

Illinois Council on Developmental Disabilities
Council Meeting
Thursday, March 12, 2015
10:00 AM
Springfield Office
830 South Spring Street
Springfield, IL 62704

Members Present

Bill Bogdan, Chairperson
Diana Braun
Kevin Casey
Cathy Christensen
Bonnie Dohogne
Melanie Fleenor
Susan Fonfa
Deb Goodman
Brad Guidi
Trevor Halfacre
JJ Hanley
Abbey Heins
Mary Mayes
Jose Mendez
Jose Ovalle
Barbara Pritchard
Mary Kay Rizzolo
Carole Rosen
Mike Shea (for Cheryl Jansen)
Vincent Smith
Marc Staley
Randy Staton
Julie Stover

Members Absent

Glendean Burton
Brian Dixon
Mario Johnson
Jeff Stauter
Dan Winters
Michael Wonderlich

Staff Present

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

Guests

Melissa Brown
Daryl Ginther
Melinda Manson
Bill Schnake
Mary Spriggs-Ploessl

AGENDA ITEM: Call to Order

The Council meeting with the Illinois Council on Developmental Disabilities was held on March 12, 2015. Bill Bogdan, Chairperson presiding and Sheila Romano, Director present. Chairperson Bogdan called the meeting to order at 10:07 AM and roll call was conducted for Council members and staff.

AGENDA ITEM: 1st Consent Agenda

Motion: Approve the January 8, 2015 Council Meeting Minutes.
Accept November 5, 2015 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes.
Accept the December 19, 2014 & December 22, 2014 Special Executive Committee Meetings Memo.

Made By: Randy Staton

Second: Vincent Smith

Vote: Motion carried unanimously

AGENDA ITEM: Chairperson's Report

Chairperson Bogdan announced that Kevin Casey, Director of the Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) has accepted a new position at the New Jersey Council on Developmental Disabilities. The Chairperson presented Mr. Casey with a plaque from the Council for his leadership role at DDD.

Greg Fenton has been named the Acting Director for DDD.

The Going Home Campaign will hold an Advocacy Day on March 25, 2015 in Springfield at the Illinois State Capitol Building. Council members are welcomed to attend.

A Legislative Coffee was held on February 19, 2015 in Springfield with forty (40) legislators in attendance as well as self advocates. Council member Barb Pritchard attended and presented at the event.

AGENDA ITEM: Director's Report

Director Romano reported on two recent meetings with the Governor's office. The Director attended a meeting with Jennifer Hammer, Special Counsel to the Governor and Policy Adviser for Healthcare and Human Services and a cabinet meeting with Governor Rauner.

The Council's Senate Appropriation Hearing was held this week. The hearing went as expected. The Council will not have to attend a House Appropriation Hearing since the Council is federally funded.

The Council received their federal allotment from the Administration on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (AIDD). The Council received more than expected. All Councils were notified by AIDD that they are reviewing all Council's allotments because there may be errors in the way the allotments were calculated. The Council anticipates level funding once the error is corrected.

Janinna Hendricks reviewed the Financial Report. The report reflects no changes as of December 31, 2014. Ms. Hendricks reported that the May 2015 Council report will reflect the transfer of unused operation funds to grant funds. The unused operation funds are a result of staff vacancies.

The legislative report was provided in the Supplemental folder. Jennifer Harrison highlighted a few bills listed in the report.

Director Romano reported on the National Association of State Directors of Developmental Disabilities Services (NASDDDS) for the investment update.

The Director updated the Council on the two projects with NASDDDS. The Executive Committee will be discussing the possibility of combining the two grants. Options will be presented to the Executive Committee at its May meeting.

AGENDA ITEM: Old Business

Janinna Hendricks reported that several Council members still need to complete the Conflict of Interest policy. A copy of the form is provided in the supplemental folder for those Council members who still need to complete the form.

The Director reported on the draft format for the Investment Chart update. The draft investment chart consists of a summary page which lists the Council grant investments as well as a chart which lists all of the current investments by Committee. The Executive Committee reviewed the draft format yesterday and suggested that the draft include the Executive Committee investments and the Committee Chairs. Discussion ensued as the Council suggested changing the wording for the headings and titles as well as adding the expenditures of each investment to the chart. Staff will revise the chart with the suggestions from the Council.

The Director thanked the members of the Consumer Stipend development team for agreeing to work on developing a new Consumer Stipend Call for Investment (CFI).

The Council received several proposals for the “Life Like Any Other” grant. The funding decision will be voted on at the May 2015 Council meeting.

AGENDA ITEM: New Business

Janinna Hendricks reported on the Supplemental Statement of Interests form found in the Supplemental folder. Council members must complete the form and mail it to the Executive Ethics Commission by May 1, 2015. Council members are expected to receive the yearly Statement of Economic Interests letters by the end of March. The forms must be completed and returned to Janinna Hendricks by April 15, 2015.

AGENDA ITEM: Committee Reports

None to report.

AGENDA ITEM: Agency Reports

Kevin Casey reported for DHS – Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD). DDD will participate in their Senate and House Appropriation hearings on March 16th and March 19, 2015. DDD will determine if the Prioritization of Urgency of Need for Services (PUNs) selection will occur this year as it will depend on the availability of funds in the budget. DDD services that are

impacted by the current budget cuts are the Intermediate Care Facilities for Developmental Disabilities (ICF/DD) which will receive a 12% cut in funding and Respite Care is being cut from the budget. Mary Spriggs-Ploessl offered to provide an update of the Life Choices Project at the May 2015 Council meeting based upon the discussion during the Director's report on the NASDDDS project.

Melanie Fleenor reported for the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE). Assistant Superintendent Elizabeth Hanselman has been replaced and the replacement is awaiting Senate approval.

Susan Fonfa reported for Healthcare and Family Services (HFS). HFS transition plan is in compliance with the new Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Rules transition plan requirements. The BIP program continues to focus on the Universal Assessment Tool as they recently selected a provider to begin development of the tool.

Mary Kay Rizzolo reported for the University of Illinois at Chicago/Institute on Disability and Human Development (IDHD). Ms. Rizzolo will provide a link to IDHD's report titled the "Evaluation of the Jacksonville Developmental Center Closure".

Randy Staton reported for the Division of Rehabilitation Services (DRS). DRS Vocational Rehabilitation Program received level funding. The Home Service Program Waiver for physical service only is expected to be cut. Kris Smith has been appointed to serve as the Acting Director for DRS.

Mary Mayes reported for the Department on Aging (IDOA). IDOA will have cuts to their 1-hour services. Ms. Mayes will report on DOA's budget at the May 2015 Council meeting.

Marc Staley reported for Office of Management and Budget (OMB). The proposed budget is based upon the revenue at the time of the budget. A \$4 Billion in reduced revenue is expected for the new budget with additional spending pressures, which will lead to a reduction in spending across all agencies. The Fiscal Year 2015 deficit is \$1.6 Billion.

Director Romano thanked Mr. Staley for taking time out of his busy schedule to attend the Council meeting.

AGENDA ITEM: Announcements

Brad Guidi gave an update on Camp Big Sky Life Skills program. The capital campaign for the Life Skill program is at 64% funded and they are half way to their goal.

Jose Ovalle announced that Grupo Salto annual banquet is scheduled for April 24, 2014 at 7 PM at the Skylight West Banquets in Berwyn, IL.

AGENDA ITEM: Adjourn

Motion: Motion to adjourn at 12:36 PM.

Made by: Brad Guidi

Second: Deb Goodman

Vote: Motion carried unanimously
