

Governance Committee Winter Meeting Minutes

January 27, 2012

8:40 am – 10:15 am

Joe R. Williams Building

700 W. State Street, First Floor

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dona Butler, Dave Dekker, Joni Sullivan, Jacquie Daniel, Julie Fodor

MEMBERS ABSENT: James Steed, Raul Enriquez

STAFF PRESENT: Marilyn Sword

CALL TO ORDER

Dona Butler called the meeting to order at 8:40 a.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Marilyn announced that she has been invited to participate on a panel on January 31 at a conference at BSU on services for refugees.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 2011 MEETING

The committee approved by acclimation the minutes of October 27, 2011, as presented.

CONFERENCE FUNDING REQUESTS/REPORTS

There were no new conference funding requests to be considered. The report from Paul Tierney regarding the conference he attended in Coeur d'Alene in October, 2011, was included in the packet for member review. The balance in the fund for the fiscal year is \$2,905.

ADD SELF ADVOCACY SUMMIT

Marilyn presented information about the Self Advocacy Summit, sponsored by the Administration on Developmental Disabilities that is being held May 10-11 in Seattle. This summit is part of a second round of regional meetings. The first round occurred last year. This summit involves 9 states and each state is to send a delegation of 9-12 people. During the summit, state teams will make presentations on what is going on in their states regarding self advocacy and then will be charged with developing a plan for what they can do as well as what can be done at the national level to strengthen self advocacy. Information has been

received from ADD that provides a set format to be followed for each summit. Information from the first round of summits can be found on the ADD website. The Council and the CDHD are coordinating this effort for Idaho. They are working with SALN to identify team members and develop the presentation materials. A meeting is scheduled for noon today (right after the Council meeting) to discuss next steps for the Idaho team

WESTERN STATES DD NETWORK SUMMIT

Marilyn presented a draft schedule for the Western States DD Network Summit that is planned for later this year or next year. This regional meeting has been held every few years, most recently in 2004 in Seattle and in 2010 in Portland. It is now Idaho's turn to host. Conference planning calls have been held every few weeks since last fall, This biggest stumbling block has been trying to find dates that do not conflict with meetings for at least one of the network organizations. After changing the date several times, Marilyn indicated that they hope to finalize a date and location in a mid-February call. It will either be in conjunction with the ADD Summit in Seattle in May (unlikely), in Boise in September, or in Boise next May. The location will be at BSU. A request has been made for funds to support the summit from NACDD but we have not heard back from them. This would help keep the individual registration cost at a reasonable level.

UPDATE ON STATE FISCAL YEAR 2013 APPROPRIATION

Marilyn shared the Governor's recommendation for the State Fiscal Year 2013 appropriation. It does not indicate a reduction in funding as in the last couple of years but it still must move through the legislature. The Governor has recommended a 2% one-time raise (bonus) for all state employees if the state meets certain revenue benchmarks. This funding is not in the appropriation request because it is contingent on revenue.

INFORMATION FOR NACDD AND CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION

Each year, the Council puts together an update for NACDD on the projects and initiatives we have been working on. NACDD uses these to work with Congress on our appropriation. Marilyn presented the update from last year and one from the Utah Council and asked for input into content and format. The committee suggested focusing on employment-related projects (Disability Mentoring Day, YLF, Partnering with VR on Employment First), using a bullet-style format, and including photos of people with disabilities and/or Council members.

NACDD has also requested that Councils solicit letters from individuals or groups who have benefitted from our work. These letters could be sent to NACDD but are intended for our Members of Congress, particularly Congressman Simpson who sits on an Appropriations Subcommittee. The message that we would like to see emphasized is to keep employment services from being eroded.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

- Conference funding requests/reports
- Updates on the 2 summits

ADJOURNMENT

| The committee adjourned the meeting at 10:15 am.