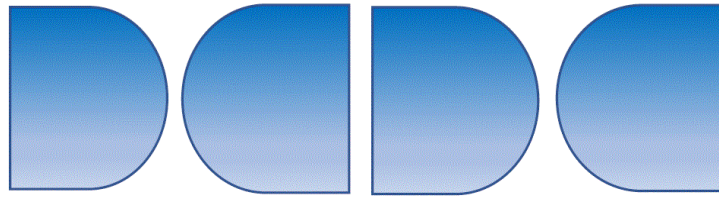




DUBUQUE COUNTY DISABILITIES COUNCIL



Meeting Minutes

Meeting: September 10, 2024

Location: Dubuque Community School District boardroom

Attendance: Matt Kennedy, Lori Anderson, Kathy Weber, Samantha Berglin, Deborah DeVenuta, Penny Ehlinger, Margaret Riddell, Dr. Giovanni, Helena Theixos

Meeting called to order at 4:10 by Matt.

Approval of Minutes – Margee's name was on minutes twice, Lori will correct.

Public Comments –NA

DISCUSSION TOPICS:

1. Review of By Laws & Strategic Plan: once a year these should be reviewed. Sam will send these out electronically. Please review and bring any notes/suggestions to the next meeting.
2. Upcoming Board of Supervisors (BOS) meeting updates: Monday Oct. 21st Sam will attend and others are welcome but the exact timeframe of when we will be on the agenda it is not clear. Sam can also send out the zoom link. Typically, they begin at 9:00. This will be to give an update on what we have been doing.
3. Sam will electronically send out thank you cards for the speakers at our Expo, the vendors and the BOS.
4. Future events and spending of funds: \$300-\$350 remaining. This should be spent by the end of the fiscal year. Ideas: swag for events (volunteers ready to go to these events), Dubuque County Reads-fund for the speaker, DBQ Co. library any ADA compliance areas to fund or a machine to do the braille typing for signage. Brainstorm ideas and bring to next meeting.
5. **Future meeting places:** Monthly meetings will be relocated to the West Campus Dubuque County office Conference Room 1225 Seippel Road. When you enter the building the Conference room is on the left. This was motioned by Kathy, seconded by Penny. Lori will cancel the rooms at the Forum Board room.
6. Bidding process has started for realignment of HHS and proposals due Oct. 18th. Nov. 18th announces the proposals accepted and those must do presentations for final selections. Our region is applying for this and collaborating with Eastern Iowa region, blending of minds to write this RFP. Map-the lines are administrative lines, not service lines.
7. Disability Access Point: Proposal coming out, coordination of services are part of this. Local regions will need to apply. Appears that the public health map will match our region map.
8. Our committee shall continue in the future, but Sam's position is uncertain due to all of the shifts and role changes. We all agree that we want Sam to continue.
9. Matt was contacted by the Mississippi River Museum for accommodations and updates and was interviewed. Matt will keep the committee posted on when this is available.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 by Dr. Giovanni, seconded by Deb.

Next meeting: October 8, 2024 at West Campus Dubuque County Office, 1225 Seippel Road.