

Disability Benefits Support Contract Committee

Meeting Minutes

Date and Time:	September 5, 2014, 2:00pm-3:15pm
Location:	Ralph Carr Judicial Center – 1300 Broadway, Room 1F
Attendance:	In-person: Mark Simon, David Henninger, Caitlyn (guest) and Marty Zimmerman (staff) Phone: Kristin Lupfer, Darla Stuart, Donna Downing, Josh Winkler, Melissa Umenphour, Clif Croan (joined at 2:15)
Excused:	Julie Farrar, Lynn Parry (Will try to call in, emergency meeting)
Absent:	Donovan O'Dell

Notes:

- Meeting was called to order by at 2:08pm when quorum was reached. (7 members by 2:06)
- **Reviewed the minutes from meeting on 08/01/14. Motion to approve the minutes from 08/01/14, with corrections: Darla noted that we need to record names of people who are opposed/against and those who abstain. The down votes for Domino Dogs were Chris, Darla and Lynn. The Motion carries with no abstentions.**
- LPAG update: Marty shared that the event was not held as planned. It was cancelled a week prior. There were not enough people signed up but there were people interested in bidding. The History Center kept the deposit and moved the event to January. They decided to have an online auction. Auctioned 13 plates that were most frequently denied by DMV because they were already issued. (So they were popular, not inappropriate). Raised \$10,850. There were 67 bids and 51 bidders. Most expensive plate was \$3,200. They have collected money from 7 winners. Following up with others to collect money.
- Zim has had their contract renewed through February 5. There will be an online auction in October and an online and in-person in January. There are new opportunities. They created a new event committee and can bring in people from the community who want to help.
- Received a call from Markus who has 5 cars. Was surprised with how cheap the plates were and he wanted a list of all plates available and he asked what the price is for #1. He was willing to buy it if it doesn't go to auction. He was willing to pay \$100k for #1. He is interested in buying 1-5. It was a very encouraging call.
- Mark said that they want to create some hype and maybe wait to sell #1 after a year and get 7 figures for it.
- Grant committee: Marty summarized the discussion re the first cohort (4 applications- 2 denied because it did not meet qualifications, 2 others required follow-up) Asked Domino Dogs to provide a detailed budget. He shared it with the committee. We had agreed to fund them, but hadn't agreed on the amount. The grants committee recommends awarding the full \$50,000 based on the budget presented.
- **Motion: Clif moves that we accept the recommendation of the grants committee. David seconds the motion. No amendments. Voice vote: David- Aye, Mark- Abstain, Clif- Aye, Darla-Abstain, Donna,-Aye, Kristin-Aye, Josh-Aye, Melissa-Aye. Motion carries with two abstentions.**

- Discussion about above motion: Josh read the detail and had a question, were the concerns about long-term funding and sustainability plans addressed? Mark shared that they got their 501-C3 in the mail 2 weeks ago and they have had \$3K in donations come in. Only \$15,000 of the \$50,000 was for facility rental fees.
- The Center for Disabilities had to follow-up with additional information but didn't get it to Marty in time for the Grants Committee meeting. We wanted them to provide proof of the EBP and their metrics and outcomes. There is no grant committee recommendation. We will bump it to the next grants committee meeting for discussion. We will vote on the funding at the October DBSCC grants meeting.
- The second cohort had 7 applications. The grants committee does not recommend funding any of the applications. Either they did not meet the minimum qualification that were required or in other cases there were significant financial questions whether they would be able to implement the work or the entire project was not new or innovative. There were also questions about whether it was designed to benefit the grant applicant.
- Marty read the concerns about the Boulder Treasures proposal. Recommended for denial.
- **Motion: Mark moves, David seconds to deny the Boulder Treasures application. None opposed, no abstentions. Motion carries.**
- Colorado Mental Wellness had a great proposal but it was not new. Recommended for denial.
- **Motion: Mark moves, David seconds to deny the Colorado Mental Wellness application. None opposed, no abstentions. Motion carries.**
- Friends of Broomfield. Not new, not innovative and the board is not qualified. Recommended for denial.
- **Motion: Mark moves, David seconds to deny the Friends of Broomfield application. None opposed, no abstentions. Motion carries.**
- Sample Supports wanted a restaurant for people with disabilities. Their board was not qualified, they looked like a for-profit No one had restaurant experience. Concerns about their employment practices. Recommended for denial.
- **Motion: Mark moves, David seconds to deny the Sample Supports application. None opposed, no abstentions. Motion carries.**
- Special Olympics did not have a new or innovative program. It was a good application, but a 12 year old program. Recommended for denial.
- **Motion: Mark moves, David seconds to deny the Special Olympics application. None opposed, no abstentions. Motion carries.**
- Discussed Colorado Disability Benefits Support. Mark and Kristin both shared their conflicts of interest. Mark is a founder of Colorado DBS. Kristin is a national technical assistance provider for the program they implement (SOAR). The Colorado DBS financial situation would not warrant providing the grant. They needed bridge funding. Their funding from Colorado Health Foundation ran out. They have applied for other grants but are waiting to hear from them and have a cash flow issue. The applicant, Peter Pike, indicated that they are open to taking a loan. The committee recommends that we deny the funding for the grant, determine the process for the loan (process, schedule for repayment, etc.) and decide whether to award the loan.
- **Motion: David moves and Clif seconds to deny the Colorado DBS grant application. Mark and Kristin abstained. Motion carries with two abstentions.**
- Discussion about whether or not to ask them to apply for a loan. Darla mentioned that there are other agencies that offer loan programs to non-profits and does not want us to

