

Cape County Board for the Developmentally Disabled

Regular Meeting

6:30 p.m. March 12, 2024

Cape Girardeau Public Library, Cape Girardeau, Missouri

Members Present: Steve Naeter, Beth Emmendorfer, Debra Followell, Bill Ramsey, and Karen Fohnkahl

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

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

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

Approve minutes: Beth Emmendorfer made motion to approve February 13, 2024 meeting minutes; seconded by Bill Ramsey. All approved.

Public Comment:

Andrea Roseman, Director of Access, brought flyers for Camp Access and shared with board. They have a few spots left for the June 17-19 event and wanted to let everyone in the community know that might be interested. Registration is still open.

Nancy Robertson, MVTH representative, inquired about upcoming quarterly reports due. Beth Emmendorfer stated the board will send out a form to complete.

Trendline representative Serita Long presented a verbal update and handed out an informational report to board members.

Debbie Leoni, representing My Team Triumph, gave update on progress of video production the board recently approved funds to produce. Two of the Awareness Videos have been completed so far.

Representative Jeremy Roland from Catholic Charities informed the board CC has raised hourly rate of pay for case managers in an effort to recruit and retain more individuals in these positions. He spoke about an upcoming fundraiser event, Mississippi Mingle, to be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall, May 11, 11 a.m-4 p.m. They are reaching out to all developmentally disabled in the area. Jeremy stated all individuals with Developmental Disabilities (DD) and their caregiver may attend free of charge for the event. Jeremy also shared the April 18, 9 a.m. meeting of the Cape County DD Partnership will be held at the new LIFE HOUSE. Jeremy invited a representative of the SB40 board to present and participate in a Q & A. Jeremy announced the Grand Opening event for the building is scheduled for April 19, 2024.

Tailor Institute representative Angela Graviett informed the board of an upcoming fundraiser event. Author, Taylor Crowe, will be present to sign copies of book he wrote and illustrated on April 12, 5:00 p.m-6:30 p.m. at the Tailor Institute.

Treasurer's Report:

Traci Ritter emailed report to members of the board prior to meeting. Board had no discussion. Board will review numbers after select board members have met with the county.

Board Discussion:

Jeremy Roland and Gina Blocker spoke to the board about current problem with access to Northshore Incontinence briefs some of CC clients have been using successfully for some time. The company has changed its policy for distribution and purchase cost can no longer be funded through client waivers. The cost is a concern if these personal care items become necessary to fund out-of-pocket by families. Other brands that clients have tried do not effectively work for some individuals. The board discussed possible options for purchasing the Northshore brand with the CC representatives. Gina will follow up and contact the company again to seek a resolution. She will also contact other counties who may be experiencing the same problem with supply of the briefs and learn how they are addressing it.

After presentation of directors/administrators working with other SB40 boards in February's meeting, CCBDD had short follow up discussion regarding the possible future hiring of an executive director. A committee of board members have previously researched this option and brought recommendations to the board. Steve Naeter stated some members of that committee were not present and would like them to all be involved in the board discussion. Board briefly discussed the need for a compensated person to help with board management. A person in this position may provide such services as oversight, prepare and provide board information packets, correspond with public, attend related public meetings, develop a strategic plan and needs assessment/analysis and follow up. Possible solutions such as contracting for services versus hiring a director or sharing a director with a neighboring county's SB40 board were ideas mentioned. The committee will attempt to gather more information and bring to the board for consideration and further discussion.

Next Meeting Date: Regular Meeting – April 9, 2024

Motion to adjourn meeting was made by Bill Ramsey and seconded by Beth Emmendorfer. All approved.

Meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

_____ Date _____

Debra Followell, Secretary

_____ Date _____

Steve Naeter, Chairperson

*CCBDD original signed documents are retained on file.