



**BOARD MEETING
August 22, 2013**

Members participating: Allan Peterson, NDAB (via phone); Tom Alexander, NDCPD; Cheryl Hess, APSE; Barb Murry, NDACP; Marcia Hettich, MHAND and CFN; Teresa Larsen, P&A; Carlotta McCleary, Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health; Doreen Riedman, AARP; Cally Musland, The Arc of Bismarck **[9 of 15 members present]**

Others participating: Rose Stoller and Paul Griffin, Consensus Council

Rose went through the PowerPoint, "The Health Insurance Marketplace 101", developed for NDDAC through a grant from Otto Bremer. It has been presented twice so far to different groups.

Tom called the meeting to order. Introductions were made. He asked members to give updates they wanted to share:

- Carlotta – The Federation will employ some navigators under the grant. They are also hiring to fill a parent position in Bismarck. The annual conference went well.
- Doreen – She is new to AARP and is currently working hard on ACA activities. She said the AARP is happy to host ACA-related meetings at their house.
- Tom – The NDCPD received a one-year \$414,000 grant for the navigator project. The Employment Summit will be in Sept. Self-advocacy summits being held around the State as sponsored by the NDDDN with 2 being held so far (Dickinson & Bismarck).

- Cally – The annual meeting for The Arc of Bismarck will be Oct. 28th. The Partners in Policymaking program is now accepting applications for the new class (will be in Bismarck). The Arc filmed 5 episodes of Capability Chronicles yesterday. The Arc of ND is now with The Arc of Cass County.
- Cheryl – The SCDD put out 4 different RFP's for FY 2014. Its next meeting will be Sept. 12th.
- Barb – The Employment First Summit is Sept. 19th at HIT, Inc. and starts at 9:00. The Six State Summit was held last week. There will be a motivational skills training in early Sept. and NDACP is starting a 6-session supervisory series. NDACP put in a SCDD grant application for a training program. NDACP Employment Options Subgroup has been started. The new NDACP webpage is up and running.
- Marcia – CFN had a consumer/council meeting recently to plan events for next year. They got \$75,000 grant from SAMHSA. CFN will hold an annual conference in April 2014 (probably in Bismarck). They are sending 5-7 people to the national Alternatives conference in TX. Nancy is traveling the state to talk to wellness recovery centers. The CFN website is up (www.ndcfn.org).
- Teresa – She vented about the MH monitoring done by SAMHSA at P&A in early August and it was also noted that she interrupted other members numerous times to encourage folks to get information at www.ndpanda.org...
- Allan – 52 people attended camp (8 were brand new to the experience). A family seminar is to be held in Bismarck October 12th – folks were encouraged to put interested people in touch with Allan. NDAC had its annual conference and business meeting in June.

Marcia made a **motion** for acceptance of the May 2, 2013 meeting minutes. Allan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Rose reviewed the NDDAC finance report on behalf of Josh who could not be present today. Rose said one change is needed with coding re: \$1,000 accounts receivable. Teresa made a **motion** for approval of the finance report and Barb seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Allan made a **motion** to cast a unanimous ballot for the current officers to continue in their present seats. Cally seconded. The motion passed unanimously. There was discussion on need to update the by-laws. Tom appointed a committee of himself, Cheryl & Cally to work on revisions to the by-laws.

Navigators' awards - Rose reported that 3 groups received grants: NDCPD; 4 of the ND Community Health Centers; and the Great Plains Tribal Chairman's Health Board. There is reported concern with fraud/scams happening with folks claiming to be insurers.

My Rights: My Healthcare – There was discussion on potential activities. Ideas included: 1) town hall meetings in Bismarck and Fargo; 2) a written summary that members can put in their newsletters; 3) putting the PowerPoint on the NDDAC website; 4) putting video of Rose presenting the PowerPoint on website; 5) presenting at the Crossroads conference this fall; 6) presenting at the MH conference this fall; 6) presenting to homeless missions. Paul mentioned the train-the-trainer approach to help reach more audiences.

Policy Issues:

- Letter to Sen. Heitkamp re: MH issues; Teresa, Carlotta, & Rose have met once but need to get back together.
- Ratification of the 'Disability Treaty' – Teresa brought up the history on this in ND; Sen. Hoeven has been against it; she also mentioned the letter P&A is drafting from P&A, the Federation of Families, FVND, and Designer Genes. Once it's finalized, Teresa will send the letter to NDDAC members to use as they might in drafting their own letters.
- NDCPD got navigator grant (partnering with the Federation and FVND)
- Promise grant – NDCPD was the lead in making the grant application for this 5-year project (though it was done as a consortium with other states - UT, ND, SD, MT, AZ, WY, CO). Tom said they should hear by end of Sept. if the application was successful. It focuses on children ages 14-16 and vocation/employment. \$3.8 million (over five years) would come to ND.

Other business:

- Rose said Dan Johnson is retiring from the MS Society.
- Rose said dues notices will be going out soon. Teresa suggested that there be an addition to the letter to encourage agency's to donate a bit extra...

**The next NDDAC board meeting will be
Nov. 19th from 9am – 11:30am.**