



St. Louis Office for Developmental Disability Resources
Minutes of the Program Committee
March 26, 2020

Board Members Present by phone:

Cynthia Mueller, Committee Chairperson
Nina North-Murphy

William (Bill) Siedhoff

Board Members Absent:

Sherry Wibbenmeyer

Staff Members Present by phone:

Shaelene Plank, Executive Director
Nate Head, Senior Agency Relations Representative

Ebony Young, Agency Relations Representative
Lisa Briggs, Controller

Cynthia Mueller called the meeting to order at 4:04pm. Meeting participants were present by teleconference or by phone due to the COVID-19 pandemic and stay-at-home order. The call-in number was published with the agenda, but there were no guests from the public who participated in the call.

Nate Head presented a summary of submitted proposals for all agencies – new and existing, highlighting all projects where there was a difference in the amount that was requested versus the amount being recommended. Lisa Briggs reviewed the agency budget based on recommendations. New agency/program funding requests totaled \$616,370. Recommended award approval amount is \$345,996. Total program funding request was \$6,240,414. Recommended total award approval amount is \$5,662,215. With a 2% COLA, the total award amount recommended will be \$5,700,000 for FY21. All Committee members were given the opportunity to ask questions and discuss funding recommendations. Cindy Mueller called for a motion to recommend the approval of the agency funding presented and totaling \$5.7 million to the full board in May. Nina Murphy made the motion and it was seconded by Bill Siedhoff. All voted in favor. The motion passed unanimously.

Nate presented several requests submitted by agencies regarding their response to the COVID-19 outbreak. Requests were regarding changes in provision of services, request for additional units etc. Shaelene Plank reminded the committee that they were given the authority to make funding decisions related to COVID-19 at the last board meeting. Shaelene Plank gave the board several suggestions to consider in the funding of agencies. The Committee determined that they want to fully support agencies during this crisis and do what we can to ensure that services are provided, agency staff are retained and that agencies stay viable. Nina Murphy made a motion to change all POS awards for FY20 to grants and to pay out the full award amounts, regardless of current usage, to all agencies over the next four months. Bill Siedhoff seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion passed unanimously.

We will wait to see if this change in funding addresses the current requests from agencies. If it does not or if there are additional requests, a call will be scheduled with the Program Committee to review the requests.

Bill Siedhoff made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:47pm. Nina seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion passed unanimously.



Cynthia Mueller, Secretary



Date Approved