

Cape County Board for the Developmentally Disabled

Regular Meeting/ Closed Session

6:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 11, 2023

Cape Girardeau Public Library, Cape Girardeau, Missouri

Members Present: Steve Naeter, Bill Ramsey, Debra Followell, Tameika Morris, Traci Ritter, Beth Emmendorfer, Karen Fornkahl, and Julie Metzger

Members Absent: Dixie McCollum

Meeting was called to order at 6:35 by Chairperson Steve Naeter.

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

Approve minutes:

Karen Fornkahl made motion to approve March 2023 meeting minutes; seconded by Beth Emmendorfer. All approved.

Public Comment:

Representative of Catholic Charities, Gina Blocker, introduced Cindy Lange, the new Employment Coordinator. Cindy explained the transition that is taking place within Catholic Charities as she takes on her new responsibilities.

Representative of Grace Café, Ann Click, gave an update on progress with the café. Ann stated the electric was scheduled for 4/12/23 and they continue to wait on ATT to complete their work on the project. She said the staff hopes to be able to do soft openings in the coming weeks to give employees real time experience working in the cafe.

Treasurer Report:

Dixie McCollum emailed report to members of the board prior to meeting. Discussion was delayed to end of meeting on agenda to allow time for Dixie McCollum, treasurer, to arrive and present. When report was being reviewed later in meeting by board members, a question arose regarding the county statements received and included in the report. The statements did not show disbursement of funds to agencies for approved cycle 1 grants have been made. Representatives of agencies at meeting stated they had received their funding. It was decided to table the report and contact the county to receive accurate up to date reports before voting to accept.

Steve Naeter opened mail received. One was an invoice from the attorney representing CCBDD and other was documents from the county. The mail items will be forwarded to Dixie McCollum.

Consider Grant Applications:

Representatives of Cape Transit Authority emailed a grant request to the board prior to the meeting. They explained their current need for replacing ADA accessible vans that have "met their useful life." CTA stated supply chain issues and decreased availability of handicapped transit vehicles has been a problem. They have located a vendor, with a lead time of only a few months, to purchase vehicles that are eligible for 85% funding through FTA grants. CTA requested the CCBDD fund the remaining 15% required local matching funds, for a total of \$20,100 on the two vans. CTA reps discussed there is a

continued percentage of growth in the usage of the program as CCBDD funds help to provide transportation for the developmental disabled (DD) in Cape County. They also briefly discussed the estimated number of eligible DD that make up the ridership and can provide more specific information. Bill Ramsey moved to approve the grant request; Karen Fornkahl seconded. All approved. The grant will be part of the second CCBDD 2023 funding cycle. Funds will be disbursed after July 1, 2023.

Update from Community Resources Committee and MACDDS meeting:

Beth Emmendorfer reported she had spoken with MACDDS and learned of a program coming to fruition in the state to assist with employment opportunities for the developmental disabled. She contacted Dwayne Shumate who is state contact sharing information regarding the Empowering through Employment program and leading the Employer and Community Engagement initiative. Beth learned Leslie Quarles is the local representative and has been contracted with DMH to provide employment supports in our area.

A second area of concern noted among the Community Resource Committee members is a current lack of support groups for families of Developmental Disabled in our community. Beth stated Andrea Roseman, Lynwood Academy representative, has a parent support group in place. Beth plans to contact Andrea and request the committee be provided an opportunity to meet with Andrea's support group to gain more ideas of supports parents need and how support groups can function to help fellow members. Beth suggests follow up contacts, more information gained, and another Community Resource Committee meeting is desired before making recommendations to the CCBDD.

Next Meeting Date: Regular Meeting – May 9, 2023

Motion to adjourn meeting was made by Beth Emmendorfer; seconded by Traci Ritter. All approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Debra Followell, Secretary

Steve Naeter, Chairperson

*CCBDD original signed documents are retained on file.