



**St. Louis Office for Developmental Disability Resources**  
**Minutes of the Program Committee**  
**April 16, 2020**

**Board Members Present by phone:**

Cynthia Mueller, Committee Chairperson  
Nina North-Murphy

William (Bill) Siedhoff  
Sherry Wibbenmeyer

**Staff Members Present by phone:**

Shaelene Plank, Executive Director  
Nate Head, Senior Agency Relations Representative

Ebony Young, Agency Relations Representative

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Cynthia Mueller called the meeting to order at 4:03pm. Meeting participants were present by teleconference or by phone due to the COVID-19 pandemic and stay-at-home order. The call-in number was published with the agenda, but there were no guests from the public who participated in the call.

Program Committee met to review requests made by agencies related to the COVID-19 pandemic. The committee first reviewed the funding request made by House of Pais. We have had numerous conversations with Mr. Cooper to clarify the specifics of this request. The amount requested is \$6,904. The committee discussed the specifics of the request and determined that none of the requests are appropriate. Nina made a motion to deny the funding request from House of Pais and Bill Siedhoff seconded the motion. All in favor, and the motion passed unanimously. The committee did agree to let them have DD Resources' old conference phone that was compatible with our old phone system and that we no longer use.

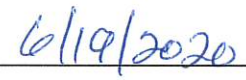
Nate Head reported on services provided by the Recreation Council. Rec Council operates through a voucher program and many camps have been canceled already. Rec Council is proposing to use voucher money to purchase technology so that people can participate in social activities virtually. This would include things such as tablets, hot spots, data plans etc. They are collaborating with several different agencies to identify who needs the technology and services. They are estimating 30 devices for City consumers. They are working within their current budget and collecting data on the effort. They may consider continuing to provide virtual services after the pandemic which would be good for individuals that don't have transportation. We discussed that the proposal from the Recreation Council is utilizing their current award and not asking for more funds, collaborating with other agencies, thinking through things and presenting a well thought out plan. The committee was pleased with this proposal and would like to hear an update in the near future about how this is working.

The St. Louis Arc initially asked for an increase in habilitation units at the outbreak of COVID-19. Once we announced that we would be giving agencies their full award amounts, the Arc said that they may not need additional units and would monitor their usage and give us updates. They will update us again in mid-May and might make a request for more units at that time.

We may have a request from LifeBridge in the future as STL Public schools will not be offering extended school year this summer so LifeBridge may want to offer something in its place. They will let us know once they get more information from the schools. We will have to schedule another program committee meeting if they make a request.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:27pm.

  
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Cynthia Mueller, Secretary

  
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