Meeting called to order at 9:00 AM

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<td>Welcome, Introductions and Minutes</td>
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<td>Abbott Philson asked for amendment to 02/09/22 meeting minutes to remove duplicate listing in attendance of Sarah Trites.</td>
<td>Jon made motion to accept minutes with amendment. Sarah 2nd. No objections, passed unanimously by roll call</td>
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<td>Council Orientation/Conflict of</td>
<td>Conflict of Interest Form sent with invite to</td>
<td>Nancy reviewed MDDC and DD Act Conflict of Interest Policy and the importance that everyone complete and return the 2022 Conflict of Interest form by early June. Kim Moody (DRM) commented that the Council must recognize conflict of interest when making decisions as a council.</td>
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<td>Interest</td>
<td>print and fill out / fillable form for email.</td>
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<td>Mailed to Sarah Trites and Maryann Preble</td>
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<td>Program Update</td>
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<td>Rachel and Nancy presented updates to projects under contracts and taking place. A position statement needed on the process for how and who to fund for grants. Rachel presented State Plan and Goals and asked for council feedback on projects: A suggestion was made to promote DD History to Middle School History Teachers and have it used as part of DSP training. Monique stated that SUFU uses the Shadows of Pineland website as part of the SUFU presentation to each agency she visits. Open Futures Learning Website is a learning module website that can be joined and used to learn about options for people with I/DD and the people that work with I/DD people to learn about options and education on issues.</td>
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<td>Council Worry Group Exercise</td>
<td>Reflection / 5 Minutes 3 breakout Rooms / 20 minutes All together / 10 minutes</td>
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CSHN will post a video on their website of Nancy’s presentation on Sexual Assault. Cheryl Stalilonis has been a strong advocate for communication and using the correct words.

The Council went into 3 breakout rooms to discuss concerns of all Council Members on current activities and what things need to be worked on for projects:

Nancy’s Room

Marriage equality
Transportation
I have to take a cab instead of bus access. The bus access has changed the routes and cabs are a lot more money. They used to come and do pick ups in a way I could get to the bus stop

Staff Changes: Worried about staff changes supportive housing worried that affecting your life. Will I be able to volunteer and contribute or will I be sitting alone. What if they don’t get good people. Hard not knowing what is going to happen.

BHP changes and if you don’t get one within 60 days you go back to the waitlist. The shift of BHPs are really scary.

Also worried about access to healthcare. Developmental Pediatricians are really not accepting teens but focusing on early intervention, but transition and adolescent healthcare is critical

Really struggling to get my kid what he needs to ensure that he can grow to be as independent as possible.

Children’s waitlist is terrible. Finding the staff people is a nightmare. These are real concerns.

I’m seeing things affect others in my daily life. Transportation is cancelling rides. In group homes your roommate might have a ride but you might not. Really inequitable services. Day programs have had to cut down the number
of people that can be in person. They have been told that we will go black soon – but when will that happen? It affects peoples lives when staff goes on vacation or are ill and when there is fill-in staff it creates stress and strain on the individual because things get out of hand.

Continued access to technology.

Restraint and seclusion is awful

Waitlist -
Have things gotten better regarding COVID? 50/50. DSP doesn’t want to work and others seem to not want to work.
Worried about masks and people not wearing them when others are so vulnerable

Rachel’s Room
Healthcare
Providers not following guidelines re high risk covid
Inconsistency with communication access: no you can’t come in, once you’re in they rely on you 100%
Lack of respect from providers
DRM working on health equity and inclusion of disability
NCD new report

R&S
Ongoing use
Lack of training by providers (who are restraining)

Education
Covid related disparities
Inequity of families on all levels at schools: lack of information, lack of following the law

Inclusion
Lack of expectation of inclusion in many systems (schools, services)
Lack of capacity to support children w/ needs (i.e. how does the coach even know that the child needs something different?)
Brenda’s Room
Lack of staffing in group homes and adult/child home care reduces quality of care. Participation of caregivers/parents with adult children are not welcomed to weigh in on plans and receive 30 day notices to make other arrangements. Adults need more options.
Wait listing for housing is too long, some on list for housing for 2 years. Jumping through hoops for waiver services, advice on which waiver fits and how to apply.
The acceptance of below minimum services. Services need to improve and hold higher standards of care. Employer/Employee relationships need improvement. Employers and not keeping employees happy causing high turn over and low morale.
Lack of training for DSP, lack of support in the field, DSP’s have no resources.
Person centered supports for staff/family plans need to be prioritized and more communication
People with I/DD have no autonomy due transportation/support to volunteer/community inclusion
People with I/DD being excluded from Emergency Management planning including the pandemic.
Parents/families individuals being excluded due to cost of living in areas that provide the best resources.
Highlight goals with Provider even if there is no staff to help to keep in the forefront.
Sex Education for those with I/DD

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<td>Jon reported on status of membership. 4 seats need to be filled by September and nominations for renewal need to be made.</td>
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<td>Nancy announced that the Council has a new bookkeeper – Sarah and she is exceptional. Nancy reviewed the budget and funds that are allocated.</td>
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<td><strong>Nomination Committee</strong></td>
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<td><strong>September 14th Meeting In Person- Arboretum</strong></td>
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**Attendance:** Abbott Philson, Cheryl Stalilonis, Deb Davis, Denise Ranger, Jean Youde, Jon McGovern, Kile Pelletier, Kristine Binette, Kim Moody, Maggie Hoffman, Marc Riox, Maria Lamb, Maryann Harkall, Maryann Preble, Monique Stairs, Nicole Achey, Sarah Trites, Staci Converse, Stacy Smart, Sue Russell, Tracey Web, Esther Solberge (Guest), Ann Kline (Focus Group), Miranda Whalen (Guest for Focus Group)

**Staff members attending:** Nancy Cronin, Rachel Dyer, Brenda Charneski
Members absent: Cheryl Hathaway, Craig Patterson, Elissa Wynne, Laurie Corbett, Robbie Garland, Roberta Lucas

Quorum present? Yes

Next meetings date and time:

July 13th, 2022 8:30 AM – 11:00 PM
September 14th, 2022 8:30 AM – 11:00 PM