



**BOARD MEETING
October 14, 2014**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Marcia Hettich (CFN, MHAND); Callie Musland (The Arc of Bismarck, The Arc of ND, American People); Josh Askvig (AARP); NaTasha Sawicki (SCDD); Cheryl Hess (APSE); Teresa Larsen (P&A)

MEMBERS PARTICIPATING VIA PHONE: Tom Alexander (Minot Housing Authority); Allan Peterson (NDAB); Amy Armstrong (NDCPD)

[12 of 17 member organizations represented]

OTHERS PRESENT: Rose Stoller (Consensus Council)

Chair Hess called the meeting to order at 10:40 a.m. **Introductions were made along with member check-in:**

- Askvig (AARP) – Update re: CARE Act (Caregiver, Advise, Record & Enable Act) - Rep. Fehr is the prime sponsor in ND (other states have passed the law); last of the four lunch & learns will be on CARE in November (see www.AARP.org/nd for specifics); AARP will have State planning in a couple of weeks
- Larsen (P&A) – P&A will again coordinate Legislative Working Committees around the State during the Session; NDCPD, SCDD, and P&A spoke with DHS/DDD Director regarding getting on board with using Core Indicators; there is a ND DHS Public Comment meeting tomorrow re: transition plan for new CMS HCBS rules
- Stoller (CC) – facilitated Brain Injury Network strategic planning last week with about 50 people present; CC is in the last round of Community Innovation Grants for 2014; CC is finishing up facilitation of Money

Follows the Person housing meetings around the State; Legacy Fund Initiative report is being finalized and will be released in Nov.

- Musland – The Arc is working on its legislative platform; the annual meeting for the Arc of Bismarck and The Arc of ND will be Nov. 12th; she just attended national convention in New Orleans (added some things to their platform re: criminal justice); Partners in Policymaking will start in January 2015
- Hettich – the Consumer & Family Network is meeting next Monday (don't know who new CFN facilitator will be (to replace Nancy McKenzie); hiring process going on now; 20 hours/week @ \$15/hour); conference in Florida next week that several members will be attending; MHAND waiting on official consolidation with Federation (just need to sign papers); MHAND was awarded a contract from DHS for a warm line and other support for Williston (which does not have a recovery center)
- Sawicki – Just went to Self Advocates Becoming Empowered (SABE) conference in OK – great experience!
- Alexander – getting organized with all the housing authorities around the State; Oct. 3 – met with Lt. Gov regarding 1) HIF; 2) new State housing voucher program; 3) community land trusts. He said he does not support measure #2 (don't want to eliminate this from the 'tool box'); he will send fact sheets to Stoller to send out to all NDDAC members as well as info. re housing voucher for Veterans
- Peterson – 46 people attended camp this summer (NDAB's "premier event"); going to the American Council for the Blind board meeting in Dallas (Peterson is on the board); had voter training for Fargo support group this week-end – went well!
- Hess – APSE did some mini strategic planning; considering a pre-conference for NDACP and VR in 2015 with focus on employment & a goal of better understanding by people of what APSE does; SCDD now has a Consumer Leadership Council who will be developing a legislative platform for the upcoming session; had 4 RFP's this year: 1) health (1 grant to Minot State); 2) transition (1 grant to Pathfinder); 3) parent leadership (1 grant to Family Voices); 4) employment (3rd RFP out now – no takers first 2 rounds); plus a few other small grants out (self-advocacy; innovative ideas)

MEETING MINUTES: Askvig moved to approve the minutes from the meeting of August 28, 2014. Musland seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORTS: The financial documents were sent out to members prior to the meeting. Alexander moved for approval and Askvig seconded. Stoller said they are working to add 'year to date' information to the budget. It was explained that the fiscal year is Oct. – Sept. because NDDAC used to get DD Council grant monies and this is its fiscal year. It was suggested that the NDDAC may want to consider a different fiscal year for the future. The motion passed unanimously.

MEMBERSHIP & DUES: Stoller said dues renewal notices will go out in November.

GRANT FUNDING: NDDAC was invited to apply for a Braun Family Foundation grant. This will be the last year of these foundation grants. NDDAC is asking for \$7,500 (last year NDDAC received \$3,000). Stoller suggested the NDDAC might want to apply with the BNSF Foundation down the road.

LEGISLATIVE TRAINING INSTITUTE: October 27th-29th. There are currently ~ 65 registrants and 14 team leaders. Askvig reviewed the LTI agenda and logistics. Political parties will be Flickertail and Roughrider. Teams will be organized by Halloween candy (e.g., Reese's). 2 participants will be assigned to the executive branch - Gov. and Chief of Staff. There will be 3 or 4 committees in each chamber. There may be some slight adjustments made to the schedule.

DISABILITY AWARENESS DAY: February 12, 2015. No updates.

NDDAC My Rights: My Healthcare Planning – Committee has not yet met. Group will include discussion on MH as part of healthcare. Committee members: Stoller, Askvig, Christine Hogan (P&A), McCleary, & Alexander.

PUBLIC POLICY ISSUES & LEGISLATIVE PRIORITY PLANNING: NDDAC has used various processes in the past to determine its priorities.

Last Session, Alexander, as Chair, was the registered lobbyist. He usually handed in testimony. On at least one occasion, he took annual leave to actually testify. There was discussion about hiring a lobbyist. Musland will speak to Linda Wurtz and Larsen will talk to Bruce Murry.

Amy Armstrong (NDCPD) joined the meeting by phone at this point.

Stoller will send out NDDAC's priority sheet from the last couple of Sessions. Members decided to put out a Survey Monkey e-mail to develop its priorities/platform for this Session.

Stoller said NDDAC needs to update the signatories for the NDDAC checking account. Murry and Larsen are the current officers who can sign checks. There are prior officers who are still on the signatory sheet but who are no longer working for members organizations and need to be removed. Askvig moved to put the current four officers (Hess, Murry, Askvig, & Larsen) on the account as signatories and remove any and all prior officers (Veronica Zietz and Tom Alexander) as signatories from the account. Larsen seconded. Larsen offered to take the paperwork to the bank. The motion passed unanimously.

Peterson moved to adjourn. Musland seconded.

**The next meeting will be:
Tuesday, November 25th, 10:30am – 1:30pm**