lose sight of our mission. David mentioned that the Colorado Foundation has a loan program as well. It is a last resort program for people who have been turned down by other lending programs. Mark shared his conflict of interest again and mentioned that he is not concerned that they will get the grants they are waiting on, but they might not be able to pay the loans back with those grant monies.

- There was a discussion about considering applications out of cycle. Donna is uncomfortable with second round applications being considered outside the cycle. It could be interpreted as favoritism and would be an inconvenience to committee members to have to meet outside of the cycle.
- **Motion: David moves and Donna seconds that we let Colorado DBS know that they can apply for a loan in the next cycle and it will be a part of the third cohort on October 15. Mark and Kristin abstain. None opposed. Motion carries with two abstentions.**
- Marty will let them know that they need to demonstrate their ability to repay the loan.
- Discussion about the Chanda Plan Foundation's second application. They proposed to do some capital campaign work. This work cannot be funded (on the application). The committee liked the program (one stop shop for health for people with disabilities-PCP, nutritionist and counselor all co-located) that they wanted to implement but did not support the capital campaign part. Grant committee recommended a denial.
- **Motion: David moves and Mark seconds to deny the Chanda Plan application. None opposed, no abstentions. Motion carries.**
- Discussed whether or not we should go back to them and encourage them to apply for funding for the program part and not the capital part of the proposal. The larger question is whether we should solicit applications that we want to see from organizations. Darla would like to see a proposal for how we would standardize this. She doesn't want it to appear as someone's pet project. She would want to see what the process would look like for an RFP process or to go back to past applicants.
- The grants committee will focus on putting together standards for what organizations we might approach and whether we would create an RFP process. Will present on this topic at the October 3 meeting.
- Administrative update: The grant applications are confidential unless we fund them and then they are public. Marty created a separate confidential Dropbox group (grants committee only). Anyone is invited to the grants committee. Marty changed the roster and pulled that out as well. Marty is the only person who can invite people to the confidential Dropbox. Minutes and agenda are in the public main folder and on the DPA site.
- Discussion on DBSCC openings. Chris Hinds is not a member of the committee. There was a snafu with the Governor's office. It was a mistake and a personal apology was provided.
- There was confusion about the Colorado Open Meetings laws. Marty suggests that we all review that and Marty can help us go to a training if we want to.
- Marty updated the bylaws, took out the comments, and corrected typos.
- Marty discussed the website for grant requests. We wanted a forum so we could have discussions. It is not working right on the website. Wants to move the website to a Wordpress site. Wants authorization to move it to that website.
- **Motion to approve this \$53 expenditure. No abstentions or opposition. Motion carries.**

- Julie Farrar no longer wishes to be the Chair of DBSCC. She would like someone to take on that role if they are interested now that we are out of the start-up phase. Looking for nominations by self or others before the next meeting. Will vote on a new chair at the next meeting. The Chair's role: The Chair reviews and modifies the draft agenda a week before the meeting. Marty does the rest of the administrative and communication work.
- Marty left the room for this discussion: The group reviewed the Zim Consulting reimbursement request from 08/31/14. No concerns.
- **Motion: Mark moves and Clif seconds to approve the Zim reimbursement. No abstentions or opposition. Motion carries.**
- **Meeting Adjourned at 3:20 pm.**