

Disability Benefits Support Contract Committee

Meeting Minutes

Date and Time:	July 11, 2014, 2:00pm-3:15pm
Location:	Ralph Carr Judicial Center – 1300 Broadway, Room 1F
Attendance:	In-person: Donovan O’Dell, Mark Simon, David Henninger, and Donna Dowling, Marty Zimmerman (staff) Phone: Julie Farrar, Darla Stuart, Josh Winkler
Excused:	Kristin Lupfer, Lynn Parry
Absent:	Clif Croan, Chris Hinds, Melissa Umenphour

Notes:

- Meeting was called to order at 2:23 pm when quorum was reached.
- **Reviewed the minutes from meeting on 06/06/14. Motion to approve the minutes from 06/06/14 with two changes, Donna Dowling’s name needed to be added to the excused list and CCDC was mistyped as CDCC. With the corrections, the Motion carries.**
- Marty gave an LPAG update. The event will occur on August 21 at History Colorado and four plates will be auctioned off.
- David commented about a scathing National Public Radio 4 part series about people negatively taking advantage of SSDI. As a result he recommended that the LPAG tone down the fact that funds will support SSDI, SSI and MLTC application support and change the wording to state that proceeds will help individuals with disabilities gain access to life sustaining benefits. The other committee members agreed.
- Donna asked if scholarships/discounts will be available for people who cannot afford the LPAG event to which Marty replied that if anyone needs financial assistance to attend, they should notify him and he will work to find sponsorship support to cover the cost.
- Grant request update was provided by Marty. Marty created dates to clump applications together called cohorts. Four applications received in the first cohort which were applications received by June 20. The second cohort date is August 15. The grants committee met on 6/30 and 7/9 to discuss the applications and the process and key questions arose that they needed guidance from DBSCC.
- Mark explained that one of the applicants is not a 501(c)3 non-profit. The guidelines say that any organization that has less than three years of operations is required to get a fiscal sponsor. The question is that a non-profit requires fiscal sponsorship but should a for-profit? Are there situations in which a waiver of that requirement should be allowed?

- Darla commented that we have to do our due diligence and that we are setting a benchmark for future applications.
- David's concerns are that the organization has no approval to take in donated money if they receive DBSCC funding. They must have a liability policy, they cannot leverage the money received for other funds and offer it as a tax deduction. If we were to waive this responsibility we would need a statement explaining the history, capacity and the ability of their financial person.
- Mark asked if the requirement could be waived based on criteria to be developed by the grants committee.
- **The result was that the DBSCC agreed that the grants committee would develop policy on requirements for waivers in the future and bring the recommended policy back to the DBSCC to vote on at the August 1, meeting.**
- Marty then read two other parts of the application that the grants committee was proposing for the DBSCC to vote on to make changes.
- **A Motion was made by David to add the following to the grant request application: There is a statutory regulation that more than 50% of the board of applicants must be persons with disabilities or have family members who have disabilities.** The motion was seconded by Mark. **The motion passed unanimously.**
- **A Motion was made by Donna to add the following to the grant request application: The definition of a new program is: A program that has started in the past three years or will start soon. It must be original, never done or produced before, new to a geographical location or new to a community.** The motion was seconded by Donovan. **The motion passed unanimously.**
- A Motion was made by David to add the following to the grant request application: The definition of an innovative program is: a process or method that is unique. It can be a different way of getting things done, but a slight tweak of a program that will not have a measurable impact is not considered innovative. **After discussion, the motion was changed and vote was to add this language to the grant request application: The definition of an innovative program is: a process or method that is unique. It can be a different way of producing a product, program or service, but a slight change of a product, program or service that will not have a measurable impact is not considered innovative.** Donna seconded the motion. Six voted in favor of the change. Mark abstained. **The motion carried.**

- Marty reviewed the proposed score sheet commenting that he will make the changes based on the motions that just passed. Darla commented that the score sheet will be very helpful for us to explain our decisions and move forward into the future. Mark suggested that we add a threshold score, so that if a grant application receives a certain percentage, DBSCC will approve the application. Marty will add this to the agenda of the next grants sub-committee meeting.
- Regarding the Administrative Update, Julie, Mark and Donna were renewed to the DBSCC by the governor's office. There has been no word on the new appointments.
- There were no issues with the DIPS fund review and DBSCC.
- Marty left the room for this discussion: The group reviewed the Zim Consulting reimbursement request from 06/01/14-06/30/14. **Motion to approve the Zim reimbursement. Motion carried.**
- Under new business, Mark gave a brief update as to the nature of Zim, LPAG and CCDC. He commented that the CCDC is hosted the event for LPAG and Zim is implementing the event. This was the only way event could occur according to the Attorney General's office.
- Marty reviewed the upcoming meeting deadlines and meetings - Friday, July 25 - 1st cohort grant response deadline; Week of July 28 – Grants sub-committee will meet to make funding recommendations to the DBSCC; DBSCC meeting – Friday, August 1, 2:00 -3:15 pm at 1300 Broadway, room 1F. This will be very important be the group will approve the 1st round of grant recommendations. The final event is the License Plate Auction Group Event – Thursday, August 21 from 6-9 pm at History Colorado.
- **Meeting Adjourned at 3:49pm.**