



## **Board Meeting March 5, 2015**

**Members participating:** Josh Askvig, AARP; Marcia Hettich, CFN; Barb Murry, NDACP; Carlotta McCleary, MHAND and FFCMH; Marlene Warnke, American People; Cally Musland, The Arc of Bismarck; Teresa Larsen, P&A;

**Members participating via phone conference:** Allan Peterson, NDAB; Donene Feist, FVND; Tom Alexander, Minot Housing Authority; Rachel Hafner, The Arc Upper Valley (guest); Amy Armstrong, NDCPD; NaTasha Sawicki, SCDD

**[13 of 17 member organizations represented]**

Askvig presided over the meeting today.

- NDAB – Peterson reported that he has been in DC working on federal legislation.
- Minot Housing Authority – Alexander said he has been watching HIF funding.
- The Arc, Upper Valley – Hackner said she is still learning...
- NDCPD - Armstrong said ASPIRE is currently recruiting youth in GF, having already done Minot & Bismarck. Standing Rock is next. She said A-STEP has had some good employment outcomes recently.
- SCDD – Sawicki said they are working on the 5-year state plan as well as following legislation.
- AARP – Askvig said they did the first series of “lunch & learns” on the topic of legislation in the communities of Fargo, Minot, Grand Forks, and Bismarck. An average of 65 individuals attended. He said AARP has a national push on building retirement security.

- CFN – Hettich said the conference will be at the Baymont Hotel in Mandan April 28-29. Booths are \$65.
- NDACP – Murry said they are working on the DD payment system and have contracted with a consultant. They just had CQL training. The conference will be May 6-8 in Fargo with a strong employment track and a consumer art show. She said providers are currently having an issue with pharmacists and repackaging. She said the Governor’s Task Force on Employment of People with Disabilities will be re-doing the employment survey with VR and NDCPD.
- American People – Warnke said the group is working on transportation issues and how members can be involved.
- FFCMH – McCleary said they hired a youth coordinator, Mathew McCleary, who’s working on a lot of policies (especially education-related) and with youth members’ projects. The youth leadership conference will be in July.
- MHAND – McCleary said they are working in collaboration with FFCMH on fundraising. May is Mental Health Month and they will sponsor “Miles for Mental Health” plus tie green ribbons at the Capitol and downtown Bismarck.
- P&A – Larsen they have an opening for a Disabilities Advocate in the Bismarck office. Otherwise... it’s all legislation all the time.
- The Arc of Bismarck – Musland said they are working on legislation as well, plus Partners in Policymaking has started.

Askvig reported there would be no financial report today.

**Legislative Issues:**

- DHS budget – public testimony is March 17<sup>th</sup>; House Appropriations/HRD started hearing overview testimony on SB 2012 this morning; Murry reviewed changes the Senate made to the DHS budget.
- The updated budget forecast for the State of ND will be March 18<sup>th</sup>.
- HIF funding is currently at about \$50 million in cash and tax credits for 2015-17.
- P&A’s budget hearing is March 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 in House Appropriations/HRD.
- HB 1279 was turned into a study on HCBS.
- HCR 3049 was given a “do pass” out of committee yesterday.

**Minutes:** Musland made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from 1/29/15. Hettich seconded. The vote to approve was unanimous.

It was reported that the ***My Rights: My Healthcare Town Hall meeting*** on 1/29/15 was a success.

Sawicki reported that **Disability Awareness Day** was held at the Capitol on 2/12/15 with more than 100 participants and about 20 booths. There were legislative and Capitol tours, lunch, and about 20 participants sat on the floor with legislators.

MEETING ADJOURNED.

**The NDDAC will meet on  
Thursday, May 28th from 11 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
at the AARP Office in Bismarck.**

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