



St. Louis Office for Developmental Disability Resources
Minutes of the Program Committee
November 5, 2019

Board Members Present:

William (Bill) Siedhoff
Nina North-Murphy

Cynthia Mueller, Committee Chairperson

Board Members Absent:

Sherry Wibbenmeyer

Staff Members Present:

Shaelene Plank, Executive Director
Nate (Nathaniel) Head, Senior Agency Relations Representative
Lisa Briggs, Controller

Shameika Williams, Executive Assistant
Chrystal Griffin, Assistant Executive Director

Guests Present:

Shanna Nieweg, Horizon Housing Development
Corrie Petschonek, Horizon Housing Development

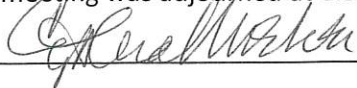
Aimee Wehmeier, Paraquad
Christina Solomon, Rubin Brown

The meeting was called to order at 4:07pm.

1. Chrystal Griffin, Assistant Executive Director, requested the committee approve changing the age of TCM consumers DD Resources serves from 17 and older to 3 and older. Right now referrals to TCM are low and the hope is that opening up the age range will increase referrals. We don't have a clear answer from the Regional Office as to why referrals are low although we have asked numerous times. The committee will request approval of this change to the full Board of Directors at their next meeting. Chrystal also shared with the committee that DMH has informed us that they will no longer do rep payee. This will impact 28 of our consumers. Service advocates will start working with them to identify another rep payee.
2. Shanna Nieweg, Executive Director at Horizon Housing and Horizon North appeared at Program Committee to report agency success over the last two years of reducing dependence upon DD Resources funding. They plan to reduce facility costs funded by DD Resources of \$35,152 per year for the next three years. Horizon Housing has partnered with various agencies to diversify their revenue sources and services. Shanna asked that DD Resources consider transferring sponsorship for the HUD grant to Horizon North. She stated that this will help them in sharing costs across Horizon Housing and Horizon North. Program committee is endorsing the agency moving forward with obtaining the appropriate paperwork to transfer sponsorship. DD Resources attorney will review all documentation. After attorney approval, the request will be given to the full Board of Directors for vote at their next meeting.
3. Aimee Wehmeier, President of Paraquad and Christina Solomon, Rubin Brown, appeared before Program Committee to inform the committee of the financial situation that Paraquad is currently facing. Christina Solomon discussed the budgeting process and struggles with line of credit and debt. Paraquad is requesting funds to assist in the restoration of sustainability for the agency. Aimee presented several areas where emergency funding would be helpful. Shaelene will invite Aimee to the next Board meeting to make a formal request for emergency funding.
4. Donna Gunning, Executive Director of The Center for Head Injury Services gave the committee an update on the progress of Destination Café. The café has had several soft openings and is informally open for business. A grand opening will be held on November 13, 2019 4-7pm.
5. The committee reviewed the Eastern Region Alliance Partner Funding Manual. The committee will request approval of the funding manual to the full Board of Directors at their next meeting.

6. Program committee discussed opening the next funding cycle to new programs and agencies in the transition age youth services and family support categories. The committee will request approval to the full Board of Directors at their next meeting.
7. DD Resources funded two accessible playgrounds in the City of St. Louis. The playgrounds are consistently in disrepair and there is a large sign at both sites identifying DD Resources and its board members, at the time of sponsoring the project. Since DD Resources currently has no ownership or oversight of the playgrounds, the committee agreed they would like to have the signs removed. William Siedhoff, Board Chairperson will contact the appropriate individual to request DD Resources information be removed from these playgrounds.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50pm.



Cynthia Mueller, Secretary

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Date Approved