



**Board Minutes
October 18, 2018**

PRESENT: Donene Feist – FVND; Matthew McCleary – NDFFCMHF, MHAND, MHAN; Julie Horntvedt – SCDD; Kirsten Dvorak – The Arc of ND; Allan Peterson – NDAB; Steven Beard – ALL; Roxane Romanick – Designer Genes; Bruce Murry – NDACP; Marcia Hettich – CFN;
[11 of 16 members present]

OTHERS PRESENT: Scott Fry – Consensus Council (CC); Judy DeWitz – LTI Planning Contractor

Chair Horndvedt called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. She then asked if there were any additions or changes to the agenda that people needed to make. Because of participants' other engagements Chair Horntvedt decided to move the decision points in the agenda to the beginning of the agenda.

OFFICER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS AND DECISIONS

NDDAC SECLUSION AND RESTRAINT POSITION STATEMENT

- Murray moved to adopt the position statement with an amendment to bullet point three that states that “serious physical harm” is not equivalent to serious bodily injury in the ND Criminal Code.
 - Motion was seconded by Steven Beard.
 - Motion passed unanimously.
 - Chair Horntvedt requested that CC put the amended statement onto NDDAC letterhead and send out to the board.

JULY 3, 2018 NDDAC BOARD MEETING MINUTES AND APPROVAL

- Hettich moved to approve the 7.3.18 Board Meeting Minutes.
 - Motion was seconded by Murry.
 - Motion passed unanimously.

TREASURER’S REPORT AND BUDGET DISCUSSION

- Murry provided the Treasurer’s Report to the board and moved to receive the report.
 - Romanick seconded the motion.
 - Motion passed unanimously.
- Murry then facilitated the discussion of the 2018 – 2019 budget with the board. The changes to the NDDAC budget are reflected in the updated 2018-2019 budget. Murry moved to adopt the budget with directions to the CC to fine tune the budget without bringing it back to the board as long as the fine tuning is within +/- 10% of agreed to changes.
 - Motion was seconded by Dvorak.
 - Motion passed unanimously.
- CC will put together the draft budget and email it to Murry for approval.

NATIONAL DOWNS SYNDROME SOCIETY DONATION FOR KAYLA MCKEON’S LTI SPEAKING FEE

- Horntvedt moved to have NDDAC pay the National Downs Syndrome Society \$2,500.00 for Kayla McKeon’s speaking fee for the Legislative Training Institute.
 - Motion was seconded by Murry.
 - A motion with permission was adopted to direct the CC to pay the speaking fee out of the NDDAC reserves. Horntvedt accepted the motion.
 - Motion with amendment passed unanimously.

LEGISLATIVE TRAINING INSTITUTE (LTI) UPDATE AND DISCUSSION

DeWitz provided an update to the NDDAC board regarding the progress in planning and implementing the plans for the LTI. She indicated that she had changed the address for any LTI costs for the meeting rooms and so forth to NDDAC’s post office box. She also confirmed with Horntvedt that the ALL block and the SCDD grants were closed. The cutoff date for meeting rooms is October 24.

Horntvedt indicated that there is one van scheduled to bring people to Bismarck from Fargo and Grand Forks. It is a non-accessible van that seats 6. 4 of the van’s seats are currently occupied. She asked DeWitz to keep her in the loop if anyone else from Fargo or Grand Forks need accessible transportation.

Murry asked, as the “resident crotchety old man”, whether NDDAC might want to discuss the outcomes for the LTI. The group discussed the possibility of collecting stories from people who use the skills built from the LTI. The group discussed ideas such as surveys after the LTI and the 2019 legislative session and putting together a Facebook group for Disability Awareness Day (DAD) to collect stories from DAD participants. Horntvedt agreed to put together a postcard about DAD to be shared at the LTI. DeWitz also indicated that she would add a discussion of DAD into the LTI agenda. The board also suggested that the LTI planning group could add other things to the LTI agenda that would increase the likelihood of people self-advocating during the 2019 Legislative Session.

DeWitz also indicated that more Team Leader volunteers are needed. Hettich brought up the fact that the volunteer request email that Larsen sent out earlier didn't come through on her phone very well and she didn't want to send it out to others if it wasn't going to be legible. Fry indicated he would take make the necessary changes to the volunteer request email, so it would be legible and send it to Hettich and the rest of the NDDAC board. **This task has been completed.**

DISABILITY AWARENESS DAY (DAD) DISCUSSION

Disability Awareness Day is scheduled for Thursday, January 31, 2019. The great hall has been reserved. The board discussed the need to have DAD attendees fill out their self-advocacy planning sheet prior to DAD. The board also wondered about the possibility of having DAD participants come the day before to prepare for speaking with legislators. The possibility of having both booth sponsorships and non-booth sponsorships for DAD.

NDDAC FACEBOOK PAGE

The board indicated that the president and vice-president should be the moderators for the NDDAC Facebook page. Fry will set up a Facebook page for NDDAC with Horntvedt and Feist as moderators. He will also set it up, so comments have to be approved and he will set up a private group for the LTI and DAD for self-advocacy story telling.

