



Board Meeting February 11, 2014

Members participating: Allan Peterson, NDAB (phone); Tom Alexander, NDCPD; Cheryl Hess (APSE); Carlotta McCleary, FFCMH; Teresa Larsen, P&A; Marsha Hettich, CFN; Josh Askvig, AARP; Pam Kolling, The Arc of Dickinson; Karen Thompson, The Arc of ND; Donene Feist, FVND (phone) [**10 of 15 members present**]

Others present: Rose Stoller and Paul Griffin (Consensus Council)

Chair Alexander called the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m.

Member updates:

Thompson – The Arc of ND is putting together its legislative agenda. It will have a couple of people on contract to do lobbying.

Kolling – The Arc of Dickinson is very busy in the western part of the State.

Askvig – AARP will be conducting 'lunch and learns' on scams, brain health, financial security, and LTC in the 4 big communities and may replicate it in the 4 smaller cities. AARP is shifting to become more and more local. On Feb. 22nd AARP will be doing a healthcare presentation in Williston.

Hettich – The CFN conference will be April 28-30 at the Ramada Doublewood in Bismarck. Speakers are lined up. Deb Johnson will be the keynote. The budget for the conference is tight. Consumer registration is \$5. The CFN is asking for sponsorships to help with meals, snacks, and defraying costs of hotel rooms. There will be no booths this year. The conference is also open to non-consumers (e.g., professionals). Susan H. is retiring this year and there will be a reception at about 3:30 on the 29th. At that time they will also announce that MHAND is partnering with the FFCMH and Carlotta will be the new director for MHAND as well as continuing with FFCMH.

McCleary – The 2 RFP’s for the Wellness Recovery Center in Williston were a ‘no go’. Conversations are taking place with the CFN and DHS to try to put something in place (maybe via teleconference). Funding proposed through the RFP is not sufficient to provide the service as it had been provided in the past. She said the FFCMH hopes to have a staff person hired in Bismarck soon. FFCMH is still doing navigator work and they also have a contract with DPI to work with multi-system of supports (RTI). She said the FFCMH has a new data system to document work activity. The youth conference will probably be held in July.

Larsen – P&A has voting projects going through contracts with NDACo and SoS office (video; mini training grants; survey polling places).

Hess – APSE awards for ‘best of the best’ applications are due Feb. 28th and will be presented at the NDACP conference in May. APSE is developing talking points regarding what it does. She said APSE currently has 4 complimentary memberships available for self-advocates. The national APSE conference is in San Diego in July.

Peterson – NDAB is part of the American Council for the Blind. There will be a legislative seminar in Washington, DC with three people going from ND. There will be a family seminar in Minot April 12th (Janelle Olson is the point person). There will be a “walk” fundraiser on April 26th at different sites around the State.

Feist – FVND is still doing navigator work. She talked about frustrations with that project. The Leadership Institute will be June 6-8 in Edgeley. She said work is very steady but busy.

Alexander – 2/28/14 is Tom’s last day with NDCPD. He will be the Minot Housing Authority Director. Someone else from NDCPD will be participating in the NDDAC so he will need to resign his presidency. He spoke about the Promise grant (5 state consortium called ASPIRE). Utah is the lead state and has contracts in place with the other states. NDCPD has hired 2 case managers and an enrollment specialist. ND will enroll 50 kids - ½ kids enrolled will go into treatment and the other ½ into a control group (it’s a 5 year study).

