

Frederick County Commission on Disabilities (COD) Minutes

Monday April 11, 2022

Virtual Meeting

- I. The meeting was called to order by Chair Karen Duffy, who recognized the existence of a quorum and called for approval of the meeting agenda. This was done by unanimous vote with a motion by Dave Drezner with a second by Lisa Clark.

Attendance

The following members were present: Karen Duffy, David Drezner, Mark Swift, Evan Evans Darrell Batson, and Lisa Clark. County staff members Miles Ward and Pat Fleet were present. Guests attending were Shawn Dennison and Interpreter Armstrong Knight.

- II. There was no public comment.
- III. The guest speaker was Karen Duffy, Chief Program office for the Maryland coalition of Families. Maryland Coalition of Families is a statewide non-profit, based in Columbia, that offers Family Peer Support services, at cost, to families, caregivers,

and/or loved ones of individuals experiencing behavioral health challenges.

Family peer support is all about connecting families through shared experience. The staff know firsthand what it's like to care for someone with a behavioral health issue. They draw on their own experience to offer emotional support, share knowledge, build skills and connect Maryland families with resources and opportunities in their own communities.

IV. Business

a) A motion was made by Lisa Clark with a second by Mark Swift which led to a unanimous vote to approve the minutes of the February COD meeting with the addition of Evan Evans as having attended the meeting.

b) A slate was decided upon for the upcoming election:

Chair – Dave Drezner

Vice Chair – Lisa Clark

Secretary – Mark Swift

Treasurer – Evan Evans

A vote will be taken at the May meeting to confirm the slate. There was discussion about changing the meeting and also the executive board days.

c) There will be 2 new member openings, if you know of someone please encourage them to apply.

V. Members that chose to do so gave closing remarks.

VI. The meeting was adjourned.