LEGISLATIVE and POLICY PRIORITIES

- MEDICAID WORK REQUIREMENTS
 - It was decided that NDDAC would support legislation that would increase the business tax incentives for employing people working with Vocational Rehabilitation to 25% up to \$2500 per year for two years. Murry and Dvorak are getting more information regarding these issues and will provide that information to the NDDAC board.
 - It was also decided that NDDAC would oppose work requirements for Medicaid Recipients.
- CMS DIRECTOR
 - Feist recommended that the consortium keep an eye out for any activity from the new CMS director.

MEMBER UPDATES

SCDD: October 19 is Horntvedt's last day of work, likely through the end of the year. The SCDD's larger grants started on October 1 and the smaller grants up to \$9,999 per grant (\$50,000 available) are now available for new innovative, non-sustaining projects. The SCDD is also looking for a parent member appointment from the Governor to the SCDD board. Teresa Larsen is going to be the P&A representative on the SCDD board now, too.

CFN: Have adjusted their bylaws to more easily achieve quorum. The CFN is getting new faces and new ideas from their board. They have applied for a Consensus Council – Bush Foundation Community Innovation Grant to have some convenings around the state to increase suicide awareness and suicide first aid skills for people around the state. Hettich also took part in a suicide panel discussion in Fargo in September and according to the CDC North Dakota has the highest per capita suicide rate in the country. Feist stated that there have been 4 suicide attempts in the last 8 weeks in Edgeley, 3 were able to complete. It was also indicated that suicide is the # 1 cause of death among farmers and ranchers.

NDFFCMH: Dual Status Youth (juvenile justice & social services) population with MH needs, in South Central Judicial District (Bismarck, Mandan) for self-determination in transition process. Also presenting suggestions for Children’s Behavioral Health Task Force going forward.

MHAND: SAMHSA grant approved to start peer support program. Will acquire peer support curriculum and training from Recovery University at Yale University. Will train 8 peer support specialists to deliver about 5 hours of peer support per week, to cover each region.

MHAN: MHAN Convenings going on this month (Bismarck, Williston already). Devil’s Lake and Fargo (Oct 24-25, respectively). Very active in interim committees.

Designer Genes: Had a very successful Buddy Walk with 85 teams attending. 6 teams from Mandan-Hidatsa-Arrikara Nation, consisting of over 300 people total, teamed up during the Buddy Walk. Romanick is going to be attending a conference in Orlando around Early Childhood Development. Chris Peske has been asked to take part in a national focus group on family engagement by the US Department of Education. Romanick is also working with the Children’s Behavioral Health Task Force to work with the Interagency Coordinating Council to build a better identification process for young children and to increase the interagency cost-sharing for the up-front DD health care costs. Policies to provide services to substance exposed infants are also being discussed within these agencies. Designer Genes is also working increase the work with tribal entities as well.

Designer Genes is working on Project Carson with Family Voices to provide more support for families with children with pre-natal health issues as varied as Downs Syndrome to Congenital Heart Defects. The ND DHS DD Division is supposed to provide assistance to families in these situations but has been withdrawing referrals in certain situations and families are losing travel reimbursement.

The recent PowerUp Conference had great turnout and involvement from the community. The One Able Body conference, which was an effort to bring together the disability and faith communities went well, but only had about 50 people in attendance.

The Arc of ND: Reported that the Dickinson Arc has received a \$50,000 creative community cohort grant from the Bush Foundation for their Art Creation program. The Arc of Fargo-Cass County is working on remodeling their building and updating their parking lot. The Arc of the Upper Valley just finished “Wings for All” which is a National Arc program that helps people with disabilities get acquainted with the

process of going through and airport and flying in a plane. They are planning on holding it every two years.

Family Voices: Is starting their extended learning workshops on assistive and other projects. They are also holding another Care Giver Café in Bismarck on transition to adulthood training. FV is also holding Trunk or Treats in different cities around the state. Feist also suggested that NDDAC also look at increasing the availability of the Medicaid Buy-In.

NDACP: Is finding that their members are looking for higher level training for their staff to learn how to better address difficult behavioral health and medical needs. Kids are coming out of Anne Carlson with a greater desire to integrate into their communities, but many DD providers do not have the infrastructure (equipment and skills) needed to provide them the services they need.

ADJOURN

With Horntvedt starting maternity leave on October 19 and Larsen unable to attend the meeting Murry agreed to review the minutes of the meeting prior to them being sent to the rest of the board and being posted on the NDDAC website.

As the meeting was adjourned board members also wondered whether Larsen was going to be able to set up a meeting with DHS about their budget. It was also suggested that NDDAC meet prior to January to discuss Disability Awareness Day planning. Murry agreed to take a look at the proposed dates on the agenda for the 2019 meetings and get some possible board meeting dates to Fry to Doodle to the NDDAC board.