



Board Meeting May 17, 2017

Members present: Julie Horntvedt (SCDD); Bruce Murry (NDACP); Marcia Hettich (CFN); Teresa Larsen (P&A); Carlotta McCleary (Federation, MHAND, MHAN); Kirsten Dvorak (The Arc of Bismarck)

Members participating via phone: Allan Peterson (NDAB); Amy Armstrong (NDCPD); Donene Feist (FVND)

Chair Horntvedt asked members to provide any **updates** to the board.

NDACP – Murry said DD providers were spared cuts during the Session but other goals they had were not met, such as the new payment system. He said the DD system needs to start building a system to serve the most challenging individuals.

CFN – Hettich said the conference held in April was “awesome”. She said there was participation of consumers from across the State. She shared that there were lots of presentations, including one on Olmstead by Lewis Bossing. She said the Alternatives conference is in August in Boston and CFN would like to send a few folks.

P&A – Larsen said she is glad that the very difficult Session has come to a close. She summarized outcome re P&A’s budget.

Federation, MHAND, MHAN – McCleary said the Session was a big disappointment for behavioral health. She shared that the Federation and Youth Move conference will be July 9th and 10th and that they want to give more focus to policy issues. She said the Federation just received a grant from SAMHSA for TA for children’s peer support (parent-to-parent). She said MHAND has non-accessible space available. Members gave suggestions for grants to pursue for accessibility.

The Arc of Bismarck – Dvorak said Partners in Policymaking graduated ten individuals. She said that during the Session, she pushed the study of the LSTC which ended up as an amendment to the DHS budget.

SCDD – Horntvedt said they just had an ALL meeting which was very successful. She said the next meeting is August 8th. She said SCDD's RFP's will be coming out in June for the year beginning Oct. 1, 2017.

NDAB – Peterson said he provided advocacy during the Session for Vision Services/School for the Blind. He said they ended up with some cuts but it could have been worse. He said he also advocated for the Older/Blind Program (VR). The convention will be June 9-11, 2017 in Devils Lake. NDAB is providing 4 scholarships for blind kids for higher education along with service awards.

NDCPD – Armstrong reported that she attended the LTI last fall and used information from the event to train NDCPD staff. She said that while there will be budget cuts to Minot State, they don't directly impact NDCPD.

FVND – Feist said the Parent Leadership Institute will be held June 9-11, 2017 and that the class is already full. She said there will be Caregiver Cafes coming up this summer.

Murry made a **motion to approve the minutes for the February board meeting**. Hettich seconded. Murry asked for clarification regarding membership. Following some discussion, it was agreed to have the Membership Committee address the questions followed by discussion by the board at its next meeting. The motion **passed unanimously**.

Murry presented the **fiscal report**. He said that overall the financial picture is good; that 85% of the budgeted income for the year has been received; that NDDAC has spent about 44% of its scheduled expenses. Murry walked through the financial documents which included the LTI and DAD events. He said \$843 was spent for insurance. Members agreed that more visuals and narrative would be helpful, such as charts/graphs with explanations. McCleary make a **motion to approve the fiscal report**. Larsen seconded. The motion **passed unanimously**.

Following a short discussion, Murry made a motion to increase management fees for the Consensus Council from \$1,000/month to \$1,250/month. McCleary seconded. Larsen suggested the board also look at hiring (or contracting with) a part-time event coordinator for the LTI and DAD events. McCleary rescinded her second and Murry rescinded his motion. Murry made a **motion to increase the payment to Consensus Council to \$1,250/month, effective October 1, 2017, and to hire event coordinators for the LTI and DAD**. McCleary seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

A report was provided from the DAD committee on what went well and what could be done differently. The date set for the **next DAD is Thursday, January 31, 2019**. Space has been reserved at the Capitol.

A report was provided from the **Membership Committee** by Horntvedt. She shared the application form which has been used in the past. It was agreed to put the language from the form regarding "primary focus..." on the "position description". Larsen asked about NDDAC by-laws. Horntvedt agreed to pull these and have the Membership Committee review them. Further discussion included: having a list of

qualifications for member organizations; development of a “pledge” for member organizations to sign; having a certain percentage of members be “pure advocacy organizations”. There was talk about bringing on individual service providers with concern that this would be a slippery slope and could dilute the NDDAC. The Membership Committee is to bring recommendations back to the board as to whether there should be a by-laws committee to do a review and updates.

Larsen made a **motion for NDDAC to send a letter of support to Legislative Management in favor of them studying HB 1012 (§ 33) and SB 2325**. Murry seconded. Because a couple of board members left the meeting early (i.e. no quorum), it was agreed to conduct a **vote via e-mail on this motion**. Chair Horntvedt will facilitate this action.

Chair Horntvedt asked if the NDDAC would sponsor lunch for the August ALL (self-advocacy) meeting. Murry made a motion to sponsor a lunch, spending up to \$1,000. Dvorak seconded. The **vote on this motion will also be done electronically**.

**The next meeting of the NDDAC will be on Wednesday, August 23rd,
in Fargo from 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**