



St. Louis Office for Developmental Disability Resources
Minutes of the Program Committee
March 4, 2020

Board Members Present:

Cynthia Mueller, Committee Chairperson

Sherry Wibbenmeyer

Board Members Absent:

William (Bill) Siedhoff

Nina North-Murphy

Staff Members Present:

Shaelene Plank, Executive Director
Representative

Ebony Young, Agency Relations

Nate (Nathaniel) Head, Senior Agency Relations Representative

Lisa Briggs, Controller

Cynthia Mueller called the meeting to order at 3:58pm.

Nate Head presented a summary of submitted proposals for new projects – 12 requests. 5 requests were from new agencies, 7 were from existing agencies. 8 were for transition age youth and 4 for family support. Total funds requested was \$616,369. Nate discussed the requests that DD Resources is in support of funding, totaling \$276,035, and the reasons for support. DD Resources is also in favor of supporting an additional program, Neighborhood Experiences by the Arc, if funding is available. Nate discussed the requests that DD Resources staff is not in favor of supporting, totaling \$270,373, and the reasons for not supporting.

Nate Head then presented information from agencies requesting increases. Easterseals has requested to stop operating ACT and redirect funding to Project SEARCH. This increases the funding for Project SEARCH but is a decrease in the total amount allocated for the two programs combined. Ebony Young presented information regarding LifeBridge Partnership camp program and their need to roll over funds due to not being able to provide camp the last week of May because of schools making up snow days. They are also asking for the increase that was awarded at the last board meeting to continue. MERS has requested an increase in unit rate but decrease in number of units and it is not clear why. Agency Relations will clarify reason why they made these changes. St. Louis Arc is asking for a substantial increase in number of habilitation units equaling an increase of over \$200,000. UCP Heartland is also requesting an increase in number of units totaling an additional \$26,041.

Nate discussed requested program changes made by Bridges Community Support which is combining two programs as a result of the Alliance's alignment of services and the new funding framework. We also discussed the need to be more consistent in the funding of our sheltered workshops. This would result in a substantial increase to Industrial Aid and a decrease to MERS and Project CU.

Broadway Transportation has requested to waive the requirement of workers comp insurance along with commercial general liability, building and personal property, fidelity bond or crime and umbrella coverage. The committee agreed to waiving all requests except the commercial general liability. Mr. Broadway will be required to purchase this. House of Pais requested to waive the requirements of

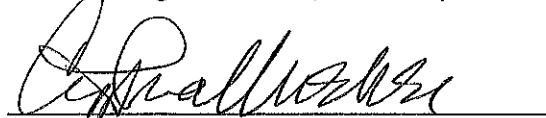
umbrella coverage and changing the liability limit. The committee agreed to waive all requests except umbrella coverage. House of Pais will be required to purchase this.

We then reviewed a draft budget of agency funding with new funding requests and program increases and changes. It is likely that we could do a \$100,000 increase to Industrial Aid with the plan to increase funding over next several years to get them fully funded for each individual served. It is also likely that we can do a \$100,000 increase to the Arc for habilitation. Some agencies may receive a decrease in funding based on utilization for the past two years. This may free up dollars for the Arc's Neighborhood Experiences program.


The committee will review the funding requests for new programs over the next two weeks and determine if they are in agreement with staff's recommendations. Agency Relations will provide a summary of current funding requests for the next program committee meeting and all funding recommendations will be determined at the next program committee and recommended to the full board in May.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:07pm.

Next meeting is March 26, 2020 at 4pm.



Cynthia Mueller, Secretary



Date Approved