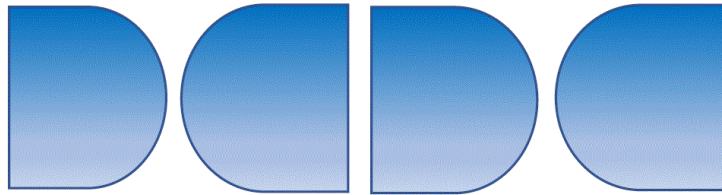




DUBUQUE COUNTY DISABILITIES COUNCIL



Agenda

Meeting: November 12, 2024

Time: 4:00 pm

Location: West Campus Dubuque County Office; 1225 Seippel Road, Asbury, IA. (Enter to the left and then First room on the left.)

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86391590161?pwd=2gmsYmdNKx7bzvbsMbb40ZAjppNFzB.1&from=addon>

Meeting ID: 863 9159 0161

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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.

1. Public Comments

2. Approval of Minutes – Minutes 10/8/2024

3. Discussion

1) Review By-laws (15 minutes)

2) Review Strategic Plan (15 minutes)

3) BOS meeting update from 10/21

4) Reminder Book Read Discussion - for January

5) Watch National River Museum Fund the Need

6) Election of Officers

4. Next Meeting Plans





Meeting Minutes

Meeting: October 8, 2024

Time: 4:00 pm

Location: West Campus Dubuque County Office; 1225 Seippel Road, Dubuque, IA. (Enter to the left and then First room on the left.)

Attendance: Matt Kennedy, Kathy Weber, Samantha Berglin, Deborah DeVenuta, Penny Ehlinger, Dr. Giovanni Demezier, Tom Derr, Samantha Bragg, Sue Wilgenbusch, Margaret Riddell, Lisa Nicks, Margee Woywood, and Helena Theixos.

Meeting called to order at 4:13pm

1. Public Comments- NA

2. **Approval of Minutes** – Minutes 9/10/2024 approved with edit needed to add Samantha Bragg as attendee. Approved by Giovanni and Tom.

3. Discussion

- 1) Welcome new members!! Samantha Bragg new last month, new this month Sue Wilgenbusch and Miranda Schumacher (unable to attend in person this month).
- 2) Review By-laws and Strategic Plan- Some items were discussed regarding Strategic plan: how are we doing active listening as a group what does that look like, how can we improve it. Can we update a message on Facebook page to let people know how to reach the group and share their input. Meeting with BOS quarterly-might have been too much frequency. Group mentioned the desire for BOS to attend the meetings again, as they did in the past. Regarding By-laws there was discussion on language "People with a disability" vs "Disabled person"- both are appropriate but person with a disability is preferred more by the group. Time was getting late, discussed a time limit and structure to future conversation/review of By-laws and Strategic plan.
- 3) Upcoming BOS meeting update 10/21--several will attempt to attend with Sam, she will meet anyone in person at the top of 4th floor. Group would like to discuss that they'd like BOS to attend meetings again. To start the conversation of what might happen with the new Behavioral District Re-alignment and possibility of changes in county Liaison. Also invite them to send us things they want out group to focus on; through Sam.
- 4) November and December meeting discussion- Discussed upcoming meeting, need for election of officers. Group voted with all in favor to cancel December meeting, election of officers will take place at November meeting put in motion by First Giovanni, Second Margee.
- 5) Thank you cards- Will be send without signatures to get them out.
- 6) Future spending ideas- moved to next meeting; plan to spend by end of FY25 (June 30th, 25). Brainstorm ideas for next meetings.

- 7) Book Read Discussion -It was discussed that the book is very focused on one brain health area but is an important discussion. The group wants to participate but maybe in a limited capacity as it is so hyper focused.

Meeting adjourned at 5:03 by Dr. Giovanni, seconded by Penny

Next meeting: November 12th, 2025; West Campus Dubuque County Office, 1225 Seippel Road. Elections will be held and will continue to review by-laws and strategic plan.

Updates November 2024

Local organizations to carry on free Dubuque Thanksgiving meal tradition –

From 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 28, area residents can get a hot, sit-down meal at one of seven locations:

- Crescent Community Health Center, 1620 Elm St.
- Dubuque Rescue Mission, 398 Main St.
- Hills & Dales Lifetime Center, 3505 Stoneman Road
- Lu Lu's Seldom Scene, 23 Sinsinawa Ave., East Dubuque, Ill.
- Salvation Army, 1099 Iowa St.
- St. John's Episcopal Church Parish House Community Center, 1458 W. Locust St.
- Westminster Presbyterian Church, 2155 University Ave.



No reservations are required at any of the locations except Lu Lu's Seldom Scene, for which diners are asked to call 815-747-8816 to reserve a meal.

Meals will be delivered from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Thanksgiving Day, and those who wish to receive one can call 815-747-9049 starting Friday, Nov. 1, to provide an address and choose a delivery time.

Here is the link to the article about it as well: https://www.telegraphherald.com/news/tri-state/article_7315cfa4-9554-11ef-9060-f349726b133b.html

Registration for Toys For Tots 2024 are NOW OPEN @ toystortotsdbq.simplybook.me

(No distribution on November 28 or 29, 2024)

Toy Distribution Dates: Mon–Sat, November 25–December 12, 2024

(Toy Registration Dates: Now until all time slots are full or Dec 11)

Location: Multicultural Family Center, 1157 Central Ave, Dubuque, IA

MARINE CORPS RESERVE



Visit toystortotsdbq.simplybook.me to register for the Multicultural Family Center distribution now!

You can register [online](#) or in person at the Multicultural Family Center.

Toy distribution dates are Monday–Saturday, November 25–December 12, 2024. No distribution on November 28 or 29, 2024. Registration will remain open until all time slots are full.

The Official Toys for Tots toy distribution site will be at the Multicultural Family Center, 1157 Central Ave. The Multicultural Family Center phone number is (563) 582-3681.

Additional City of Dubuque Location:

The Salvation Army of Dubuque, 1099 Iowa St, Dubuque, IA

Toy Registration Dates: November 1–November 27, 2024

Toy Distribution Dates: December 18–December 19, 2024

Registration Link: SAAngelTree.org

Visit SAAngelTree.org to register with The Salvation Army on November 1–November 27, 2024.

You can register in person at The Salvation Army on November 18–20, 2024.

Toy distribution dates are December 18–December 19, 2024.

The actual The Salvation Army toy distribution will take place at their downtown Dubuque location at 1099 Iowa St. The Salvation Army phone number is (563)-556-1573.

Additional Tri-State Distributions can be found on the website: <https://dubuque-ia.toysfortots.org/local-coordinator-sites/lco-sites/default.aspx?nPageID=0&nPreviewInd=0&nRedirectInd=3>