Delaware Developmental Disabilities Council (DDC)

Children and Families Committee

Wednesday, September 2, 2015

1:30 PM to 3:30 PM

DDDS Fox Run, Second Floor Conference Room, 2540 Wrangle Hill Rd., Bear, DE

**MINUTES**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Rick Kosmalski, Carrie Melchisky, Barbara Monaghan, Bill Monaghan, Tina Fields, Alex Eldreth, Shawn Rohe

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Nancy Lemus, Steve Yeatman

**MEMBERS ATTENDING VIA TELECONFERENCE**: None

**STAFF:** Kristin Cosden, Delaware Developmental Disabilities Council (DDC);

**GUESTS PRESENT:** Nancy Ranalli, Easter Seals (after vote)

1. **Call to order:** The meeting was called to order at 1:36 PM. Kristin Cosden noted that a quorum was present.
2. **Approval of minutes:** The minutes from the August 5, 2015 meeting were approved.
3. **Approval of Agenda:** The agenda was approved as written.
4. **Chair’s Report:** Tina Fields, Chair-Elect of the DDC Children and Families (CF) Committee, reported on her work with the Stop The Abuse Now Delaware (STAND) project. The STAND Project was made possible by a grant from the DDC to the Division of Developmental Disabilities Services (DDDS). Tina reported that she is a trained instructor for the STAND project. When the DDC grant funding this project was fully expended, training sessions decreased. Tina, along with fellow trainer Debbie Kriegstein, spoke with Leslie Hailey of DDDS (also a trainer) to seek her advice on how to possibly continue the project. Tina stated that she is optimistic that the STAND Project will be up and running again soon.
5. **Staff Report:** Kristin Cosden declined to give a report, citing time constraints and the importance of addressing the other agenda items first.
6. **Current Business:**
7. **Review/Vote on Proposals Received in Response to RFP for Community Conversations**-: The committee received two proposals in response to RFP 1502. Following review of the proposals, the committee voted on which proposal to recommend to the full DDC at their September 9, 2015 meeting. The committee could not come to consensus on which proposal to choose, and the vote was tied. The committee will revisit their vote at their October 7, 2015 meeting, after having more time to read the proposals and consider the DDC’s proposal evaluation form and ranking process. The committee also had questions for each potential grantee. Kristin made note of the committee’s questions and stated that she would reach out to each potential grantee and then share the potential grantee’s answers with the CF Committee.
8. **Meet with Easter Seals Staff RE: Access to Medical Facilities Project-** Nancy Ranalli of Easter Seals, Project Director for this grant, attended the CF Committee meeting following the discussion of proposals and vote discussion. The committee wished to discuss proposed edits to the PowerPoint presentation Easter Seals developed for this project. Nancy explained that the PowerPoint presentation that the committee reviewed did not contain her notes, which provide more in-depth and explanatory content for each slide. The committee shared their thoughts regarding edits to the wording and content of the presentation. The committee also expressed a desire to see more photographs in the presentation, rather than clip art. Kristin stated that since the DDC is funding this project, the DDC logo and information must be prominently displayed on the front page and throughout the presentation, rather than the Easter Seals logo and information. Use of both logos is acceptable, but the DDC logo should be more prominently displayed (per contract language). Nancy thanked the CF Committee for their feedback, and stated that she will share the edited version of the PowerPoint presentation with the committee once the edits have been made.
9. **State Plan Update (2017-2021), Committee’s Ideas (running list):**

The committee agreed to discuss this topic further at their upcoming meetings. An ongoing list of recommendations will be kept via the committee minutes.

May meeting committee suggestions:

* Use the data and information that we gain from the Community Conversations project on Inclusion in the 2012-2016 State Plan, and build on it to develop relationships with individual school districts rather than just with the Delaware Department of Education (DOE).
* A cross-disability workshop on self-determination for young adults, with a focus on student-led Individualized Education Programs (IEP).

June meeting committee suggestions:

* The committee did not meet in June

July meeting committee suggestions:

* Understanding the many changes to Delaware’s health care system, including the definition of Patient Centered Medical Home (PCMH) and the state’s compliance with the concept, and also the many changes to Managed Care Organizations (MCO) in Delaware.
* Committee requests that staff invite Steve Groff of the Division of Medicaid and Medicare Assistance (DMMA) to their September or October meeting as a guest.
* Only one MCO currently accepted at A.I. DuPont Hospital for Children-this is still a problem.
* Recreation-Need options for a younger age range, and to build relationships between both kids and families.
* Expand on inclusive/adapted physical education classes offered at Delaware gyms, following the example of the lift and harness system at the Bear/Glasgow YMCA. The system allows persons with disabilities to exercise in the main gym, swim in the pool, and take group fitness classes.
* Diploma track for students with disabilities vs. certificate of attendance- how to stress accountability for those responsible for educating these students?
* Weekly interview/talk show/podcast/YouTube Channel hosted by and featuring people with disabilities.
* Building on the recommendations of the IEP Task Force report.
* Pageant-similar to Miss Amazing.

August meeting suggestions:

* No new suggestions

**V II.- New Business**

1. Next meeting: The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 7, 2015 from 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM at t DDDS Fox Run, located at 2540 Wrangle Hill Rd., 2nd floor training room, Bear, DE
2. There being no other new business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:35 PM