



Meeting Minutes
April 7, 2020
Planning and Grants (P&G) Committee

DISCUSSION:

1. Joelle called the meeting to order at 11:34
2. Goal is to achieve four things:
 - By the end of May the Council has to make a decision to obligate \$500,000.
 - Way the funds are obligated should line up with the 2017-2021 Five Year Plan.
 - Goal is to have choices when voting so at the full Council meeting members have options.
 - Today only trying to get schedule of obligating money in line to ensure there is enough time for members to consider various objections and have options when voting.
3. Notices: Some of the leadership programs were under performing. Crisis Intervention grant is under performing in terms of match. Gaps in grants and want to show progress on grants. Want to really look at the new grants to make sure we have a good mix of early childhood, agency or organizational leadership.
4. Voting Items:
 - **The Planning and Grants Committee is being asked for support to make a change to our 2017-2021 five-year plan.** The plan tells the public and the federal government about how the Council will use time and money to advocate for inclusion and integration. The reasons you are being asked to change the plan are to: Implement a recommendation in the technical assistance action plan. Empower the Council to report the emergency preparedness outcomes clearly and in a compliant manner.
 - Approve voting item to change in Five Year Plan. Peggy made the motion. Mariah seconded. Membership approved.
 - **Demonstration Project: Accessible Emergency Information and Isolation Reduction:** Proposed Investment: \$20,000
 - The current public health concern created by COVID 19 and the associated requirement to shelter in place, highlight the barriers Coloradans with intellectual and developmental disabilities face to receiving important information in accessible formats as things are changing quickly. Many people without developmental disabilities are depending to a greater degree on technology solutions to remain productive and connected with friends and family during this time. There are few, if any opportunities, widely available for people with developmental disabilities to do the same. We want to change that through a pilot project that will make a truly accessible desktop available to people with intellectual disabilities that will make it easy to get current Covid 19 info, self-advocacy resources, and email access to friends and family easy to use.
 - 500 licenses will be accessible for desktop (laptops, desktops, and if approved.
 - This item would fall under goal two and goal four of the Five Year Plan.
 - Questions:
 1. How will the grantee provide outcomes to the Council?
 2. Is there a way to access who the users are? And the matrix of usage?
 3. The grant states this service only works with Microsoft applications. Do we know if it will work with Apple products?

- 4. Will the users be able to access information only for the life of the grant, or forever?
 - This item would fall under goal two and goal four of the Five Year Plan.
 - Cami made motion to approve \$20,000 with collaboration with Coleman Institute and Able Link with contingent to add outcomes provided by the grantee. Angie seconded. Membership approved.
- **Education for foster parents of the youngest students:** \$75,000 and up
 - Meets Goal 3, Objective 1 and Goal 1, Objective 2.
 - The grantee will develop and deliver training based on best practices that:
 1. Raise participant awareness of the increased risk of and harm associated with suspension and expulsion for Colorado's youngest students.
 2. Educate participants about how to implement effective advocacy strategies, if and when their students are facing suspension or expulsion.
 3. Prepare participants to engage with educators or school staff to advocate for the development and implementation of thorough Individual Education Plans (IEP).
 - Peggy made motion to approve with modification of "Up T0" \$75,000. Mariah seconded. Membership approved.
- **Supportive Self-Advocacy Training for Transition-Age Young Men with Intellectual or Developmental Disabilities who are involved in the school to prison pipeline:** Proposed Amount \$50,000
 - The grantee will recruit and support young men with intellectual or developmental disabilities plus behavioral health concern to demonstrate they have learned advocacy and leadership skills by developing and pursuing a constructive individual goal to increase their inclusion and integration into the community at large.
 - Peggy asked about female populations. Would it be worth it to do another proposal to for female only?
 1. One option could be to replace "males" with "youth" then whoever bids can decide how the training will look and
 - Peggy made the motion to go forward. Cami seconded. Membership approved.
- **HB-1194 Data Analysis and Webinars: Proposed Investment:** \$45,000
 - The purpose of this project is to commission a professional, independent, academic analysis of the data, and a report highlighting key findings (produced in Spanish and English).
 - With the passage last session of HB1194, all state-funded preschools, school districts and BOCES are required, for the first time this year, to report data to the State Board of Education, regarding instances when students enrolled in Colorado state-funded preschools, kindergarten, first or second grade are suspended or expelled during the reporting period. According to Colorado Revised Statute, the State Board of education cannot waive this requirement (that may mean the requirement stands despite Covid 19).
 - Peggy made the motion to move forward. Cami second. Dina abstained. Membership approved.
- **Supporting Colorado Families to Develop Personal Networks for Transition Age Youth:** Proposed Investment: \$80,000
 - The purpose of the project is to recruit, educate and support 15 to 20 Colorado families to help their transition-age students with intellectual and developmental disabilities to:
 - Understand what a personal network
 - Explore the potential such a network holds for supporting successful transitions to adulthood,
 - Undertake the work of developing such a network
 - Request For Project (RFP) would be done.
 - Need to add that the grantee will provide outcomes to Council in the proposal.
 - Also add developmental disabilities in the proposal.
 - Peggy made motion to move forward. Angie seconded. Membership approved.

5. Committee approved to present the Council with \$273,000 fund proposals.
 6. The following members agreed to be part of this committee: Peggy, Dina, Angie, Cami, and Mariah. Will have more regularly scheduled meetings.
 7. Paulette removed herself as chair. Peggy was grateful for the work and leadership that Paulette did as committee chair and on the Council.
 8. No public comment.
 9. Meeting adjourned at 1:25 pm.
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ACTION ITEMS:

1. For the May meeting, Joelle will have the document per Dina's request.
2. Committee will schedule more regularly meetings.
3. Provide the roles of staff verses the role of committee members.
4. Committee chair elections needed.

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Present: Peggy Spaulding, Angela (Angie) Moss, Cami Renfrow, Dina Johnson, Mariah Gillaspie

Absent: N/A

Staff: Joelle Brouner, Mackenzie Helton, Vanessa Hernandez

Guests: N/A

NEXT MEETING: May 6, 2020 11:00 am until 12:00 pm