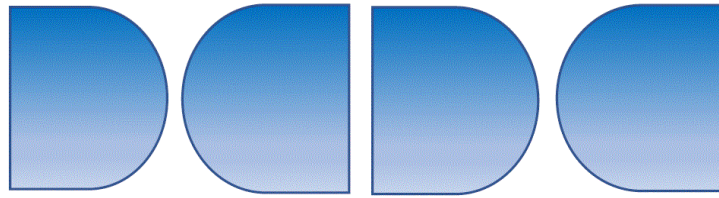




DUBUQUE COUNTY DISABILITIES COUNCIL



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: August 13, 2024

Location: Dubuque Community School District boardroom

Attendance: Matt Kennedy, Lori Anderson, Dr. Heleana Theixos, Tom Derr, Margee Woywood, Kathy Weber, Lisa Nicks, Samantha Berglin, Margaret Riddell, Margee Woywood, Dr. Giovanni Demezier,



Meeting called to order at 4:09 by Matt.

Approval of Minutes – July minutes were reviewed Margee’s name was misspelled and Margaret was present at last meeting but not listed. Lori will update the notes. Motion to approve by Kathy and seconded by Matt.

Public Comments –

1. Jim emailed Sam information on Title II of ADA:

On August 9, 2024, the Federal Register published the Department of Justice’s [final rule](#) under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) to improve access to medical diagnostic equipment (MDE) for people with disabilities. The rule adopts a technical standard for accessible MDE and clarifies how public entities that use MDE, like hospitals and health care clinics operated by State or local governments, can meet their obligations under the ADA.

For a high-level summary of the [rule](#), please read the [fact sheet](#). You can also find the official version of the rule in the [Federal Register](#).

To find out more about the ADA, visit [ada.gov](#) or call the Justice Department’s toll-free ADA information line at 1-800-514-0301 (voice) or 1-833-610-1264 (TTY).

Lisa shared with the committee how this rule will also impact schools and colleges.

2. Nami is having a sunset walk on Sept. 8th 5:00-9:00 at University of Dubuque on the track. Nami would like DCDC to host a table.

DISCUSSION TOPICS:

1. The Expo was discussed and everyone felt for our first endeavor, it was a success. Sam emailed the committee the survey results. Future ideas: Tagging on to other events to get more participants: (Farmers Market, Block Party,).

Vendor suggestion: have a contact list so additional information can be shared with families.

Our group can certainly be a source of advertising and promoting for other agencies/services.

Arch Diocese: invite to a meeting to discuss their services so we can assist in supporting and promoting.

Definitely have opportunities to have accommodations. Dr. Giovanni reminded the committee that the Bishops decision making can change the dynamics at any time.

Recommended to have a speaker once a quarter.

2. Conservation Connection for Dyersville (Ann McDonough) regarding Bacon Buddies and using the Track chair. Sam will make the connections.
3. The 2025 Dubuque County Reads project has reached out and wants our group to potentially team up with them and give some input and support in promoting the book/project. Giovanni sent out a link to a free online version but feel free to purchase a copy or find it other means if you'd like:

<https://d-pdf.com/book/4993/read>

The book is What My Bones Know by Stephanie Foo. They do plan on having the author come to Dubuque and do some mental health awareness and possibly a vendor type fair as well. The book does deal with mental health, a little substance use, and some suicidal ideation as well, therapy, treatment, and the journey to a happy ending for the author.

4. Our meeting room at Keystone is no longer a free option due to changes in their business structure. We were throwing out ideas of other possible places to meet: 2 new options that I will look into are the West Campus County Building where Dubuque County Public Health is located (across from the fire training station/Hillcrest) off Seippel road. Another option mentioned was the Dubuque County Extension Office off Hwy 20. **Please feel free to reach out with other ideas**, hopefully we will have a set place before too long.
5. Budget: From the \$1,000 budget the following items were purchased for the Expo: Flyer, Nametags, Pens and Venue the total cost was \$379.00. The remaining funds should be spent by the end of FY25 if possible. The swag purchased and available: pens, a DCDC table top banner, new business cards, and nametags; if you have events coming up that you would like to host a table I have all the supplies and we are happy to have them used.

Meeting adjourned at 5:09 motioned by Kathy and seconded by Lisa.

Next meeting: September 10, 2024 the location will be shared out soon