

Cape County Board for the Developmentally Disabled

Regular Meeting

6:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 13, 2023

Cape Girardeau Public Library, Cape Girardeau, Missouri

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

Members Absent: Dixie McCollum, Tameika Morris, and Julie Metzger

Meeting was called to order at 6:34 by Chairperson Steve Naeter.

Karen Fornkahl made motion to approve the agenda; seconded by Beth Emmendorfer. All approved.

Approve minutes: Traci Ritter made motion to approve May 2023 meeting minutes; seconded by Karen Fornkahl. All approved.

Public Comment:

Gina Blocker with Catholic Charities (CC) spoke about services that are available and shared CC is creating a services/resources overview list with contact information that they will be posting on their website and stated clients will also be given a copy when they enroll.

Nancy Robertson, representing Mississippi Valley Therapeutic Horsemanship, spoke about how effective it has been as the various agencies continue to work together to provide needed services to the developmentally disabled in our county.

Representing Grace Café, Ann Click, stated they are working through a few construction issues still but are planning their Grand Opening for July 29. They will be doing soft openings throughout the month of July to further prepare their Developmentally Disabled (DD) staff members in final stages of pre-opening training.

Erik Henderson with Trendline Consulting, Inc. spoke about employment preparation services Trendline provides in Southeast Missouri. He shared information regarding the various supports this organization can provide and neighboring counties they are primarily serving as well as working currently with a few clients in Cape County. They are here to help if we have a need.

Treasurer Report:

Dixie McCollum emailed report to members of the board prior to meeting. Dixie included copy of invoices the board has received for payment due. Dixie stated she did not receive an invoice from CTA or reports from Thomas & Brown or Pete Frazier's office. Traci Ritter presented information regarding meeting held with SB40 board members Dixie McCollum, Beth Emmendorfer, Traci Ritter, Cape County Auditor Pete Frazier and Beth Beri, Chief Deputy. Traci stated the county is willing to work with us to provide up-to-date reports to review monthly. The board discussed whether or not it is needed for our board to continue to use an accountant to provide essentially the same fiscal information. Beth Emmendorfer made a motion to stop auditor services. Bill Ramsey seconded. All approved. Beginning in July, the county will be providing reports that CCBDD can use monthly in approving our current balances. The board decided to table the whole treasurer report until we can review July's report received from the county.

Consider Grant Applicatio

My Team Triumph submitted a grant request to fund registration fees for Cape County captains and angels for the remainder of this year’s events. They also requested funding for an event tent. Beth Emmendorfer made motion to approve grant request of \$5400; Karen Fornkahl seconded. All approved.

Mississippi Valley Therapeutic Horsemanship submitted a grant request to purchase a horse that is needed to accommodate larger (adult) DD participants. Their request included funding to pave a parking lot to provide access for handicapped individuals and their family member(s) or care provider from parking area to buildings. Debra Followell made motion to approve grant request of \$45,000; seconded by Traci Ritter. All approved.

Update from Community Resources Committee:

Traci Ritter reported on continued progress of the committee. The group is working toward providing a full report by August to the SB40 board. They want to have a discussion at that time about how the board can facilitate meeting the needs of the developmentally disabled in our community, how services that are being provided can be improved, and how to reach a large population of DD that are not currently receiving any services. The committee has done extensive work to collect information, met with numerous agencies, organizations, and individuals and learned a lot to share with the board.

Beth Emmendorfer informed the board we have two vouchers for delegates to attend the upcoming MACDDS annual conference in September of 2023. Beth plans to attend and asked if another member of the board would like to go. Debra Followell volunteered to attend the conference.

Next Meeting Date: Regular Meeting – July 10, 2023

Motion to adjourn meeting was made by Beth Emmendorfer; seconded by Karen Fornkahl. All approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:14 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

_____ Date _____

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Debra Followell, Secretary

Steve Naeter, Chairperson

*CCBDD original signed documents are retained on file.