



**Board Meeting
May 6, 2014**

Members present: Josh Askvig, AARP ND; Carlotta McCleary, Federation of Families for Children’s Mental Health; Marcia Hettich, Consumer Family Network; Cally Musland, The Arc of Bismarck; Teresa Larsen, Protection & Advocacy;
Phone Attendees: Nancy McKenzie, Mental Health America of ND; Cheryl Hess, APSE; Pam Kolling, The Arc of Dickinson; Karen Thompson, The Arc of ND; Allan Peterson, ND Association for the Blind; Donene Feist, Family Voices of ND
[11 of 15 member organizations present]

Others present: Rose Stoller and Paul Griffin, Consensus Council; Tom Alexander, Minot Housing Authority (by phone)

Josh chaired the meeting. Each participant introduced him/herself.

MEMBER CHECK-IN:

- Nancy – MHAND is celebrating Susan’s retirement. The agency is in transition with Nancy McKenzie acting as interim director.
- Cheryl – APSE will be holding a reception tomorrow night at the NDACP conference and is presenting awards at the conference as well. She said as director for the SCDD, she offered someone a position yesterday.
- Karen – The Arc of ND is making plans for the 2015 Legislative Session. The Arc of Bismarck will be the lobbyist for The Arc of ND.
- Pam – The Arc of Dickinson is planning a new store on the north side of town. HUD is doing a review of their subsidized housing operations.

- Allan – The NDAB convention will be in Fargo June 13-15. They also just had a fundraising walk. Summer camp will be in August.
- Tom – The Minot Housing Authority is not an official member but he is still interested in the NDDAC and would like a membership application.
- Donene – FVND has continued to receive a higher number of referrals. The Leadership Institute for family members is in June. FVND faces potential concerns with funding from federal and state governmental agencies.
- Carlotta – The Federation is hiring an Exec. Assistant and Parent Coordinator in Bismarck (need applications) and may also be hiring in Williston. They will do strategic planning this summer. The summer youth leadership conference is July 13-14 in Bismarck. This is Children’s MH Awareness Week.
- Marcia – CFN had its conference last week – it was successful and informative. Their retreat for strategic planning is June 9-10.
- Cally – The Arc of Bismarck took on The Arc of ND duties in March. They are working on a legislative platform. She attended a disability policy seminar in DC & had meetings with ND U.S. Senators. The Arc of Bismarck is hiring a Partners Coordinator. She said American People couldn’t be here today but they are working on rebranding & growing membership.
- Teresa – P&A is finishing updates to the booklet and form for Mental Health Advance Directives. A voting video is being developed for poll worker training. As in 2012, voter training ‘mini grants’ will be made available again this summer/fall.
- Josh – AARP has issues with voter ID’s. Starting next week, there will be a series of ‘lunch and learns’ on brain health.

GENERAL BUSINESS OF THE BOARD:

- Marcia moved to approve the minutes for the meeting of 2/11/14. Donene seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- Rose previously e-mailed the Financial Report (as of 3/31/14) to members. Teresa moved for approval. Cally seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

- Rose previously e-mailed the membership list. She reported that there are currently 15 member organizations. It is not known at this time who the representative will be for NDCPD.
- Update on D&O Insurance Quotes – Rose reported that one quote from Philadelphia Insurance is for \$890/year while the second agency would not give a quote. Rose has an application for another company that could be completed. Cally said The Arc of ND pays about \$1,000/year. Rose said CC pays about \$1,400/year. Comments were that it is best to have D&O insurance. Cally made a motion to purchase. Carlotta seconded. The board voted for unanimous approval.
- Update on Grant Funding – Rose reported that a Bremer Grant application was submitted in April with decision to be made in July. The total is \$40,000 for 2 years.

CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST TO SUPPORT THE TOBACCO TAX INCREASE:

Josh said that a group called *Raise it for Health* wants to raise the tobacco tax from 44 cents/pack to \$2/pack. This is not a ballot initiative. It will be an issue in the next Legislative session. There are no plans to designate where the money will go so it reportedly would just go into the General Fund. There was discussion. Some members expressed concern with the money just going into the General Fund. No action taken.

LUNCH BREAK

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Josh and Rose explained that the board needs to elect a Chair at this time. Cheryl expressed interest. Nancy moved for unanimous ballot to elect Cheryl as the Chair. Donene seconded. The vote was unanimous. Congratulations, Cheryl! She will assume her role at the next meeting.

NDDAC 2014 – 2015 EVENT PLANNING:

- Legislative Training Event & Governor’s Ball (October 27–29, 2014) at the Kelly Inn in Bismarck. Josh reviewed the draft schedule and use of pre-assigned teams. We could also have two or three parties (not Democrats or Republicans but maybe Flickertails and Roughriders...). NDDAC needs to

discuss bringing in the role of the media. Awards could be given to elected leadership, etc. The group will spend a total of 7 hours in the Legislative process. Secure sponsorships? Write grant to the CC for Community Innovation Grant funding? Teresa said the planning committee is meeting this Friday at 10:30 at P&A. Anyone is welcome to join in-person or by phone. Suggestion that each NDDAC member could have X number of slots for self-advocates to help ensure a high % of participation.

- Disability Awareness Day – February 12, 2015 at the State Capitol. NDDAC will need to develop the agenda, etc.

PUBLIC POLICY ISSUES:

- Affordable Care Act/Medicaid Expansion – Donene provided an update. Josh said enrollment dates for next year are November 15, 2014 – January 15, 2015.
- Sen. Heitkamp letter/Mental Health Issues – Carlotta said the letter is not done yet. It is assigned to Carlotta, Teresa, and Rose. The three of them agreed to meet with staff instead. This will be scheduled (Teresa to have Becky coordinate).
- Ratification of Disability Treaty – No real new updates. Discussion on using a web-based utility to get individuals to sign on to petitions/letters to get a grassroots efforts to encourage Sen. Hoeven to sign on... Teresa will ask her IT person to research possibilities.
- Updates on Partner Grants: PROMISE, Navigator – No new updates.
- Other Issues of Importance –
 - Helping Families in Mental Health Crisis Act (H.R. 3717) – Teresa previously e-mailed information to members about this bill. She reviewed information and encouraged members to contact Rep. Cramer and ask him to NOT co-sponsor or support the bill.

**The next meeting will be
August 28, 2014 from 10:30am.**