



Dubuque County Disability Council
Minutes – 9/14/2021
Held at the Hillcrest Family Services Fellowship Hall

Members Present: Carrie Merrick, Margee Woywood, Suellen Flynn, Marianne Fielder, Tom Thompson, Eric Thompson, Kyle Stumpf, Bill Stumpf, Jim McGough, Jacob Hessleman, Mark Patterson, Jason Rubel, Kimberly Mororend, Penny Ehlinger

Members Excused: Deb DeVenuta

Members Absent: Rachel Wall, Michelle Schmitt, Katelyn Wolfe

Others Present: Paul Duster, Diane Thompson, Ben Fischer, Caprice Jones, Ann Cameron Williams, Jessalyn Bader

1. Welcome and congratulating the newly appointed member – Kimberly Mororend. Members were given Dubuque County Disability Notebooks to store and organize Council information and assignments.
2. Guest Speaker: Caprice Jones, Fountain of Youth. Caprice gave a summary of the work that the Fountain of Youth does for people in Dubuque County. Questions and discussion took place after his presentation.
3. Council mission – the draft Council mission was presented. Council voted to accept the mission as presented, with the addition of “inclusive” to the statement. The new mission is:

“To represent the perspectives of people with disabilities to the Dubuque County Board of Supervisors and to actively seek change in policies and practices that create more inclusive opportunities and dismantle barriers for people with disabilities in Dubuque County.”
4. Begin Strategic Planning. Ann Cameron facilitated a discussion on how the Council wishes to change the world for people with disabilities in Dubuque County. A number of key issues were identified by Council members. Among them, post-

secondary options and information, resource guides/information for families and individuals with disabilities, competitive integrated employment solutions, accessibility in buildings. Discussion of role and values occurred (no resolution). Discussions will continue.

5. Discussion of rising Delta COVID virus in Dubuque County and how to manage meetings moving forward. Council members decided to continue to meet in person, and those wishing to wear masks are welcome to do so.
6. Other – Vaccine clinic for people with and without disabilities planned for September 25th, at Hills and Dales Community Center behind Kennedy Mall, from 10-2pm. Council members encourage to disseminate information to their networks. Also, Council Members are encouraged to invite Board of Supervisors McDonough, Wickham, and Pothoff via email.

!Homework! Check out the county mental health and disability services website at:

<https://www.dubuquecountyiowa.gov/211/Mental-Health-and-Disability-Services>

7. Meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm.

Next meeting October 15th at 4:00 pm, location to be determined.