



**Board Meeting
February 2, 2017**

Members participating: Josh Askvig, AARP; Marica Hettich, CFN; Carlotta McCleary, MHAN, MHAND & FFCMH; Teresa Larsen, P&A; Tom Alexander, Minot Housing Authority (phone); Julie Horntvedt, SCDD; Donene Feist, FVND (phone); Kirsten Dvorak, The Arc of Bismarck

[9 of 18 members present at the beginning of the meeting; no quorum; 10 of 18 members present following updates – quorum established]

Others present: Rose Stoller, Consensus Council

Horntvedt called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m. She asked members to provide relevant **updates:**

- MHAND – McCleary said Robert Miller is the new director at the Myrt Armstrong Center
- Federation of Families for Children’s Mental Health – McCleary said they are finishing up the photo/voice project
- MHAN – McCleary announced that Renee Schulte will be coming to ND to speak on mental health services Feb. 16th
- CFN – Hettich said there have been recent meetings; that they are planning for a spring conference; that they have a goal of increasing membership
- AARP – Askvig said they are now fully staffed with Wendy Hogue being hired as the Senior Operations Associate and Mike Chausee coming on as the Associate State Director for Advocacy; he said the AARP is paying close attention to Gov. Burgum’s “main street initiative” which coincides with the national initiative regarding inclusive, accessible communities;

the quarterly lunch & learn services in February will be about legislation and in May it will focus on retirement readiness

- SCDD - Horntvedt said RFP's just closed; she said nationally, the Councils are looking at possible cuts with federal grants
- FVND – Feist said they did a caregiver café in Fargo; she said Giving Hearts Day is coming up
- Minot Housing Authority – Alexander updated members on several bills that related to the housing incentive fund, service animals, etc.

Financial Report – Stoller said there is no updated financial report. She added that the NDDAC received \$2,500 from the SCDD for Disabilities Awareness Day.

Disability Awareness Day – Stoller said the planning committee has been meeting almost weekly and gave a report. She said there has been a special request from exhibitors to have a booth – for example, one is a private business that sells products. The planning team recommended to not allow this type of exhibitor. The group today agreed with this.

Membership requests – Stoller said the Autism Center has asked to join the NDDAC; that they have also asked if they could pay a lesser amount as a DAD exhibitor (the same amount as NDDAC members). The group decided that this is not approved. There was discussion about membership requirements. Stoller will check if NDDAC has a membership application that was used in the past. Dvorak asked if all of local chapters of The Arc's would be under The Arc of ND membership. She questioned how this is different from the DD providers being under the NDACP umbrella. It was agreed to put together a membership committee to look at these issues. Members are: Feist, Horntvedt, and Stoller.

Stoller said NDANO sent an application for NDDAC to join their group. The cost is \$60/year. It was agreed to ask NDANO to come and speak to the NDDAC at a future meeting.

Board meeting minutes – Askvig made a motion to approve the board minutes from 12/20/16. Larsen seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

There was discussion about a 'texting tree' for the legislation session. Stoller said Bruce Murry offered to pull this together and she will get the phone numbers to him.

It was agreed that the **next meeting will be Wednesday, May 17th, from noon to 2:00 p.m.**

There was discussion about possible block grants to the states for Medicaid. Larsen made a motion that letters regarding the concerns be sent, on behalf of NDDAC, to Senator Heitkamp, Senator, Hoeven, and Congressman Cramer. McCleary seconded. There will be no list of the NDDAC members. The motion passed unanimously.

There was discussion about a NDDAC letter to Senators Heitkamp and Hoeven to vote "no" on the appointment of Betsy DeVos as US Secretary of Education. Larsen made the motion and McCleary seconded. There will be no list of NDDAC members. The motion passed unanimously.

It was announced that SB 2275 (seclusion and restraint in schools) will be heard on Monday morning in Senate Education.

Feist said there is public comment on Section 504 and she will send a link to Stoller to share with NDDAC members.

Following a motion from Hettich and a second from Askvig, the meeting was adjourned.