

DISABILITY SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, February 2, 2016

DSAC Members Present: Mike Volpe, Chair; Suzanne Brean, Vice Chair; Rusty Burton, Jan Molnar-Fitzgerald, Pete Rickey and Edythe James.

Guests Suzette Boydston, Doris Lamb, Teri Jefferson, Cathy Savage and Barbara Turrill.

Members Absent: Tim Malone, Lee Lazaro and Jann Glenn.

Staff: Dave Toler, Ann Johnson, Sue Smith and Terri Sharpe.

- 1) Mike Volpe called the meeting to order at 1:42 p.m. Introductions were made including guests.
- 2) Approval of Minutes:
 - **ACTION:** Pete Rickey moved to approve the DSAC January 5, 2016 minutes. Rusty Burton seconded. Motion carried.
- 3) Chair's Report (Mike Volpe, DSAC Chair):
 - Mike is trying to help the Disability Services Advisory Council (DSAC) in becoming more active in the hopes that it will bring them closer together. Mike and Rusty Burton have been members of DSAC for a number of years in which Mike felt they were much closer and more active in the past. Mike would like to have a standing membership committee that consisted of three DSAC members that would meet on an as needed basis to talk about new members. Suzanne Brean volunteered to be on the committee. Doris Lamb stated that she has targeted three people in regards to DSAC that will be joining them at the March meeting as guests. Rusty also invited a guest to the next meeting.
 - DSAC currently has nine members which is a great increase compared to a year ago. However, Mike would like to increase the familiarity and closeness of the Council members in all three counties. Dave Toler suggested giving the DSAC some team building exercises that would build trust and comradery between the members. Toledo was for this but also suggested to extend time between the meetings giving everyone more time to visit with each other or possibly a longer lunch break. There were concerns with time commitments for the meetings going longer than what they are already scheduled for. It was decided that the March DSAC meeting would be scheduled for an hour and Dave would bring a team building exercise of his choice for the DSAC members to do.

4) Project Homeless Connect (Doris Lamb):

Doris Lamb provided an update on Project Homeless Connect. The turnout was successful even though the date was moved from October to January. There were approximately 150 homeless people that attended the event as well as a great turnout of service providers. The food was wonderful with a lot of teamwork involved. Everyone seemed very pleased with the services. The event was open to everyone; vets, homeless, singles and families.

5) Information Sharing (All):

- Rusty stated that he has never seen any advertised disability services in the paper. Suzette stated that this was something that Senior and Disability Services Director, Dave Toler needed to bring forward to the COG's Executive Director, Fred Abousleman.

6) Adjournment:

- The DSAC Meeting was adjourned at 2:02 p.m.
- The Meeting minutes were recorded by Terri Sharpe.
- The next meeting will be on March 1, 2016.