



Board Minutes
July 13, 2018

PRESENT: Donene Feist, FVND (phone); Carlotta McCleary, CFN, NDFFCMHF, MHAND, MHAN; Teresa Larsen, P&A; Julie Horntvedt, SCDD; Kirsten Dvorak, The Arc of ND; Allan Peterson, NDAB (phone); Steven Beard, ALL (phone); Roxane Romanick, Designer Genes; Amy Armstrong, NDCPD
[11 of 16 members present]

OTHERS PRESENT: Scott Fry, Consensus Council

In Chair Horndvedt's absence, Vice-Chair Feist called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Members provided updates:

Feist: FVND held its Parent Leadership Institute since the last NDDAC meeting. Larsen spoke and was well received. They will be holding a Bike Run with Abate. And, they are anxious to see what the impact will be of Autism Coverage decision by the North Dakota Insurance Department.

Armstrong: NDCPD will be holding their Power Up! Conference 9/21 from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm at the Bismarck Civic Center, 315 S. 5th Street, Bismarck (more information can be found [here](#) and on the [Power Up Health Conference Facebook Page](#). The 2019 ASTEP (Advancing Students Toward Education and Employment Program) has 17 students registered, an increase of 7 from last year. ASPIRE (Achieving Success by Promoting Readiness for Education and Employment) has received a no cost extension through May 2019. NDCPD has two job openings for an ASPIRE Case Manager/Research Associate and a MIDP (Minot Infant Development Project) Early Interventionist/Research Associate. Detailed Job Descriptions can be found [here](#).

Beard: ALL held a conference with [People on the Go! Maryland](#) which went very well. People on the Go! Maryland is doing what ALL wants to do which is to be a resource for Legislators and other decision-makers. ALL wants to be the organization to whom decision-makers bring their ideas so the organization can provide input on policy as it impacts people with disabilities. ALL is continuing to grow and will be meeting in August.

Romanick: Is participating in a planning committee working on a 9/27 Statewide Religious Leader conference with Ellen Stumpf as keynote speaker to promote better participation of people with disabilities in church communities - New Song Church is taking the lead, but it is a multi-denomination effort. Designer Genes is also assisting in the development of the [Game Changer Idea Festival on 10/13 at the Belle Mehus](#). The topic for the festival are Health and the Pursuit of Happiness, more information can be found [here](#). The Festival is preceded by *A Beautiful Hell*, a play from [Theater B](#) of Moorhead, MN, that explores the sorrow and joy of walking a loved one through a terminal illness.

Buddy Walk is occurring Saturday, September 22, 2018 (not May 22, as was indicated in the April 3, 2018 NDDAC Minutes. Consensus Council Note: **Another indication of the need to review the minutes when received, so corrections can be made sooner.**) This year organizations can form teams and a cheer competition will be held as well.

Terri Couwenhoven will be one of the speakers at the Power Up Health Conference mentioned by Armstrong. Couwenhoven is a parent and sexuality educator providing information about healthy relationships, dating, etc.

Larsen: P&A convening a conference in October in Fargo around special education issues. A speaker from NDRN (National Disability Rights Network) is scheduled, but the conference still has space for a speaker to talk about alternatives for seclusion and restraint. Fargo Schools is contributing money and West Fargo Schools is on the verge of doing so, too. Larsen will get NDDAC more information as it comes in. Potential dates are October 5, 12, or 26. Romanick indicated that she would like to try to get some of the Fargo/Moorhead Down Syndrome community to become involved in the conference.

The discussion turned to Seclusion and Restraint. It was moved by Dvorak and seconded by McCleary to have McCleary, Dvorak, and Christine Hogan of P&A develop a draft position statement regarding Seclusion and Restraint for NDDAC to be emailed to the board for ratification. Once the position statement is ratified, then NDDAC will invite North Dakota United and the North Dakota School Board Association separately to discuss the position statement prior to or at the October board meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Larsen reported that the Supported Decision-making IVN following the ALL meeting went well. Judge Feland, Rose Nichols, and Michelle Gayette took part in a panel discussion that was very well received. Catholic Charities seems to be pushing back on the idea of supported decision-making, but that resistance seems to be because of inconsistent definitions of the concept.

