



Peoria County Board for the Care and Treatment Of Persons With A Developmental Disability

Members Present: Alyssa Herman
Greg Chance
Joyce Harant
Todd Baker

Members Absent: Andrew Rand, County Board Liaison

Others Present: Amy Roberts, Peoria City/County Health Department
Brian Gulley, Peoria City/County Health Department
Ryan LaCosse, Best Buddies
Flynn Okner, Best Buddies (via Conference Phone)
Amanda Atchley, Camp Big Sky
Julie Schifeling, Easter Seals
Steve Rollins, EP!C
Patti Gratton, CWTC

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 11:01 am by Mr. Baker

Approval of Minutes from May 19, 2021

A motion was made by Mr. Chance to approve the minutes of the May 19, 2021 meeting. Motion was seconded by Ms. Herman. Motion carried (4,0).

2021-2022 Grant Awards

Mr. Gulley clarified from the State's Attorney that the Board could go above what was budgeted, but would have to be paid out in 2022, subject to budget approval by the Peoria County Board. Ms. Harant suggested that since the budget was the same, to keep everything the same, except split the Easterseals amount for the project last year among the other agencies. Mr. Chance stated he was concerned about the amount of increase in EP!C's Job Placement request and he was not comfortable funding the Easter Seals Parent Training project as it was a start-up and is not the best use of public dollars. Mr. Chance did state he is seeing Best Buddies as a start-up and would like to see more investment on their part for this initiative verses public funding of 100%. He would like to give some funding to them to see if they are willing to proceed with a larger investment for that project. Mr. Chance made a motion for the Peoria County Care and Treatment of Persons with a Developmental Disability award grant funding for the 2021-2022 grant period in the following manner:

Camp Big Sky	\$35,000
Easter Seals, Parent Training	\$0
Easter Seals, Early Intervention	\$45,250
CWTC, Job Readiness	\$210,000
CWTC, Adult Day	\$50,000
EP!C, Life Skills	\$265,000
EP!C, Job Placement	\$321,750
Best Buddies, Work Readiness	\$25,000

This would total \$952,000, which is \$83,000 over budget, but can still be managed through the reserve fund and the previous discussion with Mr. Gulley. Motion was seconded by Ms. Herman. Mr. Gulley explained that at the end of this year, the reserve will be at \$576,779 and the way to spend it down is to run a deficit. Mr. Gulley posed the question to the Board of how much money do they want to keep in the reserve fund. Mr. Chance stated it should be money in and money out. Mr. Gulley stated that there needs to be a minimum of \$250,000 to help pay the last quarter, due to the grant year not matching up with the calendar year. Ms. Harant would like to make an amendment to the EPIC, Job Placement from \$321,750 to \$350,000. There was some discussion on why there was an increase and what it specifically would be used for. Mr. Chance made a motion to amend the EPIC, Job Placement from \$321,750 to \$350,000. Motion was seconded by Ms. Herman. Mr. Baker recapped the grant awards.

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Total:	\$980,250

This is \$111,250 over budget. Mr. Gulley stated that language will be added to the contract about the split payments. Mr. Chance suggested that the Chair speak with the County Administrator to let them know what changes have been made. Motion carried (4,0).

Public Comments

CWTC – Patti thanked the Board for all of their support and stated that last year was tough for everyone.

EPIC – Steve stated that Kim was at a different event today and was not able to make it. He stated they appreciate all of the support as well and thanked the Board.

Camp Big Sky – Amanda thanked the Board for their support and informed the Board that Mr. Guidi’s mother has recently passed away and all of her memorial came to the Camp and are appreciate of that. Amanda stated that they had volunteer training going on today as well as the Farmington Police with the K9 Unit. She invited the Board to come out to visit the Camp to see all that it offers.

Easter Seals – Julie thanked the Board for their continued support and are excited about upcoming projects.

Best Buddies – Ryan thanked the Board for their opportunity to showcase what they have to offer. He invited the Board to their Financial Friday lessons. In September they are working on a job fair with Morton Caterpillar and PNC. Also, Tuesday next week at Industry Brewing will be a circle of champions event with like-minded people.

Adjournment

Being no further business, Ms. Herman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Ms. Harant. Motion carried (4,0). The meeting ended at 11:27 am.