

Cape County Board for the Developmentally Disabled

Regular Meeting

6:30 p.m. Tuesday, August 8, 2023

Cape Girardeau Public Library, Cape Girardeau, Missouri

Members Present: Bill Ramsey, Beth Emmendorfer, Karen Fornkahl, Traci Ritter, Julie Metzger, Tameika Morris and Dixie McCollum,

Members Absent: Debra Followell and Steve Naeter.

A sign in sheet was distributed and attendees signed in followed by introductions.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Vice-Chairperson Beth Emmendorfer.

Traci Ritter made a motion to approve the agenda; seconded by Karen Fornkahl. All approved.

Approve minutes: With no corrections or changes, Karen Fornkahl made motion to approve July 2023 meeting minutes; seconded by Bill Ramsey. All approved.

Public Comment:

Nancy Robertson, representing MVTH, discussed adding 3 additional horses

Angie Graviett with the Taylor Institute discussed programs and group services.

Jerry Rowland and Gina Blocker with Catholic Charities discussed a resource guide they are developing and a downtown fair they are sponsoring with free admissions to individuals with DD and a caregiver. Cindy Lange spoke about employment services and looking at support services for individuals between 18-24. Once this task is completed, she will look at services for 25–35-year-olds.

Ann Click with Grace Café spoke about the opening of the café.

Andrea Roseman with Access discussed some of their group offerings and successes. Groups are offered to teens and adults. They also offered a sibling support group and plan to offer this group about 4 times a year.

Sue Wallis and Aleshia Eftink with VIP and Regency brought with them several community consumers. They shared some of their summer activities and presented members of the board with appreciations bags. They have been distributing these bags to community agencies/ organizations that make a difference in the community.

Treasurer Report:

Traci Ritter, Treasurer, emailed report out to board members prior to the meeting.

The 2024 budget was reviewed and discussed. Dixie McCollum made a motion to approve the 2024 budget: seconded by Karen Fornkahl. All approved.

The tax rate recommendation for 2024 was discussed and voted on. After a discussion the board voted on continuing at the same rate as 2023 and not requesting a rate increase for 2024. A board member will

attend the hearing on 8/24/23 at 9:00 AM. Dixie McCollum made the motion to not request a tax rate increase for 2024 and Bill Ramsey seconded. All approved.

Update from Community Resource committee: Traci Ritter reviewed the recommendations from the committee. Subcommittee summary notes dated 8.8.23 attached.

Review By-laws: Tabled until next meeting pending attorney review.

Adjourn to Closed Session:

8:05 p.m., Traci Ritter made a motion to go into closed session. Karen Fornkahl seconded. Roll call vote, all affirmative. Board reviewed and discussed legal contract. Dixie McCollum moved to go out of closed session. Karen Fornkahl seconded. All approved through roll call vote.

Next Meeting Date: Regular Meeting – September 12, 2023

Motion to adjourn meeting was made by Karen Fornkahl; seconded by Dixie McCollum. All approved. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

_____ Date _____

Julie Metzger, Acting Secretary

_____ Date _____

Steve Naeter, Chairperson

*CCBDD original signed documents are retained on file.