P&A received 80 applications for the two open positions in Fargo. One person was hired and will start July 30, the second person is in reference check.

Larsen moved to have NDDAC apply for a \$10,000 Community Innovation Grant from the Consensus Council in the September 2018 round to collect stories and possibly data from families and other stakeholders about the impact of seclusion and restraint in the school systems and, if affordable, put together a documentary and accompanying document. Dvorak seconded. The board discussed the possibility of reaching out to North Dakota for Integration and Inclusion to clear it with them to use the questions from their Facebook survey and get input from them about how they would like to go about getting the information on a statewide level. The motion passed unanimously.

McCleary: CFN's (Consumer Family Network) Fargo Conference was a great success. It had greater attendance than prior conferences; attendees included Legislators. The organization is prioritizing around the HSRI study. DHS is holding a Peer Support Training and committed to covering hotel and registration costs. The CFN president contacted DHS and now they are covering food and travel. The Regional Recovery Centers are now covering the Peer to Peer support requirement for DHS and \$100,000 from HB 1040 still needs to be spent. The BHPC (Behavioral Health Planning Council) has prioritized Peer to Peer Support for children and adults in the past, but the state has not funded that work based on that prioritization. The BHPC received a 19% increase but whether that will be available in the future is unknown.

MHAND's (Mental Health America of North Dakota) Annual Meeting is in the Fall. They are adding new board members and some structure. They are also looking for funding, specifically around increasing the accessibility of the organization's building and advocacy.

NDFFCMH's (North Dakota Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health) Annual Meeting occurred July 14-15 along with the Youth Conference. The Youth Move Conference is working with the Climb Theater and National Youth Move. The youth participants are also doing their Photo Voice project on July 15. NDFFCMH is also adding a Youth/Young Adult voice to their board.

MHAN (Mental Health Advocacy Network) is hosting community convenings in October, most likely around Mental Illness Awareness Week. They also received the remainder of DHS' histories of the State Hospital books which they are planning on sharing at the convenings.

Dvorak: The Arc of Cass County had a productive Question and Answer Session about the new DHS DD payment system in Fargo with 150 participants. One of the resulting themes was the lack of guardian parents being at meetings regarding the new payment system. Some guardian parents indicated that they were never made aware of the meetings. It was indicated that DHS is doing assessments in the new

payment system without guardians or in some cases without meeting the person with disabilities. Another theme was the need to keep an eye on the funding formulas for the scoring system and to not allow the DD payment system to change to managed care. Judy Lee stated the DD payment system will change to managed care “over her dead body.” Overall the feedback was good. Romanick indicated that it would be good to have a FAQ about the new payment system.

The Arc of Bismarck has a new president, Matt McCleary, and Chris Dopson is now the vice-Chair. They are looking for one more board member. Please send possibilities to Dvorak and Larsen. The Arc of Bismarck and The Arc of North Dakota are working with Partners in Policy Making, along with P&A, MHAND, CFN, and NDFFCMH to try to replicate the IDtermine program. **(Consensus Council Note: I wasn't sure if I got this right.)**

The Arc of North Dakota is preparing their applications for their annual awards. They are also working on their legislative priorities one of which is likely to be the expansion of the CARES Teams around the state. The Peer to Peer budget is still being worked on, BSC is looking to partner on the project but a conversation with them has not occurred yet.

The Arc of Dickinson has had great success with the Arc Creations Program.

Peterson: NDAB's (North Dakota Association of the Blind) Annual Summer Camp is August 5-12 at Camp Grassick. This will be the 48th Summer Camp. Some of the NDAB board just got back from the National Convention in St. Louis. The resolutions and guest speakers were great. The United States recently ratified, by unanimous consent, the Marakesh Treaty which makes it possible share accessible materials across international boundaries.

