

DakotaLink Advisory Council
Quarterly Zoom Meeting
Meeting Notes
September 21, 2022

Members Present: Steve Stewart, Deb Brinkman, Richard Moeller, Kendra Gottsleben

Members Absent: Eric Weiss, Matt Cain, Mollie Keating, Mary Sjerven, Gaye Mattke, Melissa Bothun, Sarah Rush, Lyle Cook, Ted Carrell

Staff Present: Page Hudson, Andrea Steele, Brett Burden

Guests Present: Jordan Trumbo

Meeting Start

Steve called the meeting to order at 9:33 am MT, 10:33 am CST. Lyle Cook and Kendra Gottsleben are new members. Lyle works for Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe. Kendra works for the Center for Disabilities.

Agenda

There were no additions to the draft agenda. Richard motioned to approve the agenda. Kendra seconded.

Additions/Corrections to the June 9th, 2022, meeting notes

There were no corrections to the June 9th meeting notes.

Approval of previous meeting notes

Steve motioned to approve June 9th meeting notes. Richard seconded.

Approval of Modified By-Laws

Richard motioned to approve the modified by-laws. Kendra seconded. The by-laws now state that each executive council member serves for 2 years instead of 1 year.

New Council Officers Reminder

As it was determined at the previous meeting, the new executive committee are as follows. Steve Stewart is Chairperson for 2 years. Richard Moeller is Vice Chairperson for 2 years. Eric Weiss for the Member at Large for 2 years.

Outreach

Page called different agencies and told them we would like to collaborate with them. He has a list of agencies that he contacted that is available upon request. If anyone has an adjustment training center contact, please share it with Page. Melissa said in the previous meeting that she is currently working with her coworkers on how DakotaLink could be more involved with school districts. Since she is not present today Page will reach out to her via email to see how that is going.

Steve wonders what the council wants to do with these agency contacts. He thinks it would be nice if the agencies talked at one of our board meetings. Richard wondered if agencies like the VA would be redundant because we already do business with them. Page replied that we do work with the VA currently, but we would like to enhance the contact. During some discussion, it was decided that Page will ask one agency to talk at each of our board meetings. During each board meeting that we have next year there may be an agency presenting at each of those meetings.

On Thursday 9-22-22 Page will present at the Statewide Independent Living Council's (SILC) annual meeting via zoom. He will just talk about what DakotaLink has been up to recently. Brett Burden, Page Hudson, Joshua Popelka, and James Honomichl will be attending the Fall Conference, which is in Sioux Falls on October 11, 12, & 13. Brett has not extended the KELO commercials out because we are at the end of our budget for the fiscal year, but he will once the next fiscal year starts. Jared Brown in Rapid City attended the Veterans Stand Down September 15, 2022. Jared will do school district training on Oct 7, 2022.

Kendra mentioned there is a South Dakota Conference on Developmental Disabilities held in Sioux Falls at the Convention Center September 6 & 7, 2023. She recommended we consider attending. Brett mentioned DakotaLink will plan on going. DakotaLink will also be at the Special Ed Conference in March 2023.

Steve asked if we have any news on the interviews that the TIE office owes DakotaLink and also the transit ads. Brett replied there is no update on the interviews. It is on Brett's list. Page is still looking into advertising at the transit systems.

2023 Leadership Symposium

Page attends this annually. It is a 3-day event that usually occurs in Washington DC, but it will be done virtually in 2023 on March 28, 29, & 30.

SD Medical Equipment Recycle & Reuse Update

Page has had good communication with the Department of Social Services. Everything with the MERR program has been going smoothly. The Department of Social Services did create some promotional materials and they shared this information about the MERR program on their FaceBook page and Twitter. DakotaLink and other entities can re-share that information.

The AT4ALL website is how we keep track of all of our activities that are required by the AT Grant. The website is run out of Nebraska. We will be getting training on website updates soon.

Richard donated a hospital bed to the MERR program and Brett will deliver it to the MERR program in October when he goes to Sioux Falls for the Fall Conference.

Kendra asked for a copy of the MERR flyer and she said she could share it on Center for Disabilities social media. Page will email it to everyone.

DakotaLink Low-Interest Loan Program

No new applicants since the last meeting.

Next Meeting

The next virtual meeting is set for Wednesday December 7, 9:30 am MT, 10:30 am CST.

Meeting End

Richard motioned to adjourn the meeting. Kendra seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 10:09 am MT, 11:09 am CST.

Notes taken by Andrea Steele