

**NIHSDA
Board of Directors Meeting
November 12, 2020**

Roll Call/Establish Quorum: Roll call was taken by Senior Manager, Teri Stringer. A quorum was established.

Call to Order: President, Lee Turney, called the meeting to order at 2:06 p.m. EST.

PRESENT	ABSENT NOTIFIED	ABSENT NOT NOTIFIED
President -Lee Turney Immediate Past President – Tina Routh Treasurer - Jenny Oatman Zone 2- Vanessa Goodthunder Zone 3- Vonda Pourier, Alt. Zone 4–Robert Pickens Zone 5-Jo Williams Zone 5 – Andrea Pesina, Alt Zone 6 – Tami Brungard, Alt. Zone 7- Crystal Kremensky Zone 7 – Rhonda Laughlin, Alt Zone 8-DeAnn Brown Zone 9- Debbi Lee Zone 10-Ethan Petticrew Zone 10 – Beverly Mierzjek, Alt.	Secretary-Ann Cameron Zone 6- Cheryl Conde	Zone 1-Melissa Harris Zone 2 – Luanne Wiggins, Alt Zone 3-Anne Reddy Zone 4- Jamie Trevino, Alt. Zone 9 – Kendal Peterson, Alt

Others Present: Kristi Bentkowski and Teri Stringer from Three Feathers Associates. Nicole Terry (TTA)

Approval of Agenda: The agenda was reviewed. Jo moved to accept the agenda with the removal of Todd (unable to attend). Robert seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Approval of the minutes from October 15: Jenny moved to approve the minutes. Ethan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Approval of Treasurer’s Report: Teri presented the treasurer’s report. Jo moved to approve the treasurer’s reports. Debbie seconded the motion. Motion carried.

General Correspondence/Communication Update:

- Coalition Letter – The executive committee reviewed with Greg and Lisa a Coalition letter on Child Care and Early Learning that NIHSDA. Comments have been sent and waiting on second draft before deciding whether or not to sign on.
- NHSA – Board meeting next week

Committee Reports:

- Executive – Reauthorization topics reviewed, coalition letter, Nov agenda, listserv purge, Nisqually grant, Advocacy & Lobbying Policy
- Advocacy – Reviewed the items on the agenda, AIAN Child Advocacy Fund

- Debbie – tell programs when they apply for expansion they can include construction costs. Tribes can use their own Part B/C funds as in-kind.
- Jo – Birth to 5 grants. She is at the end of her cycle and wanted to apply but was discouraged by her grant and program specialist (who are new).
- Governance – Op Manual updates, Advocacy & Lobbying Policy, Credit Card Processing Policy, Membership Discount
- Membership – 2020 Membership survey reviewed, Membership Discount, Awards and Recognitions
 - Tina like the idea of a discount but is worried that 25% discount is not enough for smaller programs
 - Lee – we lose nothing if we just give them their membership for the remainder of this year
 - Debbie offered to email Zone 9 grantees. Teri will send a membership update on Friday

Jo moved to accept reports with the change that programs that have not joined in the last 3 years can join for free. Robert seconded. Motion carried.

TTA Update, Nicole Terry:

- The Region XI TTA calendar and event book should be released on Dec 14th. Flyers about the three December events should go out next week.
- Staffing changes – Roxanne Wells transitioned, Racquel moved from a GS to Family Engagement Specialist, 2 GS and 1 EC positions are open. Aziele is retiring in December.
- There is a new grantee/TTA agreement for planning/goal setting (new requirement from OHS). Program Specialists will be setting up calls. Grantees can still submit individual TA need requests.
 - Lee requested that the TA request process be made smoother. Nicole agreed that it can sometimes be cumbersome, but it is intended to keep program specialists in the loop. Lee feels it needs to be more timely.
 - Lee also asked if TTA uses native preference in hiring? Nicole – Yes, and then native experience. But they have not received any applicants with either.
 - Lee requested a new staffing list – Nicole will send to Teri
 - Debbie – clarified that ICF is TTA and DHL is Reviewers. Some people in Washington state want to apply but the application process was too confusing/complex. Nicole – their recruiter can help walk them through the process. She will send the job listings and get a contact for DHL.
 - Vonda – how are GS and EC specialist states/case loads determined? Nicole – they try to keep the cases distributed evenly (15-20 each) and geographically close.
 - Vonda – Will there be training support for new management staff? Nicole – Yes, it is in the works!

PLC Webinar Update: Teri sent out a report on the cohorts. Asked for thoughts on offering this to directors. The board voted 90%/10% to move forward.

For the Good of the Board:

- Vonda – they are underenrolled (90 HS slots open), they are going full virtual, she had to get her staff listed as essential.
- Robert – programs in OK all different regarding open/closed/virtual

- Jo – was told she could keep families enrolled that do not want to lose their slot but do not want to receive services at this time. How does this work with attendance?
- Andrea – Like everyone, cases are increasing.
- Tami – still providing remote services
- Crystal – Back and forth between distance/hybrid/closed
- Rhonda – Finally doing distance, almost ready to open and then got shut down before they were able to get tablets out to families
- Debbie – expect to be virtual until the end of the year
- Ethan – Remote villages are ok, but starting to get in the urban areas. The Governor wants everyone to go home for 3 weeks. Same enrollment issues
- Bev – Still operating, some families are distance learning
- Tina – Their 2 new buildings are at 20% occupancy, 50% of staff are out
- Lee – Need to discuss the reality of what is happening in everyone’s communities with Todd and how OHS can support them
- Debbie – We need to push for language to suspend reviews during pandemics or other natural disasters (Vonda asked them to delay hers until spring and they did)

Other New Business: None

Adjourn: Debbie moved to adjourn the meeting. Vonda seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 4:23 pm EST