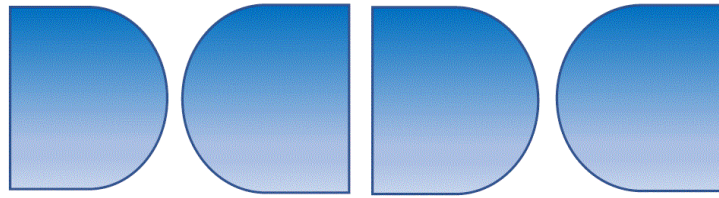




DUBUQUE COUNTY DISABILITIES COUNCIL



Meeting Minutes

Meeting: September 12, 2023

Location: DCSD 2300 Chaney Rd., Dubuque, IA, 52002

Attendance: Samantha Berglin, Kathy Weber, Matt Kennedy, Lori Anderson, Jim Vansteenburg, Penny Ehlinger, Tom Derr

Meeting called to order at 4:16 by Matt



Public Comments –

A). Jim shared NAMI brochures for peer-led support and eating disorder support group and Connect Empower Advocate resources. Julien's Journal has article for NAMI



B). Sam shared work groups being developed. All have shared a need for resources and accessibility and will send out the other resources she has researched.

C). Lori shared information from Iowa Blueprint for Change kickoff meeting on 8/22 from Univ of Iowa, Iowa Dept of Education, and Vocational Rehabilitation. They are establishing a grant for systems change to ensure that competitive integrated employment is the first choice for Iowans with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

D). Archdiocese: brochures available and some have a video available (Pillars of Information) to have individuals available to assist with church involvement and support.

E). Loras Oct. 18th 6-8 Alumni Campus Center: Disability Employment: What to Know as an Employer and What to Know as an Employee (public welcome & free)

F). Sam sent out information from IowaWORKS Newsletter for Employment events.

Approval of Minutes – Minutes 8/8/23 approved by Lori Anderson and seconded by Kathy Weber

1. Discussion

First Community Wide Priority (think about the options listed below for discussion and decisions next month)

A). No Greatness Without Goodness: Sam can request to check out items from the library and she will send website information out too with inexpensive books. The book study would go through January and February. Q & A and community session around the book and offer virtually to get outside of city limits. This book would lead us into discussion.

B). Town Hall: Margee sent out the grant information and Sam will re-send. It is very vague but things have to be thought out (budget, process,). A small group should be convened to review and work on this.

C). October: showcase some people successes and put on Facebook (check with VR, Lori check with DCSD staff) and have some basic questions established if needed. Sam will check in with the group to see if we have candidates.

D). Highlight the Heritage Trail and accessibility: Sam will reach out to Brian re: Spring date for us to meet there and do some highlights of the trail

2. Next Meeting Plans

Meeting adjourned by Jim and Penny seconded by 5:02