

Illinois Council on Developmental Disabilities
Executive Committee Meeting
Wednesday, March 12, 2014
3:00 PM
ICDD
830 S. Spring Street
Springfield, IL 62704
and
Via Conference Call

Members Present

Bill Bogdan, Chairperson (via phone)
Bonnie Dohogne (via phone)
Brad Guidi (via phone)
Mary Kay Rizzolo
Randy Staton
Julie Stover (via phone)

Staff Present

Sheila Romano, Director (via phone)
Janinna Hendricks
Sandy Ryan
Vanessa Morris

AGENDA ITEM: Call to Order

The Executive Committee meeting of the Illinois Council on Developmental Disabilities was held on March 12, 2014. Bill Bogdan, Chairperson presiding and Sheila Romano, Director present via phone. Chairperson Bogdan called the meeting to order at 3:02 pm.

AGENDA ITEM: 1st Consent Agenda

Motion: Approval of the November 6, 2013 Executive Committee Meeting minutes.

Made By: Randy Staton

Second: Julie Stover

Vote: Motion carried unanimously

AGENDA ITEM: Chairperson's Report

Chairperson Bogdan reported on the Council membership. The Governor's office appointed three members to the Council, JJ Hanley, Jose Mendez and the third appointed member resigned due to a conflict of interest. He also reported that a potential member referred to us by Helen Kauffman will be attending the Council meeting tomorrow. All paperwork for reappointment and for the potential new Council member has been completed and turned in to the Governor's office.

Helen Kauffman and Mary Milburn will receive plaques for their years of service on the Council.

The Committee assignment is listed in the Council packet. The Chairperson reported that the Committee preferences were based on each Council member's first choice. Merlin Lehman agreed to serve as a Committee member for the Community Inclusion and Housing Committee. Helen Kauffman declined an invitation to serve on a committee. The Chairperson reported that there is one vacant seat on the Executive Committee that he still needs to fill.

The form for the Director's annual evaluation for 2014 is in the Council packet. Council members must complete and return the survey by April 11, 2014. The Executive Committee will review the results of the evaluation at their May Executive Committee meeting.

AGENDA ITEM: Director's Report

The Director reported staff updates. Lia Ghelaidos had her son, Daniel. Pam Gorbett continues to be on medical leave. The Council has hired a temp, Marcia Reavis, to assist in the Springfield office during this time.

Director Romano reported on the Going Home Campaign Advocacy Day Rally that will be held in Springfield on March 26, 2014.

The Governor's Employment and Economic Opportunity taskforce is working on an Executive Order. The Governor's office is currently working on the final review.

The Program Performance Report (PPR) was submitted by staff. Our federal entity is now piloting some at changes to the PPR. The Council was selected as one of the states to pilot the new PPR measures and Margie Harkness will be the lead staff for the pilot.

Director Romano reported that the President's Federal Fiscal Year 2015 budget request for Councils on Developmental Disabilities is level with the Federal Fiscal Year 2014 allotment before the reduction as a result of sequestration.

The Council has a new representative for Healthcare and Family Services (HFS) as Mary Milburn has left the agency. The new HFS representative is Susan Fonfa. Rita Seggelke, representative for the Department of Children and Family Services, retired and a new representative has yet to be named.

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has new rules affecting the Home and Community Based waiver. The new rules go into effect March 17, 2014. There will be more discussion at the March Council meeting.

The Governor's new Chief of Staff is Ryan Croke. Our new contact to assist with the Council's day-to-day activities on developmental disability issues is Samantha Fields Ms. Fields may or may not attend the Council meeting tomorrow

The new Commissioner for Administration on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (AAID) is Aaron Bishop.

The Council's 18 Independent Service Coordinators (ISCs) project will be highlighted at tomorrow's Council meeting during the investment update.

AGENDA ITEM: Project Updates

The Director reported on the Rebalancing initiative. The court cases for Murray Developmental Center (MDC) are still going on. The consultants from Community Resource Alliance (CRA) continue to work on the transition of MDC residents as well as assisting with transitioning residents from other State Operated Developmental Centers (SODCs). The Rebalancing workgroup recently held a legislative breakfast attended by twenty (20) legislators. The next event for the workgroup is the Advocacy Day Rally that will be held in Springfield on March 26, 2014. In addition, the workgroup is developing a leadership group.

AGENDA ITEM: Old Business

Sandy Ryan reported on the State Plan progress to date. The Executive Committee reviewed and discussed the State Plan at the last meeting. Based upon that discussion, updates were made and the revised State Plan is included in the Council packet for Council members to review the entire State Plan.

AGENDA ITEM: New Business

Director Romano reported on the Consumer Stipend project. The Consumer Stipend project provides funding to individuals and families for them to be able to attend conferences and training in the developmental disability field. The Council's funding for this project is scheduled to end on December 31, 2014. The Executive Committee discussed options for the Council in regards to next steps for this project. The consensus following the discussion was for staff to provide additional research and analysis at the May Executive Committee meeting.

Janinna Hendricks reported on the Council's Biennial Audit. The full report was emailed to Council members and a few copies will be available for Council members to review. The Council had no material findings, which is the third consecutive Biennial Audit the Council had with no material findings. Ms. Hendricks reported that the Council did have five non-reportable immaterial findings and those had been addressed.

The Director outlined an idea for a potential new funding initiative for the Council. The overall concept is to support service providers in systems change. One thought is for the Council to host a "Providers Academy". Following the discussion the consensus from the Executive Committee is to move forward with discussion/ideas for possible funding by the Council.

AGENDA ITEM: Adjourn

Motion: Move to adjourn at 4:50 pm

Made by: Randy Staton

Second: Mary Kay Rizzolo

Vote: Motion carried unanimously