

## Disability Benefits Support Contract Committee

### Meeting Minutes

<b>Date and Time:</b>	August 01, 2014, 2:00pm-4:00pm
<b>Location:</b>	Ralph Carr Judicial Center – 1300 Broadway, Room 1F
<b>Attendance:</b>	In-person: Clif Croan, Donovan O’Dell, Chris Hinds, David Henninger, Mark Simon, Lynn Parry and Marty Zimmerman (staff)  Phone: Kristin Lupfer, Julie Farrar, Darla Stuart, Josh Winkler, Donna Downing
<b>Excused:</b>	
<b>Absent:</b>	Melissa Umenphour

#### Notes:

- Meeting was called to order by Josh Winkler at 2:06pm when quorum was reached. (11 members by 2:15)
- **Reviewed the minutes from meeting on 07/11/14. Motion to approve the minutes from 07/11/14, with corrections: Donna’s last name is misspelled. Chris and Melissa are removed from Absent as they were not members, the Motion carries with no abstentions.**
- LPEG update: 10 people have signed up. Erica Snow from Colorado Health Foundation was the first to sign-up. The event is August 21. All committee members are invited and Marty can help to register members for the event as special guests. Over 2400 likes on Facebook. Marty will send scans of the article to this group and LPEG.
- David shared an update from the Grants Committee: The committee held a series of meetings where they discussed philosophy, boundaries, parameters, clarifications. An example of a lesson learned was that the governing body of an applicant had to be 50% members with disabilities or family members of people with disabilities. Had to go back to the original applicants and have them respond to this question specifically. This pre-requisite will be added to the grant application. Marty put together an overview and timeline of the actions of the committee. See “First Cohort Summary- July 31, 2014” He also provided an overview of the four applications received.
- David reviewed the application overview from CPWD. They had a quick and thorough response to the questions, demonstrated a clear need and have a proven track record. Recommend that they detail the evidence based training that they are going to use. They were given 400/510 points. They had a 78% average score. The grants committee recommends that they be fully funded at \$50,000. There was discussion around the application

questions and responses. The committee would like to know which evidence based training they are going to use and what their metrics are.

- **Motion to ask additional questions of the Center for People with Disabilities. Motion carries.**
- **Motion that Marty returns to CPWD, indicate that this is a learning process for us and we would like some additional clarification. Motion carries.**
- Mark excused himself from the room to avoid a conflict of interest in regards to discussing Domino Dogs Service. David explained that they provide services to others who are declined. Money will go to rent, marketing and education. Questions arose regarding lots of other service dog organizations who do it for free. Is this really unique? Additional questions were raised regarding the amount of the request in regard to their total budget.
- **Motion to provide funding for Domino Dog Service, amount to be determined later. Clif moves. Josh seconds – 6 in favor – 3 against. Darla, Chris and Lynn Opposed. Motion Carries**
- **Motion to defer decision on the amount until September once a clear breakdown for the budget regarding their proposed grant amount is provided. David moved. Donovan second. Motion carries unanimously.**
- David then presented the Chanda Plan Foundation. Comments included: There is a bias on part of HCPF and it is sick that she was set up to fail. They are in a difficult place; the program is absolutely necessary; Politics make this issue unworkable; If there was a way to use our money to provide direct services then that would be new and innovative. Could be sustainable if the law changes
- **Motion: Acknowledge that the committee has a lot of respect for the Chanda Plan Foundation but that we are uncomfortable with this request. They can provide a new application without having to submit all of the background information that was previously provided. Josh moved. Chris seconded. Motion passes unanimously.**
- David explained that the fourth application did not meet the qualifications. Marty will send letter to HBF explaining.
- Mark suggested that a waiver should be issued when there is a clear demonstration of in-house capacity and history of being able to meet the requirements that a fiscal sponsor would normally fulfil. An example being the ability to cover any liability that the organization might incur. This is to be discussed at the next grants committee meeting.

- Mark commented that the DBSCC voted to approve the by-laws in July 2013, however a final version was not provided.
- Motion to accept and re-approve the bylaws as approved as last year. Lynn Moved. David Seconded. Motion amended to remove notes inserted by Kyle from the Attorney General's Office from approving the language part. Motion passes with one abstention.
- Under New Business, Marty mentioned a request for information about whether to submit a proposal or not. The question was: Should there be funding for a match for downtown Durango. The committee commented that there are other funding sources, but that they would not support what the law mandated 20 years ago. Marty will inform the potential applicant not to apply.
- Marty left the room for this discussion: The group reviewed the Zim Consulting reimbursement request from 7/31/14. **Motion to approve the Zim reimbursement. Motion carried.**
- **Meeting Adjourned at 4:08 pm.**