



MUNROE-MEYER INSTITUTE

UCEDD COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 20, 2018

Present: Candi Koenig, Sarah Swanson, Mark Smith, Tim Kolb, Susan Kringle, Jennifer Hansen, Wayne Stuberg, Dani Ohlman, Sherry Stansberry, Dustin Henderson, Barb Glover, Dee Valenti, Katie Ziemba, Darcy Hinrichsen, Dana Shaw, Gloria Kennedy, Joanie Dulaney (for Kristen Larsen) Eric Evans, Kellie Ellerbusch

Absent: Susan Kringle, Skylar and Steve Simmons, Dave Merrill

1. **Welcome and Introductions:** Dani Ohlman called the meeting to order.
 - Introductions:
 - Gloria Kennedy of Scottsbluff
 - Joanie Dulaney, DD Planning Council filling in for Kristen Larsen
2. **Approval of Agenda** by Dustin Henderson , seconded by Sherry Stansberry
3. **Approval of Minutes** from 01/26/18. By Dustin Henderson seconded by Sherry Stansberry
4. **Announcements:** No announcements
5. **Report by the UCEDD Director: Wayne Stuberg**
 - Confirmation MMI will be moving Spring of 2020 to Aksarben Village 6902 Pine Street
 - Human Genetics Lab – will remain on UNMC Campus
 - Part of Speech will stay on UNMC campus
 - Building plan to include: A Yellow Awning!
 - Three separate entrances, Main Public atrium, Recreation, Autism /Severe Behavior
 - Areas for family to wait, gift shop, coffee cart, 625 parking spaces.
 - JP Lord School moving May 7th 2018
 - MMI will utilize their space until we move. Will add much needed parking and departmental space.
 - Re-organization planning announced
 - Creation of Integrated Center for Autism Disorder (expansion plan)
 - Will be doing National Search for new Director. Dr. Fisher will stay on in a different role.

- Budgets
 - Neurodevelopmental Science was moved from under MMI and will be joined with another department at UNMC.
 - MMI/UNMC made it through the worst of the budget cuts. Small internal adjustments may be needed, but will not affect overall programming.
 - UCEDD budget increased for next 5-year grant. We are on target with additional grants obtained by UCEDD staff.
- Project Search (Tara Harper)
 - OPS has now collaborated with MMI and Madonna for 16-20 students per year.
 - Twenty-four participants were screened on assessment day for next year.
 - UNO interested in having interns. Thus the program is going to be expanding
 - Coffee cart very popular and will move down to walk way between MMI & JP Lord School next year cart will be staffed by a Project Search graduate!
- Think College – (Rachel Ray)
 - Two national speakers came to address Omaha’s desire to implement the program
 - Program will start this Fall at UNO with two students that will audit classes
 - Students will not implement dorm living until year two.
 - Goals of Think College are to give student life experience with dorm living
 - Once that is implemented and successful, hopefully will get a Federal Grant and expand to other cities across Nebraska.
- NCI Survey Project (Rachel Ray)
 - Plans to review the adult survey data of the DD waivers (427) and the A&D waivers (685) will take place at the Tri-board meeting in June.
 - National expert Alexandra Bonardi will be speaking at Tri-board meeting.

6. Report by Director of Community Outreach: Melonie Welsh – Not in attendance, no report

7. Leadership Training: Mark Smith & Jennifer Hansen

- Scheduled in Scottsbluff, NE. May 18th and 19th.
 - Panhandle Partnership has been supporting getting word out to area residents.
- Next presentation to target Kearney area, then Omaha with dates TBA for this year.
- Two-year grant. First six months spent developing curriculum. Next year will look at presenting in Lincoln and two other cities in Nebraska.
- Leadership trainers includes staff from Disability Rights NE, Arc of NE, PTI NE, and Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC).

8. Legislative Updates: Mark Smith

- Mark passed out a legislative update sheet for April.
- Appropriations committee of the Legislature approved a budget better than expected. Wait to see if Governor signs off or line item vetoes.
- Three bills were discussed more in-depth: LB 793, LB 800 and LB-845.

9. Report from our Partners:

- **Disability Rights – Eric Evans**
 - Legislative Activities: Working getting legislation to ensure the safety and welfare of individuals in mental health facilities across the state. Senator Walz, got the bill to the floor where it passed with 26 votes. Requiring DHHS to have staff responsible for monitoring safety of these facilities.
 - Working on getting money to fund the Olmstead plan, to identify settings that do not offer individuals with disabilities choice to live in community settings.
 - Inclusive Education Lay Advocacy Project: Hired Dr. Pat Cottingham part-time to work on the project. She had to resign from the board of the DD council in order to work on the project. June 9 Board Directors meeting in Omaha. Will present proposed objectives for fiscal year 2019, which begins in October of 2018. Social Role Valorization workshop in Lincoln at Nebraska Wesleyan.
 - Wayne announced Eric Evans, Ph.D was appointed as adjunct faculty member at UNMC/ MMI in Administration.
- **Nebraska Planning Council – Joanie Dulaney for Kristen Larsen**
 - Presented flyers for Advocacy Partnership for People with Special Needs 2018 Transition Conference. April 28th 2018 Sponsored by the Arc of Lincoln.
 - A written summary report was handed out by Nebraska Planning Council on Developmental Disabilities.
- **Region V/DD Providers – Dave Merrill (Absent no report)**
- **People First of Nebraska – Dustin, Sherry, Kellie**
 - Prepared members to give testimony on Voter ID law.
 - Medicaid Buy-In: Provided testimony that individuals with disabilities should get to keep money earned. Should not reduce other financial state support.
 - Policy advocacy day: Over 50 people attended. Arc of NE, Disability Rights spoke on current legislation. Then the group broke up and visited their state senators.
 - May 5th is a mini conference in Beatrice at Mosaic

- Developed you Tube videos on Business Hospitality on How to Treat People with a Disability.
- Two People first members will be escorted by Kellie to Disability Policy Seminar in Washington, D.C.
- June - Eight People First Members will be going to Alabama for Self-Advocates Becoming Empowered (SABE) Conference
- In January, hired Disability Policy Specialist Erin Phillips of Lincoln with the goal of developing relationships with Senator and aids to learn about and better understand disability issues. Next year hiring two people to do this and place with the NE Statewide Independent Living Council, and Disability Rights NE. Senior person, from year before, new person rotate from year to year.
- Providing testimony was a big win for PF. Members are learning and increasing role and visibility.

10. Membership and CAB Committee: Dani, Sarah, and Wayne

- Sarah and Dani reported that they interviewed Pam Mann from Brady, Nebraska. She is director of Region II. She was recommended to join the CAB as a Board member. Dani Ohlman made a motion to add Pam to the Board and was seconded by Sherry Stansberry.

11. Report out – Dani Ohlman

- Members were divided into three groups. Each group discussed the four questions regarding the structure of the CAB and satisfaction of members.
- Please see separate results page from the four-question survey.

Next meeting: Tri-Board

June 1st Lincoln, Nebraska