



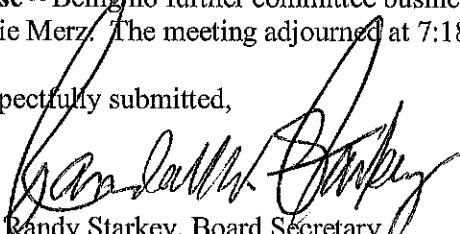
**MINUTES OF THE DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY ADVOCATES
FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
April 30, 2025**

The mission of Developmental Disability Advocates is to provide resources to create opportunities for individuals with developmental disabilities in Jefferson County to live full and enriched lives.

PRESENT: Dr. Marsha Mertens, Chairperson; Scott Brothers, Treasurer; Randy Starkey, Secretary; Amie Merz, Vice-Chairperson; Stacey Ismail, DD Advocates Executive Director; David Weiler, DD Advocates Director of Administration

- I. OPEN** – Dr. Marsha Mertens opened and led the Developmental Disability Advocates Finance Committee Meeting at 4:03 p.m.
- II. FY26 Funding Request Review** – Stacey Ismail distributed the document outlining all of the funding requests for FY26 from partner agencies. Each request was reviewed and briefly discussed by the committee.
- III. FY26 Draft Budget Review** – David Weiler presented 4 documents to the committee for review – the Service Coordination department draft budget, the Administration department draft budget including partner funding requests, a full, combined agency budget and a cash flow impact summary. Each document was thoroughly reviewed with key details outlined. The FY26 draft budget does include implementation of a tiered system of service coordination by creating SC2 and SC3 positions and changing the title of Mentor to Supervisor. This is to create a career ladder to improve recruitment and retention. It also includes the addition of one new Service Coordinator for growth as we recently learned that we are expected to accept all new eligible individuals from DMH as of July 1, 2025 per the new TCM contract. No TCM rate increase is included in this budget as that will not be decided by the Missouri Legislature until May 9th. If a TCM rate increase occurs, the Finance Committee authorized amending the budget for the full Board approval at the May 20th regular meeting. The Finance Committee agreed with all agency funding recommendations presented by DDA staff and further recommended adding an additional \$25,000 in funding to EZMO for a total of \$75,000 and \$29,100 to Variety for a total of \$60,000 if the TCM rate increase of \$6.4 Million is approved by the Legislature. There was consensus that discussions need to occur about limiting our reimbursement per rider with EZMO this year so that funding can assist more riders.
- IV. Promise Community Homes Storm Damage Request** – This agency has asked if DDA has any sort of emergency assistance available to help cover some of the repair expense for damage to two of the Jefferson County ISL homes that occurred during recent storms. They are working with their insurance adjuster about the repairs needed, associated costs, and what will be covered, but know they have a \$5,500 deductible. The Finance Committee suggested they submit a written request to the Board that details PCH's out of pocket costs for repairs to their Jefferson County homes and what amount they are requesting from us. If that cost is around \$5,500, the committee suggested \$2,000 in support from DDA, with approval of the full Board. David Weiler will communicate this information back to PCH.
- V. Close** – Being no further committee business, Scott Brothers made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Amie Merz. The meeting adjourned at 7:18 pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Mr. Randy Starkey, Board Secretary