

## Disability Action Center

These are minutes for the meeting of the Board of Directors, taking place June 22, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. at Rants & Raves Brewery, Moscow, Idaho.

### ATTENDEES:

Mark Leeper  
Larry Topp by phone  
Karl Johanson  
Bill Foster Honorary Member  
Tom Trail  
Jean Coil  
Sonia VanWoerkom

Staff:

Vicki Leeper  
Steve Corr

### ABSENT:

Dianne Milhollin  
Shirley Ringo  
Paulette Jordan

**PUBLIC:** Ashley Lorraine, board applicant, and Alia, Jean's daughter, Mike Smith, board applicant

### CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting called to order at 11:23 a.m. by Jean Coil.

- Roll Call
- Announcements & Introductions: Jean and Mark presented an award to Bill Foster for his dedicated service on the board. Karl talked about the founders award for transportation he received in Detroit. Introduced Ashley Lorraine who is applying to be on the board. Mike Smith and Heather Niccoli have also submitted applications.

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Agenda was introduced.

- Tom Trail made the motion to approve agenda
- Karl Johanson seconded the motion
- Motion passed by unanimous vote

## **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

Minutes from March 29, 2017 meeting were approved.

- Tom Trail made the motion to approve the minutes
- Karl Johanson seconded the motion
- Motion passed by unanimous vote

## **ADMINISTRATION**

### **Financial Report**

Karl Johanson gave the financial report. After reviewing the report, he said we are in great shape. Under on a couple of budgets, own our office buildings, earning on our investments (\$53,000.00), and have a million dollars in the bank. He reminds us that our investment advisor only makes money if we make money. He may make a recommendation in a few months about investing more. We have enough to provide the partial match for COAST when it is due in September. Mark discussed the Part B funding that will fund a conference this fall, and for the APRIL conference. We are under on our Part C funds because of loss of staff despite his efforts to hire. We will hire again and upgrade computers. News from Washington DC proposed budgets for the future, Part C funds are stable so far, Part B is going to disappear with the President's budget. Steve presented the PAS report. We are down from last year but still at the average number for the last 10 years. We also provided a lovely lunch for all out personal assistants at the most recent trainings. Mark received a letter on budget award for October which is the same as last year.

### **Administrative Report**

Mark Leeper presented the administrative report to the Board. Personnel issues as listed above, but he has also been busy travelling for trainings and helping the Idaho and Washington SILC. Trying to participate with the Spokane CIL staying afloat. We may face a decision as to DAC's involvement in the future, which could be to take it over or process their Part B funding, and taking an admin fee for that. Idaho produced a draft brochure to explain what CIL's are, who we serve, and where the funding goes.

### **Marketing Update**

Vicki Leeper presented the marketing update to the Board.

### **Staff Board Reports**

Vicki Leeper presented the staff board reports.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Update on Lewiston/Post Falls remodels**

Post Falls ramp and eaves is all done. Lewiston is hard to find someone to do smaller jobs so the parking lot striping, automatic door opener, and awning. Mark is asking for Steve's help in heading up that project.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Federal Update – Tom Trail**

Tom went to DC for AARP lobby day. He met with the Idaho delegation and got a half hour of tie with each of them. Representative Simpson cared for their mother with Alzheimers, so he and Senator Crapo gets it. Medicaid: in Idaho 300,000 receive assistance, 36,000 low income people also receive Medicaid. Comparative costs of independence in their own homes = better care at lower cost. Proposed cuts to Medicaid is 8 billion over several years. 25% cut over 10 years. The proposed plan has not been vetted by the democratic senators and the public.

### **CILS, What does DAC NW do? – Mark Leeper**

Postpone until a later meeting.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **Wellness Benefit Clarification, Dependent Health Care Coverage**

DAC has a wellness benefit of \$600 for full time employees. Part time employees recommended at \$300.

- Karl Johanson made the motion to approve to extend the coverage to \$300 for part time the and retroactive it for our volunteer.
- Larry Topp seconded the motion
- Motion passed by unanimous vote

We have had coverage for employees dependents, but now recommend grandfathering in previous employees but change it to not cover dependents for future employees. Karl would like us to consult about definitions about employees compared to now. Or create different classes of employees, where this benefit comes in after 5 years of employment.

- Karl Johanson made the motion to table this until the next meeting
- Tom Trail seconded the motion
- Motion passed by unanimous vote

### **Salary Grid Approval**

As presented. Our biggest need is to pay a flat fee for all services, and recognize longevity, but there has been no increase in reimbursement rates.

- Karl Johanson made the motion to approve the Salary Grid as presented
- Tom Trail seconded the motion
- Motion passed by unanimous vote

### **MOU with COAST**

Karl presented it. Funding comes from 5310. Exception has been built into the regulations as long as it doesn't displace the primary user.

- Karl Johanson made the motion to approve the MOU with Coast
- Sonia Van Woerkom seconded the motion
- Motion passed by unanimous vote

### **Approval of Part C Budget**

As Mark presented, the amount of Part C funding is the exact same dollar amount as last year. Asking for board's approval to submit the same budget.

- Tom Trail made the motion to approve the
- Larry Topp seconded the motion
- Motion passed by unanimous vote

**Constructive Thoughts** Mark appreciates the ability of our local people to work together.

**Public Comments** – Mike Smith said he is angry about what's going on with the health care and he is not done fighting.

### **MEETING AJOURNED**

Jean Coil adjourned the meeting at 1:43 pm.

Next meeting will be September 28, 2017 – plan on voting for new board members. We need 3 new board members.