



**Board Meeting
January 29, 2015**

Members participating: Cheryl (APSE), NaTasha (SCDD), Teresa (P&A), Barb (NDACP), Josh (AARP), Carlotta (FFCMH & MHAND); with the following via phone: Allan (NDAB), Marcia (CFN), Amy (NDCPD), Pam (The Arc of Dickinson), Karen (The Arc of ND)

Others Participating: Rose (Consensus Council)

Member Check-In:

- NDAB – Allan reported that he testified in Senate Appropriations in support for ND School for Blind and the Older Blind Program; NDAB is participating in Ski for Light in SD this week; on Feb. 24th, NDAB is meeting with ND's Congressional delegation
- CFN - Marcia said on April 28-29, the CFN conference will be held in Mandan; the CFN is sending 13 consumers to DAD plus there will be at least 13 individuals from Dakota Recovery Center in Bismarck
- The Arc of ND and The Arc of Dickinson – no updates from Karen or Pam
- NDCPD – Amy said NDCPD is busy with various projects around the state; ASPIRE is currently recruiting teams in Minot and Bismarck (required to enroll 50 teams; 9 so far); there are four students with A-STEP
- FFCMH & MHAND – Carlotta said they are working with the navigator project; beginning in February, they are hiring Mathew as a youth coordinator; Youth Move Beyond is completing its photo-voice project; they are working on the youth transition conference which will be July 19th at the Radisson in Bismarck (support in the way of stipends would be welcomed); MH awareness: first week in May is for children; whole month is MH; FFCMH is doing joint fund raising with MHAND

- NDACP – Barb said they are doing CQL training (one today & tomorrow in Bismarck and two in February in Fargo); there is a new director at Tri City (Jennifer Wilson; she was their business manager); DSP of the year nominations close on Jan. 31st ; for the May conference, there will be a strong employment track and an art show; NDACP requested delay of implementation of new payment system which DHS agreed to
- AARP – Josh said they are gearing up for more “lunch and learn” sessions
- SCDD – NaTasha said the consumer leadership committee came up with public policy priorities (handed out); the SCDD just put out a notice for “innovative grants” (one for \$2,500)
- APSE – Cheryl said they will pay full dues to NDDAC this year; APSE will have a pre-conference at the NDDAC conference on ‘employment first’ & they may host a reception as well; APSE presents 3 awards at the conference (employment, self-employment, & professional achievement) – nominations due Feb. 27th
- P&A – Teresa said they have new support staff (Carlan Kirmis)

Josh made a **motion** to approve the minutes from the 11/25/14 meeting. Barb seconded. The vote to approve was unanimous.

It was reported that American People and CFN still need to pay their dues.

Cheryl reported that it was decided that NDDAC would not hire a lobbyist because of its finances.

Josh reviewed the financial report. He said NDDAC has about \$31K (mostly in Bremer grant funds). He is still waiting on the final fiscal report for the LTI. Barb made a **motion** to approve the report. Teresa seconded. The vote to approve was unanimous.

NDDAC is hosting a My Rights/My Healthcare town hall meeting tonight. Carlotta reviewed the details. She said there will also be an event at Presbyterian Church on Feb. 5th to help with enrollment. She said navigators are going out to counties for enrollment events. She reported that a bill to regulate navigators in ND failed.

NaTasha talked about Disability Awareness Day (DAD) which is Feb. 12th. There will be Capitol tours at 10am & 11am and Legislative tours as well. We don’t have the Legislative Hall so lunch will be in the Brynhild Haugland room. We are hoping to get registrations rolling in for participants. So far, 3 legislators have offered to

have folks sit with them on the floor. A press release will be sent out. It was noted that we need to have someone available by the Brynhild Haugland room to assist with accessibility, etc.

There was discussion about the Legislation Session. With regard to the public comment session on the DHS budget in Senate Appropriations, Barb said she would ask Rep. Pollert to follow the same format in House Appropriations (so it's done by division). She said the NDDAC might want to act as scribe for public comment by creating a list of who wants what, even if formal amendments are not brought forward. It was agreed we would try something when the DHS budget is in the House.

Barb said NDACP is working on benefits increase for providers, which are currently at 33%. They would like 40%. She said the DHS budget did not add guardianship slots for Catholic Charities for 15-17.

Josh said HB 1333 looks to clean up the voter ID law. It continues LTC & student certificates and limits attester options. He said the bill came from the SoS office. Attesters will be limited to 4. Teresa agreed to invite Jim Silrum (SoS) to a LWC meeting to discuss.

Cheryl Hess said HB 1411 is for a grant to self-advocates, etc. She said individuals with disabilities who asked for the bill didn't talk to the DoL/HR ahead of time (who turned around and testified they don't want it in their budget). She said the self-advocated did a lovely job testifying.

MEETING ADJOURNED.

**The NDDAC will meet on
Thursday, March 5th from noon to 2:00 p.m.**