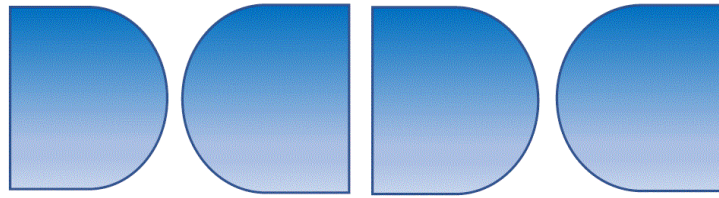




DUBUQUE COUNTY DISABILITIES COUNCIL



Meeting Minutes

Mission: 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 opportunities and dismantle barriers for People with Disabilities in Dubuque County.

Meeting: November 14, 2023

Location: Keystone AEA 2310 Chaney Rd., Dubuque, IA, 52002

Attendance: Samantha Berglin, Kathy Weber, Matt Kennedy, Lori Anderson, Suellen Flynn, Debbie DeVenuta, Tom Derr, Margaret Riddell, Penny Ehlinger, Jim Vansteenburg, Margee Woywood



Guests:

Meeting called to order at 4:07 by Matt.

Public Comments –

Approval of Minutes – Minutes of Oct. 10, 2023 have a few missed spelled names (Suellen and Margaret's last name). With these corrections Samantha approved, Kathy seconded.

1. Winter questions: Matt posed the questions if anyone has expressed concerns with the weather and has needs (shoveling sidewalk, getting groceries). City engineering dept has some supports. Waiver/MCO's have some benefits to pay for this as well. If anyone has information on these supports send to Sam and we can place this on our Facebook. How can we advocate to other city councils to instill in their communities? Suellen will share thoughts with the mayor.
2. Thanksgiving support: send Sam any information about meals and supports so she can place on Facebook. Next year we should have these discussions and postings earlier.
3. Townhall discussions: Grant subcommittee: What is the message? Recreation/leisure: increasing awareness, access, and socialization opportunities. Lori will talk with Aulanda Krause for Lending Library and getting equipment access. Grant could pay for room rental, cannot pay for marketing materials. Shoot for 50 people in attendance and try for more. Potential date: April
4. Council interest is spreading: Someone contacted Sam from Story County regarding our council and was able to share some information. Sam shared our updates with the Board of Supervisors. Next time our committee members could be present.

5. DBQ County Library spoke with Sam about the survey for accessibility for the libraries. Sam will reach out to Voc Rehab to see if we can partner to complete these.
6. Voting location discussions around accessibility
7. ILLOWA Higher Education and Disabilities Conference: hosted by Loras College Kathy will keep us updated.

With weather cancellations, if Dubuque Community School District (DCSD) has early release or a school closing on our meeting date, Sam will send out zoom link.

Suellen motioned to adjourn at 5:00 and Tom seconded.

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Reminder: No meeting in December!