

**NIHSDA
Board of Directors' Meeting
April 14, 2005**

Call to Order: Lee Turney, President, called the meeting to order at 11:00 p.m. PST.

Update on Head Start Reauthorization. Greg Smith, NISHDA Lobbyist. Greg Smith came on at 11:03 PST. It was determined we did not have a quorum established so President Turney instructed Greg to give his presentation and do not stop when Board members come on the line. Greg concluded at 11:40 PST.

Update Highlights (Greg referenced correspondence he submitted to NISHDA):

- Regarding the Hearings on April 5th, every Congressman praised Head Start. He noted though, the effort is to make Head Start better. There are some members of Congress who believe the GAO Report is an aberration and doesn't justify major reform but there are those who believe it is not an aberration.
- The GAO has ruled that programs can recompetete; HHS believes they don't have that enforcement power and want changes. Olivia Golden, former Associate Commissioner, presented testimony and said that the tools are all there; Head Start is one of the most regulated programs.
- There was no mention of Indian Head Start Programs.
- Greg met with Kate Houston, Republican staffer for the HELP Committee (referenced letter dated 4/11/05). Greg relayed that Ms. Houston was supportive for many of our recommendations, i.e., supported the Collaboration Director position, supported research, supported annual consultation with Tribes, supports changes to cost sharing flexibility, etc.
- Ms. Houston will not support Centers of Excellence.
- Greg reported that today, April 14, Ms. Houston was meeting with Windy Hill, Associate Commissioner of Head Start, and would be asking questions about funding allocations to programs in general and for Tribal programs.
- Next steps for Greg are to contact Kate Houston regarding the outcome of the meeting with Ms. Hill and to write a follow-up letter to Ms. Houston.

Connie Guillory inquired about the week of May 17 - 18, 2005, Health and Human Services Annual Tribal Budget Consultation Meeting on the 2007 Budget. Greg stated that the Advocacy Committee should pencil in that week to come back to Washington, D.C.

Roll Call – Roll call was taken by Connie Guillory upon conclusion of Greg Smith's Reauthorization Update. A quorum was established at 11:45 a.m.

PRESENT	NOTIFIED	NOT NOTIFIED
President - Lee Turney Secretary - Connie Guillory Region 1 - Ann Belleau Region 1 – John Pavek, Alter. Region 3 - Hilda Marshall Sara Young Bird, Alter. Region 4 - Denise Keene Region 5 - Suellen Hixon Region 7 - Elaine Bender Region 8 - Jane Metcalf Region 9 - Jessie Deardorf Region 10 - Theo Bayou MaryEllen Fritz, Alter.	Immed. Past President – Mavany Verdugo Treasurer - Dorothy McCloud Region 2 - Amy Waukau Region 6- Mary Bendle Caroline Alcaida, Alter.	

Others present: Greg Smith, NIHSDA Lobbyist, Kathryn Helsel, Toni Dobrec, and Teri Stringer, MCS/TFA.

Agenda Approval. Suellen Hixson moved to accept the agenda as presented. Theo Bayou seconded. Motion passed.

Approval of Minutes, February 24 - 27, 2005. Recommended corrections to page 2 with addition of bullets highlighting report from Mavany Verdugo. Suellen Hixson moved to approve the minutes upon corrections. Hilda Marshall seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report. Kathryn Helsel presented the Treasurer's Report in Dorothy McCloud's absence. Suellen Hixson moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. Ann Belleau seconded. Motion passed.

Point of Privilege. Connie Guillory reported she had to sign off and meet with a parent and staff. Connie asked Kathryn if she would assist with the Minutes and she said yes.

Membership Report. Kathryn noted that there were no new members during the month of April. It was also brought to the Board's attention that should a person join during the months of April or May, they would be considered a "dual" member both for '04-'05 and '05-'06. Jane Metcalf report that she had been talking with members from her Region and felt that Clyde Wolf Black, Northern Cheyenne, would be joining.

Attendance Report. Everyone thinks that this is still a good idea to have this available at each meeting. Theo Bayou noted that she and Lee Turney had perfect attendance.

Unfinished Business

Revised Strategic Roadmap and Timelines. Lee Turney thanked Toni Dobrec and Teri Stringer for all their work on the Strategic Roadmap and Timelines. The document had been e-mailed to the Board members and Lee asked that the Board review it and be ready to discuss it at the May meeting.

Conference Update. Kathryn Helsel gave a brief Conference update and said that things were moving right along. Amy John, Lee Turney and Kathryn have had a couple of conversations about local arrangements. Conference announcements have gone to all AI-AN programs, Child Care, Canada Head Start programs, Vendors, AI-AN and AED staff. John Pavek reported additional that he had done including transportation to the mall and mall coupons. Lee thanked John for his work.

NIHSDA Face-to-Face Board of Directors Meeting - Timelines for NIHSDA Conference.

Saturday, June 18, 2:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Sunday, June 19, 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Monday, June 20, 4:45 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. NIHSDA Membership Meeting

Tuesday, June 21, 5:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, June 22, 5:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, June 23, Noon – 2:00 p.m. or until business is finished

Draft of Joan Ohl's Letter. The Board agreed that this letter needed to be sent. The Board authorized Suellen Hixson to make a few corrections. With those corrections made, the letter will be sent.

New Business

Regional Elections in the Odd Numbered Regions. Lee Turney discussed how the elections should occur in the odd numbered regions. Elections should take place by August to be seated by October 1.

Reports from Regions 1, 3, 5, 7 & 9.

Region 1. Ann Belleau reported that she has found an Alternate, Rasennes Pembleton, St. Regis Mohawk. Ann Belleau moved to accept Rasennes as Alternate. Jane Metcalf seconded. Motion passed.

Region 3. Hilda Marshall reported that she attended the Northern Plains Directors Association Meeting in Rosebud, South Dakota. Hilda notified the Board that Rural Initiatives in Rapid City has reopened; Crow Creek and Pine Ridge Head Start programs are closed.

Region 7. Elaine Bender reported that she has received no response from programs for an Alternate but a meeting is forthcoming at which time she will seek members to join NIHSDA.

Region 9. Jessie Deardorf reported she went through her Federal Review. She stated there are 8 to 9 new directors in the State of Washington. She requested the names of the new directors from Three Feathers.

Other Regional Reports/Comments.

Region 8. Jane Metcalf reported her program had their federal review and there were "no finding's."

Region 9. Jessie Deardorf inquired about the annual regional conference holding a Head Start 101 Training for new directors. Jessie was told this proposed training is a part of the Strategic Road Map.

Connie Guillory inquired about Director Turnover and it was reported it is about 40% again. Discussion occurred is this a part of the Strategic Road Map and we must stay on top of this issue.

Process of electing staff, friend or parent to the NHSA Board. Lee Turney requested Kathryn Helsel, MCS, email or blast fax the opportunity for a staff, friend or parent to be recommended to participate on the NHSA Board representing NIHSDA. Letters of support are required, the deadline is June 1, 2005.

Training Opportunities. The Board was asked to give some thought to sponsoring a New Director's Institute since the word is on the street that neither HSB's New Director's Training or Region 11 Training will be conducted this year.

Adjournment.

Theo Bayou moved to adjourn. Ann Belleau seconded. Motion passed.

/s/
Consuelo Guillory, Secretary
April 15, 2005