

Minutes
Developmental Disabilities Resource Board of Directors
Finance and Services Committee Meeting
February 18, 2020

The **Finance and Services Committees** met on February 18, 2020 at 4:00 pm at the DDRB office. The meeting was called to order by Finance Committee Chairman, Thomas Bradley. Present at the meeting were Thomas Bradley, Pat Schoenrade, Alan Naylor and Sonja Bennett. Also present was Anita Hartman with Center for Human Services.

Present was Anne Hochstein, Vice President Careers with Job One. The purpose of the meeting was to review the funding application from Job One (JO). Ann prepared a PowerPoint presentation for the committees. A copy of that presentation is attached to the minutes. She provided a history of Job One in Jackson County. They operate workshops in Jackson County and began providing Supported Employment and Employment services to individuals in 2014.

In May of 2019 Job One Careers was asked to assist Life Unlimited to stabilize their Employment Program after the loss of its staff. Anne explained that during that time relationships developed naturally with the staff at the North Kansas City VR office and Job One Careers was asked to start taking referrals from them when the contract with Life Unlimited ended in October of 2019. Job One Careers began accepting referrals from the North Kansas City office in November of 2019 and have had several referrals since that time.

The program goals are to establish a physical location to provide Supported Employment Services to adults with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities in Clay county. Once an office is established, they will start providing Supported Employment Services during calendar year 2020 with referrals from Missouri Vocational Rehabilitation and Missouri Department of Mental Health. The goal is to serve a minimum of 25 Clay county residents with ID/DD during calendar year 2020. They would provide those services in a timely manner with a goal of 7 business days between authorization date and first client contact.

Tom asked if the program would compete with other programs already established in the community such as Vocational Services. Anne explained that she thought VSI was working more with people who are employed with the workshop and want to move out into community employment. She said that Aaron Martin, Job One President, knew Randy Hylton well and would reach out to him to provide assurances if the board approves their expansion. Anita said that VSI does not do any billing for Medicaid eligible clients or services. She also said that having more providers in Clay county was a plus as everyone is provided with a list of providers and free to choose.

Pat Schoenrade said that from the Services Committee perspective the need for this program has been established and the committee feels that Job One has defined the program well and demonstrated confidence. The Services Committee will recommend the program to the full board.

They submitted a funding application to DDRB. The DDRB support as outlined in the proposal will allow JO to lease an office space in Clay county and execute their expansion plan. They will designate an Employment Specialist to work with individuals in Clay county with support from one of their Senior Employment Specialists. They propose to add a part-time administrative staff person to assist with office coverage and administrative needs who will work out of the northland office. They propose to grow the

northland team as the case load grows to expand our services in Clay and Platte counties as they have in Jackson county.

Tom said that the funding application was completed properly and adequately defines the need and supports the requested amount of \$26,000. Tom said that while this request falls outside the normal budgeting process, the amount requested is within the available funds and he will recommend the program to the full board for approval.

The committees requested Anne present this same presentation to the full board on February 25 with their recommendation to fund.

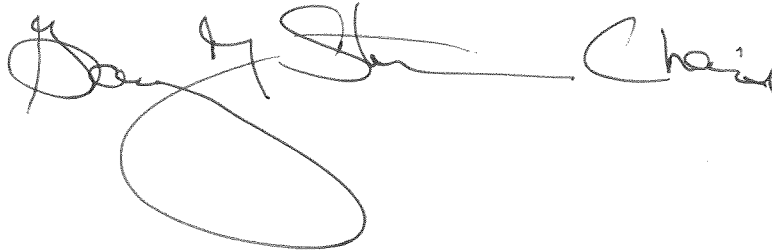
With no further business, the Committees adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:
Sonja Bennett, February 20, 2020

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