



Board Meeting August 23, 2017

Members participating: Kirsten Dvorak (The Arc of ND); Bruce Murry (NDACP); Teresa Larsen (P&A); Donene Feist (FVND) - phone; Marcia Hettich (CFN) - phone; Amy Armstrong (NDCPD) - phone; Tom Alexander (Minot Housing Authority) - phone; Mike Chausse (AARP); Allan Peterson (NDAB) – phone; Julie Horntvedt (SCDD); Carlotta McCleary (Federation of Families for Children’s Mental Health; MHAND; MHAN)
[13 of 16 members represented]

Others present: Scott Fry (Consensus Council); Greg Gallagher (contracting consultant with Consensus Council)

Murry welcomed meeting participants who each introduced themselves.

A motion was made by Peterson and seconded by Chaussee to approve the minutes from the May 17, 2017 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer Murry reviewed the written information distributed. He noted that it appears some members have not paid dues for FY 2017. Murry said he will check on this.

Murry asked if there was any discussion regarding the Consensus Council Duties List. There were no additions or corrections offered to the document.

Membership Requests – Anne Carlsen Center & The Arc’s

Dvorak said The Arc of ND board has decided it wants to have one membership and one voting member to the NDDAC vs. one for each chapter. She said individual chapter members would still be encouraged to participate in activities, etc. Murry mentioned that if the Centers for Independent Living (CIL’s) were approached they may want to do the same thing. Peterson said this would probably be under the guise of the Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC).

Murry made a motion & Larsen seconded to approve the application of The Arc of ND as a statewide member representing all chapters. The motion was approved unanimously.

Anne Carlsen (AC) has applied to be a member of the NDDAC. The board reviewed the NDDAC membership

application form. It was noted that advocacy focus is not the primary focus of AC. There was discussion about adding a question to the application, following “what is your mission”, asking the applicant to explain how it sees its mission fitting with NDDAC’s requirement for members to have a primary focus on advocacy. The committee was asked to take a look at this. Larsen made a motion to deny AC’s application. McCleary seconded. The motion passed unanimously with Murry abstaining. Horntvedt will communicate the decision to AC.

Horntvedt opened discussion on revisions to NDDAC by-laws.

Scott Fry invited a motion from Committee members to open discussion on the adoption of the NDDAC Bylaws. Donene Feist moved the adoption of the NDDAC Bylaws; Carlotta McCleary seconded the motion.

Scott Fry opened a Section-by-Section discussion of the NDDAC Bylaws and invited Committee recommendations for any sectional amendments.

Kirsten Dvorak recommended that Article II, Section 2, Item 6 remove the word “train” and substitute the word “educate.”

Carlotta McCleary recommended that Article III, Section 1 retain the current language regarding the annual payment of dues.

Scott Fry recommended that Article III, Section 1, Paragraph 2 conclude with “...regularly scheduled NDDAC board meeting with a quorum.”

Scott Fry recommended that Article III, Section 2, Item 1 remove the words “executive director” and substitute the word “chairperson.”

Kirsten Dvorak recommended that Article III, Section 5 insert the following language: “A quorum is 50% plus one of the membership.”

Julie Horntvedt recommended that Julie Horntvedt, Rose Stoller, and Donene Feist review Article III, Section 7 regarding the best procedure and language to remove any organization from the NDDAC Board.

Greg Gallagher recommended that Julie Horntvedt, Rose Stoller, and Donene Feist review and reconcile Article VI, Section 2 with Article VI, Section 5 regarding the structure, term, and rotation of Executive Committee members. Consideration might be given to replacing the term “ex officio members” with “at-large” members. Consideration also might be given to instituting one-year terms for the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson on the Executive Committee member, where the Vice Chairperson would rotate annually to the Chairperson and the Chairperson would rotate annually to a newly established Past Chairperson position. The introduction of the Past Chairperson would thereby establish a five-person Executive Committee structure, consisting of the Past Chairperson, Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Scott Fry recommended that Article IV, Section 6 append to the end of the first sentence: “...for the remainder of the term.”

Scott Fry recommended that Article IV, Section 6, Sentence 2 replace “taken up” with “filled.”