Hornqvist: New grant possibilities will be available July 31 on Health Training around Healthy Sexuality and Social Relationships, Transportation, and two grants about Transition Age Youth one of which will focus on employment. The Federal Fiscal Rules are changing so that no granting of funds can be done on the third year. This gives the SCDD's less time to spend all of their money and means that extensions of grants might be a thing of the past. But, it also means that there might be another grant round in 2018.

GENERAL BUSINESS OF THE BOARD:

- The April 3, 2018 Board Meeting Minutes were accepted with a correction on page 4, “The 15th Annual Buddy Walk is scheduled for ~~May 22, 2018~~ *September 22, 2018.*”
 - Romanick Moved, Feist Seconded. Passed Unanimously.
- Budget
 - It was requested that Fry meet with LTI budget group and Bruce Murry about the NDDAC budget to:

- Break out the LTI and DAD as line items in the budget, clean up the budget to better represent the actual spending for the NDDAC and other programs see if we can't better separate the actual spending for DAD, LTI and other programs for the October Meeting.
 - Romanick moved, Beard seconded, Passed Unanimously.
 - The Financial Reports were accepted.
 - McCleary moved, Feist seconded, Passed Unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

- DHS DD Stakeholders Meetings from NASDDDS.

Tina Bay indicated to Horntvedt that DHS will let people know if a meeting will occur regarding the DD Stakeholders meetings. It was asked whether Tina indicated when the DD Waiver Public Comment period would occur. It was thought to occur this Fall.

The board then discussed the importance of setting NDDAC's legislative agenda. The board would like to set aside a couple of hours at the October meeting to figure out legislative priorities. Assessments also need to be on the agenda for the October meeting. It was asked that Fry send an email to NDDAC requesting each organization's top 3-5 legislative priorities.

- Pathfinders

NDDAC Board received an introduction letter from the new Pathfinders Executive Director. P&A is going to ask Pathfinders to sponsor their conference. Horntvedt will invite the new Pathfinders ED to lunch next time she is in Bismarck.

- Voting Machines

The working group did not meet before the July meeting. Julie will convene the working group (Scott Fry and Judy DeWitz) to draft a letter to the Secretary of State indicating NDDAC's willingness to assist in the development of plans for new assistive voting machines.

- LTI

LTI is set for November 6-9 at the Ramada in Bismarck. Save the Date information has gone out, please let Judy DeWitz (judewitz@nd.gov) know if you would like a flyer. Sponsorship forms will be going out soon.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Interim Legislative Hearings
 - Health Services Committee - Thursday, July 26
 - Human Services Committee - Friday, July 27

SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING & ADJOURN

NDDAC requests that Fry send out a Doodle Poll for the October Board Meeting.

NEXT STEPS

- Seclusion and Restraint
 - Develop NDDAC seclusion and restraint position statement.
 - Email completed draft to Fry to disseminate to board.
 - Fry email draft to board for decision by email with 3 day deadline. Quorum = or > 8.
 - If the position statement passes, then invitation letters will be sent to North Dakota United and the North Dakota School Board Association to attend the October NDDAC board meeting at separate times, or at a time prior to the board meeting.
 - Submit a \$10,000 proposal to the Consensus Council's September Community Innovation Grant Round.
 - Dvorak, McCleary, and Hogan
- Budget
 - Convene meeting of LTI Budget committee to determine:
 - How to break out the LTI and DAD into separate budget items?
 - To set the 2019 NDDAC budget.
- NDDAC October Agenda Topics
 - Legislative Priorities
 - Fry send an email to NDDAC board requesting their organization's top 3-5 legislative priorities for the 2019 session.
 - DHS DD Assessment Process.
 - North Dakota Emergency Manager about plans for individuals with disabilities.
- Pathfinders
 - Horntvedt invite Pathfinders ED to lunch in Bismarck.