

**NIHSDA
Board of Directors Meeting
June 16 – 22, 2006**

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Call to Order: Theo Bayou, President, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. EST.

Roll Call: Roll call was taken by the Secretary, Ann Belleau. A quorum of the Board of Directors was established.

PRESENT	NOTIFIED	NOT NOTIFIED
President - Theo Bayou Treasurer – Dorothy McCloud Secretary – Ann Belleau Region 1 – Joyce McClellan Rick Getchell, Alt. Region 2 – John Pavek (joined mtg. 6/17) Kevin Hedstrom, Alt. Region 3 - Hilda Marshall Sara Young Bird, Alt. Region 4 – Denise Keene (joined mtg. 6/17) Pat Wind, Alt. Region 5 – Suellen Hixon LouAnn Tenequer. Alt. (joined mtg. 6/17) Region 6 – Mary Bendle Caroline Alcaida, Alt. Region 7 – Mavany Verdugo Region 8 – Jane Metcalf. Susan Carlson, Alt. Region 10 – Brenda Krupa MaryEllen Fritz, Alt.		

Others Present: Toni Dobrec (joined mtg. 6/17), Kathryn Helsel – TFA/MCS.

Agenda Review and Approval: The agenda was reviewed. Two agenda items were added: Angie Godfrey, TAN Director on 6/19 and Brian Richardson, State Collaboration Director on 6/20. Suellen Hixon moved to approve the agenda with the additions. Hilda Marshall seconded. Motion passed.

Reauthorization Update: Greg Smith and Ben, an intern, joined the meeting to give the Board an update on the status of the reauthorization of the Head Start Act. Greg stated that the Head Start Act is in limbo/stalled due to the proposed faith-based hiring language. The President is proposing “flat funding” with no consideration for inflation, cost of living, or increases in fuel/energy. The subcommittee is looking into moving funds out of the 13% set-aside. Gil Vigil gave testimony at the budget hearings and asked Frank Fluentes the reason for transferring funds out of the 13% priority fund. Greg will work on a one page briefing paper. Greg also gave testimony on the meth crisis in

Indian Country and donated 50 hours toward working with NIHSDA on developing an anti-meth campaign.

Channell Wilkins, Director for the Office of Head Start: Channell Wilkins, the new Director for the Office of Head Start joined the meeting to get acquainted with the Board and offer assistance. The Board introduced themselves and conveyed some areas of concern that included: Late FAA's, Re-Reviews and PIR Reviews, Alaska Program/TAN, COLA, Program Specialists/Re-organization of the Branch/Office of Head Start. Mr. Wilkins asked the Board about Touchpoints and provided an overview of the reorganization of the Branch to the Office of Head Start and some of his goals for improvements.

Lillian Sparks, Executive Director of NIEA: Lillian Sparks joined the meeting to network with the Board and to renew the MOA between NIEA and NIHSDA. The MOA was reviewed and updated. Hilda Marshall moved to review the MOA with changes. Dorothy McCloud seconded. Motion passed. Lillian discussed the NIEA legislative priority and the Native Language Bill being introduced for demonstration grants for immersion grants.

Jim Northcutt, NIHSDA CPA: Jim Northcutt joined the meeting via speaker phone to provide an overview of the Financial Audit Report and 990. Jim reported that it was a good audit and that Kathryn keeps good records. Mavany Verdugo moved to accept the Audit Report. Joyce McClellan seconded. Motion passed.

Approval of the Minutes of May 11, 2006: The minutes of the May 11, 2006, Board of Directors meeting were read. Jane Metcalf moved to accept the minutes. Dorothy McCloud seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Dorothy McCloud provided a report of the Check Register, Income Report, and Expense Report (including investments) and the Leech Lake Grant Check Register. Hilda Marshall moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. Caroline Alcaida seconded. Motion passed.

Response to Advocacy Request: Kathryn Helsel reported that invoices were sent out to each program. \$1,434.00 has been raised to date.

Amanda Bryans, Director of Program Operations: Amanda Bryans joined the meeting to network with the Board and discuss several topics which included: The transferring of funds from the 13% priority set-aside, under-enrollment, enrolling three-year-olds, budget format, Program Specialist case loads, a new system for approving grant applications, the possibility of an updated IM for grant application instructions, the Head Start Learning and Knowledge Center, the reorganization of the Branch to the Office of Head Start, Alaska programs in the AIAN/TAN System, and Tribal consultations. Both parties expressed that they are grateful for the opportunity to communicate with each other.

