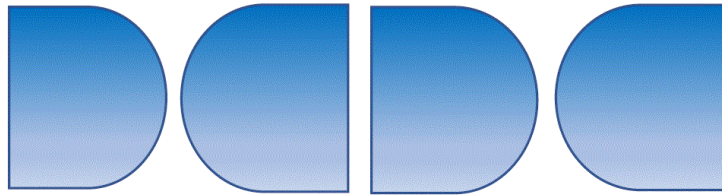




DUBUQUE COUNTY DISABILITIES COUNCIL



Agenda

Meeting: May 9, 2023

Location: Goodwill Industries: 2121 Holliday Drive, Dubuque, IA, 52002

[Zoom Meeting Link](#)

Attendance: Matt Kennedy, Debbie Devenuta, Lori Anderson, Samantha Berglin, Kathy Weber, Suellen Flynn, Kim Morand, Margee Woywood, Bill & Kyle Stumpf, Tom Eric Thompson, Shawna Domeyer, Jim Vansteenburgh, Penny Ehlinger,

Matt called meeting to order at 4:01.

1. Public Comments



2. Approval of Minutes – Minutes 4/11/23



Suellen name spelled incorrectly. Kathy moved for approval and Bill seconded.

3. Action Items



- Term limit/ reapplication process those coming up in June:

Jim V., Mark Patterson, Bill and Kyle, Kim, Rose, Tim Betcaulf.

A notice will be sent to those with terms expiring. If you want to reapply that would be wonderful! If you won't be re-applying, please let Sam know. Tom shared that the notification letter needs to be updated, Tom will share ideas with Sam.

- Sitting Pretty book sharing was a good opportunity for our committee around inclusion, acceptance, and how to collaborate with others.



Ableism Conversations are happening within our county, how can our council be involved? These areas were certainly portrayed in the survey. Council discussed having a book study and ask for community involvement. For the next meeting bring in a few book ideas. October is Disability Awareness month. Margee shared Randy Lewis No Greatness without Goodness.

4. Discussion

- New membership ideas: individuals with variety of disabilities (Autism, Aspergers,) want to ensure a wide representation. How to encourage applicants?
- Survey Data Set Review-strategic plan: Indigo has a summary of the survey, Sam will see if the council can have copies of this. Take
aways from the data: A). Inclusion in the community, acceptance,  B). Recreation, leisure, and social opportunities C). Transportation survey was done and looking at ways to improve-TAG committee has some of our members on it. How can we appoint more of our council members to other committees?
- Mission Statement: Tom showed the objectives and possible action steps. Put the Mission Statement on the agenda's and meeting minutes. How can we educate and promote areas that are already happening? How can we partner with other boards and agencies. Dubuque has a lot of resources/services how can we continue to advocate for participation? How do we advocate and work with the board that shows the gaps or barriers?
Bill stated he sees this committee as a resource for individuals and families. Margee shared thoughts on how to build natural supports (work and rec/leisure) as this is how we awaken the community! True involvement!

5. Communications



6. Next Meeting Plans: Continuation



Meeting adjourned at 5:02 by Kathy Weber and Bill Stumpf seconded.