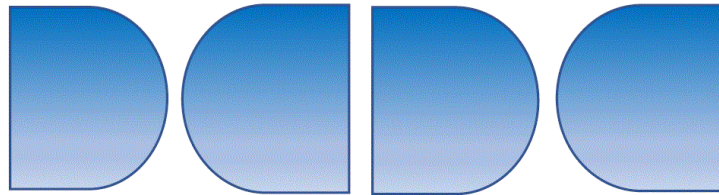




DUBUQUE COUNTY DISABILITIES COUNCIL



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: 9/9/25

Location: West Campus Dubuque County Office

Attendance: Matt Kennedy, Lori Anderson, Tom Derr, Debbie DeVenuta, Lisa Nicks, Amanda Bryan, Wayne Kenniker, Margee Woywood, Tom Kuhle, Jim Vansteenburgh, Shannon Russel, Robin Hamel, Michelle Lynch,



Meeting called to order at 4:01 by Matt Kennedy

Public Comments: NAMI held a suicide awareness walk at UD, they had over 550 individuals. Wonderful participation!

Approval of Minutes: 8/12/25 minutes Margee gave motion to accept, Deborah seconded.

New members: Welcome to 2 new members! Amanda Bryan and Michelle Lynch. Matt will send both members the Strategic Plan and Bi-Laws.

AGENDA:

1. DCDC Email and Contact information: Matt reached out to the County Board to discuss how people can get ahold of DCDC since Sam left. Wayne informed the council that the web page is taken care of and email address is taken care of. Matt will be able to review and check messages.
2. Re-organizing how the Council is structured due to Matt and Kathy's other responsibilities. Options: Have more Vice Chairs that would oversee certain areas (A) Social Media (B) Recruitment (C) Opportunities and Events, other general members could have set responsibilities. Wayne asked about having Ann McDermott return as a member and to give input on Council re-organization. Matt will write up a proposal to review and vote on at the next meeting.
3. Bi-laws and changes: Wayne will check to see if a member of the Board of Supervisors can be appointed to oversee the Council. Many questions arose for Wayne regarding county structure, services and funding. At this time, it is unsure who the employer will be for the Disability Access Point. There are many unanswered questions. A member asked if we could do

fundraising and some ideas were shared. If we do fundraising, how would we manage funds? We would need a treasurer.

4. Senior Expo is Sept. 18th 9:00-12:00 at the Dubuque County Fairgrounds. Lori completed the registration form for a booth and explained we are a non-profit so the booth fee was waived. Right now we have Amanda and Shannon working the booth and Lori can come from 11-12. Has anyone been able to make contact with Sam to retrieve the booth tote and materials? Tote and items still haven't been delivered. Jim lives close by and will stop and see if he can pick it up.
5. Miracle League: what happened to renting the room, concession stands, Lori check with Ed Feyen. How can we partner more.
6. Account: Sam said it was all spent down and we would like to get the ledger. If we would choose to do fundraising, how would this work? County or DCDC and open an account. Would like to have an accounting for all of these areas.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 4:38 Lori motion, Debbie seconded

Next Meeting: October , 2025 4:00-5:00 at West Campus Dubuque County Office