



**Minnesota Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

September 16, 2021
9:00 am – 9:30 am
Zoom Meeting

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

Lee Shervheim, Chair of the Council
Dan Reed, Vice Chair of the Council
Lisa Emmert, Chair, Grant Review Committee
Brittanie Hernandez-Wilson, Vice Chair, Grant Review Committee
Garrett Petrie, Chair, Public Policy Committee
Reid Scheller, Vice Chair, Public Policy Committee

STAFF PRESENT

Colleen Wieck
Paul Nevin

I. CALL TO ORDER

Lee Shervheim called the meeting to order at 9:02 am.

II. AGENDA

Shervheim reviewed the agenda and thanked the members for attending this special meeting.

MOTION: Hernandez-Wilson moved, seconded by Emmert to approve the agenda. Shervheim then proceeded with a roll call vote. Emmert, Hernandez-Wilson, Petrie, and Scheller all responded in the affirmative. Motion carried.

III. COUNCIL MEMBER EXPENSES

The Council will host an Open House on October 13, 2021. Admin's General Counsel recommended that approval of council member expenses be authorized prior to the event since it is a special activity and not a regular Council meeting.

MOTION: Shervheim moved, seconded by Emmert to authorize Council member expenses and per diem for those members who attend the October 13, 2021 Open House. Shervheim then proceeded with a roll call vote. Reed, Emmert, Hernandez-Wilson, Petrie, and Scheller all responded in the affirmative. Motion carried.

IV. PUERTO RICO REALLOCATION

The federal government has reallocated funds from Puerto Rico because their Council did not spend its allocation. Minnesota received \$25,794.00. Of that amount 70% should be designated for a program goal. Shervheim noted that the Ambassadors for Respect program has had requests to replicate the program in additional schools. He also recommended that we round off the amount of additional funds allocated for this program goal. These funds must be encumbered by September 30, 2021 because they were added to the FFY 2021 allocation.

MOTION: Shervheim moved, seconded by Reed to add \$20,000.00 to the PeaceMaker Minnesota grant to expand the Ambassadors for Respect program. Shervheim then proceeded with a roll call vote. Reed, Emmert, Hernandez-Wilson, Petrie, and Scheller all responded in the affirmative. Motion carried.

V. VACCINATION FUNDING DISCUSSION

The federal government provided an additional \$65,307.00 for vaccination efforts to reach people with developmental disabilities.

Emmert described the discussions to date. The Council could try to award the funds to a DD Network partner such as the Minnesota Disability Law Center. Another option is for the Council to create a request for proposal for mini grants of \$5,000 each to community organizations to increase the vaccination rate of individuals with developmental disabilities. The staff members were asked to keep studying the options.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Shervheim asked for a motion to adjourn.

MOTION: Shervheim moved, seconded by Emmert to adjourn the meeting. Shervheim then proceeded with a roll call vote. Reed, Emmert, Hernandez-Wilson, Petrie and Scheller all responded in the affirmative. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:19 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Wieck
Executive Director