



St. Louis Office for Developmental Disability Resources
Minutes of the Program Committee
February 15, 2024

Board Members Present:

Cynthia Mueller, Committee Chairperson
Sherry Wibbenmeyer

Nina North-Murphy

Board Members Absent: None

Staff Members Present:

Shaelene Plank, Executive Director
Nate Head, Director of Agency & Community Relations
Samantha Montgomery, Director of Service Coordination

Ebony Young, Agency Relations Representative
Rachel Shapiro, Executive Assistant

Guests Present: None

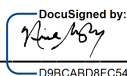
The meeting was called to order by Cynthia Mueller at 3:59 pm.

- New funding requests to date
 - a. Received close to \$1 million in requests for new projects.
 - b. Some new funding requests include:
 - i. Lafayette Habilitation Center for facility improvements
 - ii. KVC MO (formerly Great Circle) would like support for their respite facility in Webster Groves.
 - iii. MUNY requested help in making accessible spaces (live captioning software).
 - iv. Navigate STL Schools is requesting to build a digital video campaign providing families with resources to navigate the special Ed process in the city.
 - v. Horizon Housing is partnering with Gateway Housing First to investigate creating a tiny home neighborhood, which would include supportive services for two years. They also wish to bring on an LCSW to support families for two years.
 - vi. The Jewish Community Center for summer day camps.
 - vii. The Miriam School in St. Louis County (which we cannot fund) wanted to develop a therapy garden.
 - viii. Promise Community Homes (formerly Rainbow Village) for work on their property.
 - ix. Starkloff Disability Institute for their afterschool/summer Dream Big Program for transition age students.
 - c. Nate will get all the new applications out to the committee by the next week.
- Midyear funding requests – Nate Head, Director of Agency & Community Relations
 - a. Received mid-year requests from five agencies:
 - i. Variety The Children’s Charity for adaptive equipment to serve 20 more children in FY24. Staff recommends \$25,000.
 - ii. The Center for Specialized Services for adaptive equipment projects for two existing individuals and potentially additional projects this fiscal year. They also requested additional FY24 funding to support 45 individuals. Staff recommends \$15,000.
 - iii. St. Louis ARC requested an additional 300 units to support the growth of their supported employment program. 80% of their FY24 award has been expended. Staff recommends an additional 200 units.
 - iv. Recreation Council requested an additional \$10,000 to offset additional costs to attend summer camp. Their underutilization of their FY23 award does not lead us to believe they would need an

increase in FY24. They have enough within their current award to move it around to support camp vouchers. Staff does not recommend additional funding.

- v. AAAD asked us to sponsor their conference. We sponsored for \$3000 last year. We will negotiate with them because we do not need an ad; Would prefer another person attend.
- b. We have spoken to Lisa about all these awards. There is no budget issue.
- c. **Sherry Wibbenmeyer moved to accept all staff recommendations for mid-year funding. Nina North Murphy seconded the motion. All voted in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.**
- Emergency Funding Request from Worth Industries – Shaelene Plank, Executive Director
 - a. Worth Industries needs a new electric pallet jack (essential for their production). Cost is \$5500. Could come out of our contingency fund (\$60K left for remainder of fiscal year). The pricing and additional information was included in the committee packet. Staff recommended funding.
 - b. **Nina North Murphy moved to grant Worth Industries \$5,000 in emergency funding for a new pallet jack. Sherry Wibbenmeyer seconded the motion. All voted in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.**
- FY25 Program Planning
 - a. We anticipate recommending \$6.4 million to renew currently funded projects: 47 projects with no significant changes but will include a 5% COLA adjustment, 5 projects will request an increase to support growth, 19 projects will be recommended for funding reductions based on past usage, and probably 3 projects will not be recommended for funding based on past performance.
 - b. We have received over 10 requests for new projects (6 from organizations not previously funded by us).
- TCM Updates
 - a. Stabilization pilot program introduced in early January. Hoping to stabilize individuals who are at risk of losing their residential provider. A psychiatric nurse practitioner is working with Dr. Stanislaus to provide immediate intensive in-home safety services to stabilize those persons. Two people are already in the pilot program.
 - b. Samantha is co-chairing a workgroup through MACDDS regarding service deserts. We do not have some services in the city. Denise Cross (ED at DDRB) is assisting with this project. Geroge Gotto at UMKC is working on a potential grant proposal so we can research the issue. Our goal is to work on a network across the state or form some sort of in-person hub where all these services can be available.
 - c. Linkage Project – In coordination with the CDC, we are working with UMKC to close the gaps on health disparities across the state. Continuing the onboarding process and have all our participants lined up. Should start within the next two weeks. Will meet with people and complete their assessments, set health goals, enroll in a health plan. We get \$25K this year and \$40K each following year for participating.
 - d. HRST –they are pausing the implementation. The tool was extraordinarily long and tedious, and it was not modified. It is more geared for nurses. We got our non-waiver HRST people done and decided to pause with everyone else.
 - e. MAAS – (assessment that replaced the MOCABI). The system kept crashing but it is back and ready to go. We can only schedule for a residential waiver or a crisis situation.

Call for a motion to adjourn (Cynthia Mueller) – Nina North Murphy moved to adjourn. Cynthia Mueller seconded the motion. All voted in favor. None opposed. The meeting was adjourned at 4:49 pm.

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Nina North Murphy, Secretary

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