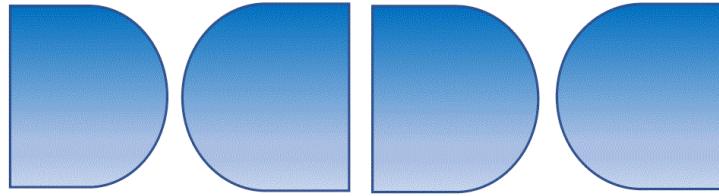




DUBUQUE COUNTY DISABILITIES COUNCIL



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: June 11, 2024

Location: Keystone AEA

Attendance: Samantha Berglin, Matt Kennedy, Lori Anderson, Debbie DeVenuta, Penny Ehlinger, Dr. Heleana Theixos, Jim Vansteenburgh, Tom Derr, Kathy Weber, Lori Anderson, Margee Woywood.

Meeting called to order at 4:09 by Kathy.

Public Comments – None

Approval of Minutes – Lori motioned to approve May minutes, seconded by Jim.

Discussion Items:

1. Invitation to Public Comment Sessions will now have some in person meetings. Sam will send out new information. Zoom sessions will also still be available.
2. Hillcrest survey, encourage others to complete.
3. Voting processes and registrations were discussed between Kevin Dragotto and Sam. It seems there is a lot of support and accommodations, but many individuals are unaware. So, we need to continue to spread the word.
4. Event Planning: Disability and Inclusion Expo
July 30th (Tuesday) 5:00-8:00 at the NICC Peosta Campus
5:00-6:00 Providers/Vendors
6:00-7:00 Presentations: (all verified): Conservation, IVRS, Able Trek
7:00-8:00 Providers/Vendors

Sam documented (see notes below) the Providers/Vendors and has assigned our committee to establish contacts to invite to the event. Sam will develop a script and share out.

Committee discussed the various providers and their services/supports. Committee agreed to include all providers that offer supports/services for inclusion. Each provider/vendor will have a table. There will be a resource table available for those providers/vendors that couldn't attend but wish to share materials.

Sam attending the mayor meeting and asked for support and advertisements for the event.

Other avenues the committee discussed for advertisement:

Chamber of commerce

Jule bus advertisement

Social Media

Farmers Market

Dubuque County Fair

Door to Door to providers, families, libraries

Children's Expo come to event. Lori will check with DCSD to see if we can send out family emails and digital backpack. Sam will check with Children's Expo to see if we can be on their email list.

5. Ideas were generated for future use of our money: to develop a brochure, poster/banner with our logo and information and a tablecloth so items can be used at other events.

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.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 5:00 by Margee and seconded by Penny.

Next meeting: July 9, 2024, 4:00 at Keystone AEA 2310 Chaney Road.

Event Planning Notes from 6/11 Meeting

Green were discussed items from previous month and Red were added/decisions made Tuesday 6/11/24. Bold were people who volunteered.

Naming: Expo, Town Hall, Community Social

Disability and Inclusion Expo

Location: Peosta NICC campus one or 2 rooms? Set-up ideas

One room with vendor hallway

Date: All available July 29th or 30th and/or August 5th or 6th

Learning towards July dates due to school getting back into swing. Flyer at the fair. July 30th.

Time: 5-8 Vendors 5-6 and 7-8 Presenters

Fair is 23-28th **NOT this year**

Presenters: Dubuque County Auditor Kevin Dragotto, Iowa Works/Voc Rehab ADA compliance/Windmill Averil Nugent, Conservation Able Trek and Inclusive events

Possible Community Partners:

AEA -**Lori**

Miracle League- Janna Beau/Tom Whitre/Jenna does City Rec too----**LORI**

City Rec -**Lori**

Special Olympics- School and Adult Mary Sue Green- **Margee**

Goodwill- Margee

Hills & Dales - **Heleana**

ARC – Susie Freeman **LORI**

Imagine - **Debbie**

Hillcrest – **Debbie**

REM- **Debbie**

Optimae - **Sam**

Region-Sam

HHS - **Sam**

Cozy Corners - **Margee**

Unified Therapy – **Margee will reach out to Kelly**

Lynch Disability Resource and Cultural Center-Kathy

Creative Matter-Karen Matte **Margee**

ADA -

Voting

Conservation

NAMI -Jim

LSI-Debbie

RTA - **Sam**

Parish Advocates-Lynne --- **Kathy**

Do we include ALL providers....

If they do not come in person—they could provide materials for us to display for them.

Places to advertise: RTA, Paper, Facebook, Farmer's market, fair, flyers, libraries, Parish bulletins-Lynn there might be one person that puts them out **Kathy**

Other people to tap into: Children's expo, School Districts-digital backpack/infinite campus, Chamber groups, Mayor's meeting...use other community resources for mailing lists

Sam will create a blurb for all emails- confirm if they need to bring table- deadline for submission by vendors

Jim will put in NAMI Newsletter

Lori will email school to utilize mailing list---facebook etc

Sam will work on media—Flyers- Radio-Print- TH, 365...

Other:

- Stand-up Copyworks? Table top pullout!
- Sign-in sheet; add email for more information post event.
- Flyer out around the communities
- Brochure about DCDC! Pull tab papers for future! A Frame banner. Table cloth.