

Minutes
Developmental Disabilities Resource Board of Directors
Board Meeting
December 10, 2021

The **DDRB Board** met on December 10, 2021, at 6:30 PM in person and by Zoom Conference. The meeting was called to order by Board Committee Chairman Stephen Elliott. Present at the meeting, in addition to Steve Elliott were Gary Steinman, James Gottstein, Rick White, Janet White, and Alan Naylor.

Guests included:

Brea Connett with Northland Early Education Center
Amy Castillo, Suzi Wiley, and Mike Coffey with Ability KC
Cassidi Jobe with Summit Future Foundations
Jim Huffman with Life Unlimited

Agency Funding Applications

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Agency Funding Requests

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Ability KC –Aging and Life Transitions Program

Suzi Wiley explained the Aging and Life Transition Project *is* to provide home modification consultations. It is geared to provide in home consultations for individuals experiencing age related changes, or the need for home mods due to moving to a less restrictive environment and need modifications for increased independence, or life transition such as ‘kiddo is getting bigger’ and family can no longer carry/lift him. The funding request includes the ability to train staff and family for equipment acquired, i.e., use of the transfer style tub bench, how to use a lift, etc. This allows all the waiver dollars to go toward the equipment or home modifications. The waiver is not set up to provide the staff and family training; but the DDRB funding can help provide that when needed. AB KC has identified 30 Clay County residents who might benefit from this program. This is a new program for DDRB. **The total funding request for the Aging and Life Transition Project is \$17,527.78.**

Stephen Elliott motioned the Board to approve \$17,527.78 for the ABKC Aging and Life Transition Project. Janet White provided a second to the motion. The motion passed by a majority 7 to 1 roll call vote.

Northland Early Education Center

Rick White advised the board that the Finance Committee had reviewed the funding request from Northland Early Education Center. Brea Connett had advised the Board earlier that she

was having difficulties recruiting and retaining staff due to the \$15 per hour currently offered by some retailers. The funding request from NEEC, at the minimum, represents a 50% increase over the prior year due to funding an increase in wages.

Rick advised the Committee had reviewed four (4) funding options. The base options begin with funding at the 2021 level. The logic being that there is no increase in Schedule B expenses and Income remains flat. The Committee is presenting two options to the Board for review.

Option One funds an increase to \$15 per hour for all full-time and part-time teacher assistant. **The total funding request for Option One is \$783,804.63.**

Option 1 - Base Funding is Actual Funding for 2021 - Funding an increase to \$15 for all Full and Part Time Teacher Assistants							
	Total	Early Education Program	Physical Therapy	Occupational Therapy	Speech & Language Pathology	Special Instruction	Before/After School Program
DDRB Total Paid Services in 2021	\$ 525,782.12	\$ 392,646.00	\$ 25,765.80	\$ 20,353.41	\$ 21,672.74	\$ 11,490.17	\$ 53,854.00
Other County Allocation for 2021	\$ 47,900.33	\$ 32,921.98	\$ 4,516.78	\$ 4,653.15	\$ 1,215.69	\$ 4,592.73	\$ -
Total Funding for 2021	\$ 573,682.45	\$ 425,567.98	\$ 30,282.58	\$ 25,006.56	\$ 22,888.43	\$ 16,082.90	\$ 53,854.00
2022 Payroll Increase for TA/PTA to achieve \$15 per hour	\$ 226,005.93	\$ 194,805.93	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 31,200.00
Additional 14% for FICA, ETC On Increase	\$ 31,640.83	\$ 27,272.83	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,368.00
Unfunded	\$ 831,329.21	\$ 647,646.74	\$ 30,282.58	\$ 25,006.56	\$ 22,888.43	\$ 16,082.90	\$ 89,422.00
Total Number of Units		41696	2631	2216	2690	1333	8400
Unit Cost		\$ 15.53	\$ 11.51	\$ 11.28	\$ 8.51	\$ 12.06	\$ 10.65
Clay County (DD Units)		39398	2302	1995	2354	1111	8400
Other County (DD Units)		2298	329	222	336	222	0
Clay County Funding Request	\$783,804.63	\$ 611,949.68	\$ 26,497.26	\$ 22,505.90	\$ 20,027.38	\$ 13,402.42	\$ 89,422.00
Other County Funding Request	\$47,524.58	\$ 35,697.06	\$ 3,785.32	\$ 2,500.66	\$ 2,861.05	\$ 2,680.48	\$ -

Option Two funds an increase to \$15 per hour for all full-time and part-time teacher assistants and increases the wages for lead teachers as requested in the funding application. **The total funding request for Option Two is \$814,644.96.**

Option 2 - Base Funding is Actual Funding for 2021 -Funding an increase to \$15 for all Full and Part Time Teacher Assistants and the Increases for Lead Teachers							
	Total	Early Education Program	Physical Therapy	Occupational Therapy	Speech & Language Pathology	Special Instruction	Before/After School Program
DDRB Total Paid Services in 2021	\$ 525,782.12	\$ 392,646.00	\$ 25,765.80	\$ 20,353.41	\$ 21,672.74	\$ 11,490.17	\$ 53,854.00
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Total Funding for 2021	\$ 573,682.45	\$ 425,567.98	\$ 30,282.58	\$ 25,006.56	\$ 22,888.43	\$ 16,082.90	\$ 53,854.00
2022 Payroll Increase for TA/PTA to achieve \$15 per hour and Increases for Lead Teachers	\$ 254,636.94	\$ 223,436.94	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 31,200.00
Additional 14% for FICA, ETC On Increase	\$ 35,649.17	\$ 31,281.17	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,368.00
Unfunded	\$ 863,968.56	\$ 680,286.09	\$ 30,282.58	\$ 25,006.56	\$ 22,888.43	\$ 16,082.90	\$ 89,422.00
Total Number of Units		41696	2631	2216	2690	1333	8400
Unit Cost		\$ 16.32	\$ 11.51	\$ 11.28	\$ 8.51	\$ 12.06	\$ 10.65
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Clay County Funding Request	\$814,644.96	\$ 642,790.01	\$ 26,497.26	\$ 22,505.90	\$ 20,027.38	\$ 13,402.42	\$ 89,422.00
Other County Funding Request	\$49,323.60	\$ 37,496.08	\$ 3,785.32	\$ 2,500.66	\$ 2,861.05	\$ 2,680.48	\$ -

The Board members discussed the details of both options. Rick White motioned the Board to approve Option Two in the amount of \$814,644.97. Janet White provided a second. The measure was put to a roll call vote with the outcome being four (4) in favor and four (4) opposed. The motion did not pass. After further discussion, motioned the board to approve option number one in the amount of \$783,804.63. With the outcome being six in favor and two opposed. The motion passed **approving NEEC funding for 2022 for a total of \$783 804.63.**

Board Owned Property Committee

Ridgeway House Railing

Alan Naylor presented the additional information requested by the Board for the railing and down the steps at the Ridgeway House. Kuhlman Construction presented a bid of \$4806 noting the materials carry a lifetime warranty with a limited five-year warranty due to weather. The materials to be used by Edge Rail carry a one-year warranty. That bid was presented in the amount of \$3729.69. Rick White motioned the board to approve the bid presented by Kuhlman Construction in the amount of \$4806. Janet White provided a second to the motion. The measure was put to a roll call vote with the outcome being seven (7) in favor and one (1) opposed.

With no further business and no guest comments, Stephen Elliott adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Sonja Bennett,
Administrative Director
January 10, 2022