Scott Fry recommended that Julie Horntvedt, Rose Stoller, and Donene Feist consider reconciling the rotational membership of the Executive Committee, identified in Article IV, Section 6, to the final determination of the rotational Executive Committee membership addressed in Article IV, Sections 2 and 5.

Scott Fry recommended that Article IV, Section 7 insert the following language: “A quorum shall consist of 50% plus one members of the Executive Committee...”

Scott Fry recommended that Article IV, Section 8 be removed.

Scott Fry recommended that Article IV, Section 9 be renumbered to Section 8. Julie Horntvedt, Donene Feist, and Rose Stoller will review Article IV, Section 8 (renumbered) to propose any appropriate procedure and language regarding the removal of an Executive Committee member.

Bruce Murry noted that the Bylaws omitted an Article V, requiring a renumbering of subsequent Articles, as specified below.

Scott Fry recommended that the previous Article VI be removed from the Bylaws entirely.

Scott Fry recommended that the previous Article VII be renumbered as Article V.

Scott Fry recommended that the previous Article VIII be renumbered as Article VI.

Scott Fry recommended that Article VI (renumbered) be amended as follows: “...two-thirds affirmative vote of the ~~current active membership of the~~ NDDAC Board.”

Greg Gallagher recommended that Julie Horntvedt, Donene Feist, and Rose Stoller review Article VI (renumbered) to reconcile the use of Robert’s Rules of Order within a consensus deliberation model.

Scott Fry recommended that the previous Article IX be renumbered as Article VII.

Scott Fry recommended that the previous Article X be renumbered as Article VIII.

Carlotta McCleary moved that the subcommittee of Julie Horntvedt, Donene Feist, and Rose Stoller meet to resolve the matters identified during the Committee’s review of the Bylaws and to report back any final amended language for the future action of the Committee. Bruce Murry seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

There was discussion regarding voting vs. consensus decision-making. It was noted that the NDDAC has been using Robert's Rules for as a protocol except for policy positions/work where a consensus would be needed. It was agreed that this is a very important consideration. A motion was made by McCleary and seconded by Murry to refer the by-laws to the Executive Committee. The motion passed unanimously.

As required by the by-laws, the Executive Committee needs an ex officio member. McCleary volunteered to fill this role. Larsen made a motion and Chaussee seconded for McCleary to be the ex officio member. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Policy Issues, Interim Committees

It was suggested that the NDDAC consider taking a position on large institutions (i.e., LSTC, NDSH). This is an Olmstead issue and will be on agenda for Health Services Interim Committee (Grafton – Oct. 24th). The Olmstead Subcommittee (Horntvedt, Murry, Dvorak, McCleary) will work on bullet points for the issue to bring back to the board for consensus. It was suggested that the points take the form of value statements and plans of action. It was suggested that the ALL self-advocacy group be invited to participate. The Olmstead subcommittee will meet Sept. 11th 10:00 – 2:00 @ the Abilities office (1500 E Capitol Avenue, west side of Bain Insurance building).

It was suggested that a subcommittee look at the issue of the concentration of people with disabilities in long term care (nursing homes, basic care). Subcommittee members will be Chaussee (Chair), McCleary, Larsen, & Murry. It was suggested that the CIL's be invited to participate in the discussion.

There was discussion on the Justice Reinvestment Initiative with concerns being expressed with the RFP for this project. It was noted that construction of RFP's can determine a lot with lay of the project and who might be able to respond. There was discussion about State RFP's being an issue in general with how they are written, sole-sourcing, etc. There was talk of a potential RFP Subcommittee but a formal decision was not made. It was suggested that members might include Feist, Horntvedt, and Corinne Hofmann (P&A).

A suggestion was made to talk with clerks of the interim committees to get on the agenda for future meetings. Dvorak noted that Mike Johnson is the clerk for Health Services.

Other Business

Save the Date: Disability Awareness Day – January 31, 2019

Upcoming Meetings

NDDAC board: Friday, Oct. 6, 2017; 11 am – 3 pm at Consensus Council; agenda items will include LSTC subcommittee report and by-law revisions (Exec. Comm.)

Executive Committee: Sept. 11th 9:00 @ Abilities office