

<b>MINUTES</b>	Wednesday, August 25, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.	
<b>Disability Awareness and Accessibility Review Board Meeting</b>	City Hall Commission Room 224 W. 9 <sup>th</sup> Street Sioux Falls, South Dakota or by teleconference at 1-408-418-9388, Access Code 187 118 6391##	

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Tana Zwart, Morgan Jackson, Sarah Jorgensen, Nicholas Kummer, Kati Seymour, Delores Lipp, Cathleen Zepeda. Carolyn Ly-Donovan not present.  
**STAFF PRESENT:** Sharla Svennes, Lyndsey Meier, Elise Haugaard.

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**CALL TO ORDER**

A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 4:01 p.m.

**ADOPT THE AGENDA**

A motion was made by Jorgenson and seconded by Kummer to adopt agenda. Motion passed by a vote of 6-0.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Jorgensen and seconded by Jackson to approve the minutes from July 2021 meeting. Motion passed by a vote of 6-0.

**PUBLIC INPUT**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- A. **Guest Speaker: Edie Kavanagh & Brian Mulder, Volunteers of America:** Mulder provided history about VOA services. VOA started in Sioux Falls in 1994 under the Janklow administration. VOA provides a multitude of services including behavioral health; children, youth, and families; homelessness; and intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD). Kavanagh and Mulder spoke about IDD services and the two programs that VOA offers: Family Support 360 and CHOICES. Kavanagh oversees the Family Support 360 Program which provides service coordination and financial assistance to families with individuals with developmental disabilities who live at home. This is a coordinated, contracted effort with the State of South Dakota Division of Developmental Disabilities. There are approximately 200 individuals in the program receiving services which allows them to continue living in their homes. Family Support providers often provide emotional support helping families navigate challenging and difficult situations. Kavanagh shared that there is an extensive waiting list for the Family Support Program, but families are always encouraged to apply.

CHOICES offers day services as well as residential services. Day services include job training, career exploration, and educational opportunities. Residential services are provided to adolescents and adults who have developmental disabilities and behavioral/emotional or

psychiatric disorders. Mulder said 75% of the population in their CHOICES program have been placed in four or more previous placements prior to VOA. Furthermore, approximately 85% have four or more mental health diagnoses in addition to their developmental disabilities. This program serves individuals who have not found success in other programs and it is often considered the last stop before institutionalization. VOA has 139 direct support workers.

- B. **Welcoming of New Members:** Delores Lipp and Cathleen Zepeda have joined the Board and introduced themselves. They will be a great addition to serving the city of Sioux Falls.
- C. **Officer Elections:** Seymour motioned to elect Zwart as Chair and Jorgensen as Vice Chair. Jackson seconded and motion passed 6-0. Zwart motioned to elect Jackson as Secretary. Jorgensen seconded and motion passed 6-0.
- D. **Update from Marketing, Education, and Public Needs Committee; Artability Discussion.** Jorgensen provided update on Artability which is scheduled for April 1, 2022. The Board plans on renting the Museum of Material Arts for a four-hour window to host the two-hour event, allowing an hour on each end for set up and tear down. MoMA contract is under review and awaiting signature. Zwart is working on programing for the Call to Art and intends on having this done by the next meeting for the Board to review. Discussed planning efforts and Jorgensen will bring list of local organizations next month to disperse between members for outreach. Seymour suggested creating programs to help identify and communicate with artists which the Board agreed. Zepeda indicated she would like to join the committee.
- E. **Update from Transition Plan and Self-Evaluation Committee.** No update at this time.

#### **READING OF COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD**

None.

#### **REPORT OF ADA COORDINATOR**

Discussed change of venue which the Board indicated has been favorable. Also discussed communications with BRN in regard to our Disability Friendly Awards; Meier will continue to notify Board of upcoming presentations.

#### **OPEN BOARD DISCUSSION**

None at this time.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Seymour and seconded by Jorgensen to adjourn meeting. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

#### **NEXT MEETING**

September 22, 2021

Respectfully submitted,

Lyndsey Meier  
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