



## **Board Meeting January 23, 2018**

**PRESENT:** Donene Feist, FVND (phone); Carlotta McCleary, Federation of Families, MHAND, MHAN; Teresa Larsen, P&A; Julie Horntvedt, SCDD; Bruce Murry, NDACP; Mike Chaussee, AARP; Kirsten Dvorak, The Arc of ND; Tom Alexander, Minot Housing Authority (phone); Allan Peterson, NDAB (phone)  
[11 of 15 members present]

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Rose Stoller and Scott Fry, Consensus Council

Chair Horntvedt called the meeting to order at 11:08 a.m. **Members provided updates:**

McCleary: CFN conference is April 30 – May 2 in Fargo at the Holiday Inn – would like sponsors; looking at having booths. Rose & Scott provided information on a possible Bush grant CFN might apply for to support this event. Federation of Families & Youth Move will have their conference July 15-16 in Bismarck; planning is underway. MHAND is working on membership recruitment.

[Horntvedt had to leave the meeting at this time; Feist took over as Chair]

Larsen made a **motion** for NDDAC to sponsor \$100 for the CFN conference and to have a booth (if this is an option). Murry seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Dvorak: A Medicaid Waiver 101 Workshop is being held Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> from 7-9 p.m. in Bismarck. FVND will be having this same training on Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> as an extended learning call from 8 – 9:30 p.m. The Arc of Bismarck is continuing with its peer-to-peer grant at the high school level and is looking to also develop this for BSC.

Chaussee: Today President Trump signed the Raise Family Caregiver Act (across the life span) which directs the Sec. of Health & Human Services to develop a strategy. AARP has scheduled Lunch & Learns for 2018 on fraud, healthy living, retirement, and caregiving. They will be hitting some smaller, rural towns along with larger cities. They will be creating passport events in Bismarck for “healthy living”. They are continuing work with the caregiver coalition. One of the things this will do is to pay the registration for the training, “Powerful Tools for Caregivers” (in-person training through Extension offices). DHS/Aging Services has the 3-year \$200,000 grant.

Murry: Last steering comm. meets Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> for the new DD provider payment system; concerns with “managed care”; NDACP will be asking that this be carved out (exempted). Ideas emerging re employment initiatives for next Legislative Session. Workforce Development Grant – working on initiatives to make youth are aware of opportunities. Want to promote small business modes. Annual conference is May 2 – 4 in Fargo which will also include the six-state summit.

Feist: Starting Lunch & Learns with physicians – give Donene ideas re topics. Parent Leadership Institute will be June 8-10. Donene going to DC to receive the Dr. Meryl McPherson award. Congrats!

Alexander: Submitted a request for a waiver for fair-market rent to regional HUD office for Ward, Mountrail, and Williams Counties – this was approved.

Peterson: Ski for Lights in Deadwood is this week. American Council of the Blind – 4 going from ND to Washington, DC. for mid-winter meeting and will also meet with ND Congressional delegation. State convention will be in Bismarck in June. Summer camp will be second week in August at Camp Grassick.

Larsen: Spoke about the Supported Decision-Making Project (SCDD is funding). Steering Committee met last week. An IVN will be held across the State one evening in Feb. to make folks aware of the issue and provide an opportunity for public comment on the topic.

[LUNCH BREAK]

#### **GENERAL BUSINESS OF THE BOARD:**

- 1) Review & Approval of NDDAC board minutes of 10/6/17  
Murry moved approval; McCleary seconded; unanimously approved. Murry asked if CC could do the minutes for NDDAC board meetings. Stoller said CC could do this as part of the current contract. Larsen cheered!
- 2) Review & Approval of Financial Reports  
Murry moved to accept all financial reports (except proposed budget for FY 2018); Dvorak seconded; unanimous vote in favor. Murry will head a budget committee and will e-mail folks re: membership.
- 3) Update on Year 2 Grant from Otto Bremer Trust  
Murry moved that NDDAC sponsor up to 2 registrations (\$75/person) for individuals to attend the “Beyond Breaking Even” conference at BSC; Larsen seconded; unanimously approved.
- 4) Review of applications for membership to NDAD
  - ALL (Advocates Leading their Lives) (full \$300 fee)
  - Designer Genes (requesting \$150 fee)  
McCleary moved to approve membership for both applicants at the designated funding level.  
Unanimously approved.
- 5) Membership Dues Renewal  
Stoller reminded folks they need to get in their membership dues for FY 2018.

#### **PUBLIC POLICY ISSUES, INTERIM COMMITTEES**

- Health Services Committee hearing in Grafton 10/24/17 - Dvorak summarized the day. She emphasized the good job SAS (Self Advocacy Solutions out of GF) did in testifying. Much discussion amongst the group re LSTC; noted that lack of mental health services in ND significantly impacts the IDD population. Larsen mentioned that a small group (including DHS staff) is meeting tomorrow afternoon to discuss PATH/therapeutic foster for youth who may go to, or who are living at, LSTC. Questions re LSTC per diem and biennium budget. Idea came forward about collecting information & data re institutions vs. community-based services. It was noted that this is not specific to IDD; that this conversation is happening across the board.
- Other Committees of Interest
- Federal Issues

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

- Disability Awareness Day – Jan. 31, 2019
- Legislative Training Institute in 2018? Everyone on board! Murry and Fry will meet with Judy DeWitz to discuss her interest in contracting to do the coordinating for this event.

#### **SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING & ADJOURN**

Tuesday, April 3, 2018 - 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.