Membership Report: Kathryn Helsel provided an update on the current membership status. A second mailing will go out with an invoice for payment.

Attendance Record: Kathryn Helsel provided the attendance report to the Board which now includes attendance at the committee meetings.

Committee Reports:

- By-Laws Committee Report was given by Ann Belleau with an update of the work that has been accomplished by the committee. There are several items to be considered by the Board that will be added to a future agenda. Joyce McClellan moved to accept the By-Law Committee Report. Kevin Hedstrom seconded. Motion passed.
- Leadership Mentoring Committee report was given by Jane Metcalf on the work that has been completed by the committee and an overview of the agenda of the training session. Mavany Verdugo moved to accept the committee report. Dorothy seconded. Motion passed.

Board Self-Assessment: Theo Bayou provided the Board with an overview of the results from the Board Self-Assessment.

NHSA: Ron Herndon and Sarah Greene joined the meeting to network with the Board and share information/concerns. Areas of conversation included: Under-enrollment, T/TA input, Reauthorization/Appropriations/Senate Bill, PRISM, Policy Agenda, and background checks. The 2007 NHSA Conference will be held in San Antonio, Texas, in May.

MCS Assessment Summary: Theo Bayou reported the results of the MCS Assessment Summary. Theo also discussed the importance for 100% of the Board members to respond to surveys.

NHSA Scholarships: Mavany Verdugo reminded the Board that nominations for the NHSA Scholarships went out. The Board discussed the need to send out a reminder on the listserv that nominations must go through the NIHSDA Board to submit to NHSA.

Annual Membership Meeting Agenda: The draft agenda for the annual membership meeting was reviewed. Two items were added to the agenda: 1) Child Advocacy Fund Campaign and 2) Generate Concerns/Issues.

Dates for Annual Board Meeting: The annual NIHSDA Board Meeting will be held on October 5, 6, 7, 8 in Norman, Oklahoma. The Executive Committee will work with Kathryn Helsel to establish the agenda.

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NHSA Report: Toni Dobrec provided the Board with a report on the NHSA Special Board Meeting for the 3-year Strategic Plan. Verna Thompson and Caroline Yellowrobe were also selected to sit on the Task Force to develop the Strategic Plan for the upcoming three years. Some of the areas that will be considered in the plan are: NHSA membership, building the capacity of NHSA to reach a large number of parents, www.commonales.com to centralize Head Start success stories, staffing and reorganization of NHSA, and establishing a separate 504 non-profit to allow for

increased lobbying and political activity. Universal pre-K was also discussed. NHSA is also working on a translation and a special needs population policy and is working internationally for Head Start to be used as a model in other countries.

MCS Report: Toni Dobrec submitted a report on the status of the Strategic Plan and discussed the effectiveness of the committees that are problematic.

Directory of Indian Head Start Directors: Kathryn Helsel distributed the Indian Head Start Directory and asked for assistance in keeping the information updated. The director turnover rate is 40%, which makes it challenge to keep the directory current.

Conference Flow/Agenda: Kathryn Helsel reviewed the Conference flow/agenda and tasks were assigned to Board members. Carol Wedel reviewed the Conference registration and Conference budget areas. Kathryn reviewed the remainder of the Conference budget. Terri Stringer and Kathryn provided an overview of the Leadership Mentoring Agenda and Budget. Mavany Verdugo moved to accept the Conference budget reports for both the Conference and the Leadership Mentoring portion. Suellen Hixon seconded. Motion passed.

Seat Region 9: Kevin Hedstrom moved to formally seat Martina Wahsula as the Region 9 Representative. Joyce McClellan seconded. Motion passed.

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Georgie Sparks: Georgie Sparks joined the meeting to discuss the AIANPB Forum and participation of Branch staff. Georgie stated that she would like to work together to coordinate training.

Conference Overview: Toni Dobrec, Kathryn Helsel, Carol Wedel and Terri Stringer provided the Board with a post-Conference overview. Toni provided a sampling of some of the evaluation comments and most were positive. There was a total of 327 participates, including 11 that registered on-site. 96 grantees were represented at the Conference. The Silent Auction earned \$2,949.00 and the Raffle made \$1,010.00. 15 vendors accounted for \$3,810.00.

Next Board Meeting: Toni Dobrec will e-mail the dates for the upcoming Board and Committee Meetings.

With no further business, Hilda Marshall moved to adjourn the meeting. Mavany Verdugo seconded. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m. EST.