



**Board Meeting
November 25, 2014**

Members participating: Allan Peterson, NDAB (via phone); Donene Feist, FVND (via phone); Barb Murry, NDACP; Cheryl Hess, APSE; NaTasha Sawicki, SCDD; Cally Musland, The Arc of Bismarck, The Arc of ND, American People; Teresa Larsen, P&A; Josh Askvig, AARP; Carlotta McCleary, Federation, MHAND; Amy Armstrong, NDCPD (via phone)

[13 of 17 member organizations represented]

Others participating: Rose Stoller & Paul Griffin – Consensus Council

Chair Hess called the meeting to order at 10:40 a.m.

Askvig moved to approve the minutes for the October 14, 2014 meeting. Murry seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Stoller reported that seven members have paid their dues so far. Hess said the SCDD paid the full amount in July for FY 2014. Sawicki and Hess asked about a prorated amount for FY 2014 for the SCDD. Following some discussion, it was decided that NDDAC has no policy that allows this. Askvig will provide documentation in this regard to the SCDD.

Stoller reported that the NDDAC received a check for \$5,000 from the Braun Foundation. This is the last year the Foundation will be making grants.

Feist made a request on behalf of FVND for a letter of support for its federal grant. She said NDDAC wrote one in 2010. Larsen made a motion that the NDDAC provide such a letter. Askvig seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Legislative Training Institute wrap-up: It was reported that there were “lots and lots” of positive comments made about it! McCleary volunteered Mike McCleary to review all of the photos for the NDDAC website. Feist and Buzick need to send their pictures to him. It was suggested that NDDAC might want to start a scrap book or perhaps have one published by Shutterfly. Askvig said we will need more volunteers next time around. Folks said they are on board to do the LTI again in 2 years. There is not a current financial report for the LTI yet. Askvig was thanked for the great idea of doing the LTI. The planning committee was commended for its work.

Stoller said the “My Rights: My Healthcare” committee will be meeting Dec. 11th.

Member Updates:

Larsen said the DHS budget meeting with Maggie Anderson and Deb McDermott will be Dec. 9th from 9:30 – 11:00 at the Great River Energy Center. NDDAC members are invited to attend.

Musland said the annual meeting is Nov. 12th for The Arc of ND and The Arc of Bismarck. She said The Arc of Bismarck received an Otto Bremer grant for Partners in Policymaking. [This item is continued later in the meeting...]

Public Policy Issues & Legislative Priority Planning –

Stoller passed out the results of the Survey Monkey. She said she received 10 responses. There was a review of the information and discussion. The following items were identified:

- Reduce population at the LSTC through community placement
- Adequate home & community-based services
 - DD
 - MH
 - TBI
 - Autism
 - Seniors
 - Physical disabilities
 - Sensory disabilities
 - Sub-issues:
 - Lack of community-based services
 - DHS responsibility

- Transition to the Community Task Force meeting in December
- Rate for community-based providers
- Community infrastructure
- Staffing issues; workforce shortages
- Reimbursement for providers
- Behavior support
- 1:1 care in both the child and adult system
- Plus add #'s 6,7,8,9,12,14,15,21,23
- Affordable/accessible housing (#1)
- Transportation (#2)
- Employment services & supports/support & funding for employment 1st philosophy (#'s 10 and 11)
- Protection issues (#19)
 - Guardianship (#21)
 - Elder abuse
 - Discrimination
 - Cultural (e.g., by counties); suggested report to HRD
 - Adequate services
 - Access to services
 - MH essential services

There was a motion by Murry, which was seconded by Musland, to get a formal proposal from Bruce Murry for lobbying for the NDDAC. Larsen agreed to facilitate communication with Mr. Murry to ask him to submit a proposal to Hess. The motion passed unanimously.

Murry said providers want a 4% inflationary increase for each year of the next biennium (with no wage pass through). She said this means all providers (LTC, DD, MH, Autism, etc.).

Armstrong talked about the A-STEP Program at Minot State University. She said funding is becoming an issue. She said she can't lobby so it's hard for her to communicate with legislators on this. She has spoken with DDD and VR about it and hopes it will be an OAR in the DHS budget. She would like support from the NDDAC if this does become part of the DHS budget.

Murry said the SCDD had a public comment meeting yesterday at which the VR Director confirmed VR has money for a repeat of the 2012 employment survey

with NDACP. Work continues on the DD provider payment system. SIS has been done with clients. DHS is currently doing a "crosswalk" with current services vs. the new system. People are anxious to see how it all works out...

McCleary reported that the Federation and MHAND are both doing the Celebration of Lights this year. On Dec. 1st, there will be a meeting at McCabe Church and then folks will be going to the Governor's mansion where the First Lady will light the tree. On Dec. 4th, former First Lady Jane Sinner and Sen. Judy Lee will host an event at West Acres in Fargo. She said there will also be an event in Jamestown. The Federation is doing navigation for the ACA. McCleary said she was just in Washington, DC for a conference and Hill visits.

Feist reported that the FVND is doing two "meet and greets" (Dec. 6th and Dec. 11th). She said the gala was a nice success. She said the American Assoc. of Health & Disability is making a small grant to NDCPD which will include collaborative work by FVND. She said funds may be used for brochures, etc. that could compliment "My Rights: My Healthcare".

Peterson said he will be advocating during the Session for services for individuals who have suffered sight loss.

The group wishes a speedy recovery to Marcia! Meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

**The NDDAC will meet on
Thursday, January 29th from noon to 2:00 p.m.**