreach to individuals living in Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities (ICFDD) will be done through an independent contractor.

The Rebalancing Initiative continues. Following the closure of Jacksonville Developmental Center (JDC) work continues on the closure of Murray Developmental Center (MDC). The Murray parent group has filed a lawsuit regarding the closure and a preliminary hearing will be held on April 4, 2013. The local Centralia newspaper has reported that they will not print any letters to the editor in support of the MDC closure. The Director has a meeting with the Governor's office to discuss the aggressive closure date for MDC.

Mary Spriggs-Ploessl reported that currently there are 261 residents at MDC. She provided an update on where they are in the planning process. More families have expressed interest in transitioning out of MDC. There are 35 providers assisting with the closure.

A Family Manual is being developed to assist family members during the process. The Council will be providing funding to assist in the printing of these manuals.

The University of Illinois in Chicago (UIC) will be doing an evaluation of the closure process for MDC, which is scheduled to begin in a few weeks. In addition, they will be doing evaluations on Ligas class members.

Mary Milburn reported that the Money Follows the Person program will be working with DDD on the Rebalancing Initiative to assist in the transition of residents from MDC. The State will be getting an additional 25% match for the 1st year of transitioning to assist the MDC residents.

Jennifer Harrison reported that The Going Home Campaign will host a Legislative Breakfast on March 20, 2013 in Springfield. A "Going Home Rally" will be held in Springfield on April 10, 2013.

Jennifer Harrison highlighted items in the legislative update in the supplemental folder.

AGENDA ITEM: Funding Decisions

Motion: Make an investment to Heartland Community College in the amount of \$148,000 over the next three years to develop a peer mentoring program and to train staff and faculty to incorporate Universal Design methods into the curriculum for all learners and to Lewis and Clark Community College in amount of \$136, 554 over the next three years to achieve attitudinal and behavioral changes towards the objectives of at least 15 students with intellectual and developmental disabilities successfully complete two semesters of college while still in high school and enroll in a career program in pursuit of a degree, certificate or continuing education upon existing high school.

Randy Staton and Mary Sprigg-Ploessl both recused from the vote on this funding decision.

Made By: Vincent Smith

Second: Dan Winters

Vote: Motion carried unanimously

Chairperson Bogdan reported that the Review team for the Training and Technical Assistance to Ligas Class Members CFI will not be making a recommendation for funding to the Council. The Director reported that later this month a meeting is scheduled with all state initiatives related to Ligas implementation.

AGENDA ITEM: Old Business

Janinna Hendricks thanked Council members who completed and returned their Conflict of Interest forms. Council members who have not completed this forms will have a copy of the form in their supplemental folder to be completed and returned to Ms. Hendricks.

AGENDA ITEM: New Business

Janinna Hendricks reported that Council members will be receiving their Statement of Economic Interest forms which must be completed and returned to Ms. Hendricks. Failure to comply can result fines and possible termination from the Council.

Janinna Hendricks reported on the Open Meetings Act Training. All Council members must complete this training electronically by April 15, 2013. Council Members should return their certification of completion to Janinna Hendricks for filing. The Attorney General's Office has been contacted about alternative format and, to date, has not confirmed availability of screen readers. Ms. Hendricks will keep the Council informed.

AGENDA ITEM: Committee Reports

No Committee Reports.

AGENDA ITEM: Agency Reports

Mary Spriggs-Ploessl discussed the Governor's Budget for DDD which includes \$32.5 million for services to Ligas class members and new funding for reducing the payment cycle for providers.

Randy Staton from the Division of Rehabilitation Services (DRS) reported that he has been appointed as the Region Administrator for Region 4 and Region 5.

Rita Seggelke from the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) reported on collaboration efforts with DDD. Discussion is occurring regarding developing a shared drive that will allow DCFS, DDD and OSG to share information among the three agencies.

Susan Williams from the Department of Human Services (DHS) reported on programs that will be moving from DHS to the Department of Public Health (DPH).

Joy Baker-Battagliotti from State Board of Education (ISBE) reported that ISBE has been approved to release a "Call for Comment" related to class size for students with disabilities and Individual Education Programs (IEPs).

Mary Milburn from Healthcare and Family Services (HFS) reported on Managed Care. Council Members can obtain more information from HFS website at <http://www2.illinois.gov/hfs/PublicInvolvement/cc/Pages/default.aspx>.

AGENDA ITEM: Announcements

Brad Guidi commented on the Director's recent editorial. Mr. Guidi updated the Council on a new program and a fundraiser at Camp Big Sky.

Director Romano introduced Lore Baker, Director of the Supportive Housing Providers Association who will be meeting with the Community Inclusion and Housing Committee.

Jose Ovalle announced the website and a fundraiser for Grupo at www.gruposalto.org.

AGENDA ITEM: Adjourn

Motion: Motion to adjourn at 12:25am

Made by: Brad Guidi Second: Lynn Gallagher

Vote: Motion carried unanimously