Minutes from November 19, 2013 meeting:

Kolling offered a correction in that minutes should say “housing complex” vs. “group home”. Askvig moved approval with the correction. McCleary seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Finance report:

Stoller reviewed the P&L statement through 12/13 and the Balance Sheet as of 12/13. She also reviewed the draft budget for FY 2014 as prepared by Askvig, Larsen, &

Stoller. She explained that the CC is reducing its management fee from \$1,500/month to \$1,000/month effective this month. She said the NDDAC board insurance (D & O) lapsed and they will solicit bids. Askvig thanked the CC regarding its reduction of its management fees and for Stoller's work. It was agreed that no formal written agreement is needed between the NDDAC and the CC. Stoller said the CC would start documenting in a 'budget to actual' report. Askvig moved to accept the FY 2014 budget and McCleary seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Grant funding:

Stoller said the Otto Bremer grant report was submitted and OB acknowledged that it was received. NDDAC should now be eligible for another grant. Applications are due April 9th. NDDAC should decide if it wants to apply and for what purpose. Stoller also mentioned that the 990 was filed and successfully received by the IRS.

LUNCH BREAK

Alexander and Feist had to excuse themselves from the meeting. Askvig assumed chairmanship of the meeting.

Stoller said the Community Innovation Grant Program is being administered by the CC in ND, in partnership with the Bush Foundation. She said about ½ million dollars will be invested in ND over the next 2 years through this program (in addition to any direct grants). The CC will have quarterly grant rounds beginning in March. The grants are for community innovation problem-solving resources that lead to equitable sustainable solutions. She provided some of the key areas they will be looking at in deciding on funding. Grants will range from \$500 - \$10,000 for non-profits or groups that have a fiscal agent, or for units of government. The CC will select about ten grants each quarter for a total of about \$75,000. About ½ will be to address racial or economic disparities. The CC will provide support along the way and will help those groups who can't get funding to find other sources. She said it's possible that one of these smaller grants could be a pipeline for a larger direct grant from the Bush Foundation. No match is required for the CC grants.

Public Policy Issues:

- Affordable Care Act; Medicaid Expansion – Askvig reminded folks about potential fines for not signing up.
- Public Comment on Various DHS Initiatives – Larsen reminded folks that comments on the ASD waiver amendment are due 2/13/14 at 5:00.
- Sen. Heitkamp letter re: Mental Health Services – McCleary, Larsen and Stoller have met but letter is not done... the group was told to shape up.
- Ratification of the "Disability Treaty" – This will be coming up in front of the Senate again. Askvig said the AARP is supporting it. Larsen said a letter from

P&A, FFCMH, FVND, and Designer Genes went to Sen. Hoeven. P&A also sent a letter to Sen. Heitkamp. McCleary made a motion for the NDDAC to send a letter to support passage to ND's U.S. Senators. Hettich seconded. This passed unanimously.

NDDAC 2014 Planning:

Fall conference – Askvig talked about the idea of training for people with disabilities so that they can advocate during the next legislative session and beyond... He reiterated the conversation he, Larsen, and Stoller had previously about a 2-day conference over three days (noon Wed. – noon Friday). Ideally it would be held in Sept. Askvig talked about the ND Boys State Program as a model. They have a mock legislative session. People learn by doing... Askvig gave an idea of the structure:

- Check-in & orientation; assign roles (Gov. or Exec. Branch appointee; ND Senate or ND House); split evenly into 2 'parties'; elect leaders); introduce bills
- Governor's ball in the evening; Capitol tours
- Full day of rotating activities (speakers, etc.)
- Evening event
- Last day – brief general session with Governor's address; speaker; award ceremony

Audience – We would like a minimum of 100 participants (or what we would call delegates); think broadly – can include individuals from all roles in life; discussion/topics will be disability-related; individuals learn from each other; FLASH MOB!!!

Larsen offered to work on looking at available venues and potential conflicting conferences/events; mid-Sept. – mid-Nov. (after the election).

Teams – e.g., 10 teams of 10 each which get together for the orientation, lunch, etc.; leader keeps folks on schedule and communicate as the liaison with the 'nerve center' (i.e., provide feedback like 'need more time for...')

Committee: Josh, Cheryl, Teresa, Rose, Marcia, Pam, Karen, Carlotta?

Next meeting will be on May 6th at 11:00 at the CC.

Askvig dismissed the meeting at 2:44 p.m.