

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

Governance Committee

9:45 – 11:45 a.m., April 25, 2013

Joe R. Williams Building, 700 W. State Street, First Floor

Committee Members Present: Debra Parsons, Dona Butler, Toni Belknap-Brinegar, Ritchy Cardwell, Raul Enriquez, Joni Sullivan, Denise Wetzel, Jo Lynn Garrison,

Staff: Marilyn Sword

Welcome and Announcements

Debra Parsons called the meeting to order at 9:50 am. There were no announcements

Minutes

Minutes of the January 31, 2013 meeting were reviewed. **Motion was made by Joni Sullivan to approve the minutes, second by Ritchy Cardwell. Motion carried.**

Conference Funding

The Council received three applications for conference funding this quarter.

- Amy Yardley of Couer d'Alene requested \$636 to support her to attend the Autism One conference in Chicago, May 22-26. Amy has been a great resource in northern Idaho to get information out to parents and others so this investment will pay off in information sharing. In addition, Amy's application was very thorough and complete, referencing not only the Council's plan but what she would do with the information when she returns home. She had also used her own resources to pay for the airline ticket and registration; the request would cover lodging and meals.

Motion by Jo Lynn Garrison to fund the full amount of \$636; second by Toni Brinegar. Motion carried unanimously.

- Kathie Benjamin of Nampa requested \$180 to attend the Boise Sensory Conference on May 17 in Boise. Kathie is active with Boise Autism Moms and would share the information with that network. Also since Kathie is local, there are no lodging costs and the meal and transportation costs are minimal.

Motion by Joni Sullivan to fund the full amount of \$180; second by Ritchy Cardwell. Motion passed unanimously.

- Mary Eich Curren of Tetonia requested funds to attend the Boise Sensory Conference on May 17 as well. It was difficult to tell from the application how much was being requested. It looked like her costs amounted to \$673 but that she was requesting \$500. She indicated that she had applied to IPUL for funds but they had yet to respond. The application was difficult to read and there was no real explanation of what she would do with the information from the conference.

Motion by Toni Brinegar to provide \$300; second by Denise Wetzel. Motion carried unanimously.

After these requests are funded, the balance in the conference fund for parent applications will be \$1,384 for the rest of the fiscal year (to October 1).

Update on state and federal funding

Marilyn shared that the legislature authorized \$101,400 in state general funds, \$15,000 in receipts (allows us to raise and spend funds from other sources), and \$523,900 in federal funds for a total of \$640,300 for state fiscal year 2014 (July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014). Out federal appropriation for federal fiscal year 2013 (October 1, 2012 – September 30, 2013) was \$477,688. After sequestration (the cuts mandated by Congress), that was reduced to \$457,413, a loss of \$20,275. Because of this, Marilyn said that she would be holding off on filling the half-time Public Information Specialist position for the time being.

New Issues

Members of the committee shared that a number of them were having problems with Consumer Direct (CDS), the vendor responsible for doing the billing and paying for individuals on the self-directed and family-directed Medicaid options. CDS is often blaming support brokers for the problems and frequently lose information that has been faxed to them. Toni, Jo Lynn and Denise were all waiting on payments to be processed by Consumer Direct.

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 and members joined the Public Policy Committee meeting which was already in session. This gave members a chance to hear from Art Evans, Rob Luce, and Chad Cardwell about Children's Benefit Redesign (CBR)

as well as to express concerns that they had about the process of implementing this new service delivery model.