

**NIHSDA
Board of Directors Meeting
March 9, 2006
Tele-Conference**

Call to Order: Theo Bayou, President, called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. CST.

Roll Call: Roll call was taken by Kathryn Helsel. A quorum of the Board of Directors was established.

| PRESENT | NOTIFIED | NOT NOTIFIED |
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| President – Theo Bayou Treasurer – Dorothy McCloud Region 1 – Joyce McClellan Region 2 – John Pavek Region 3 - Sara Young Bird, Alt. Region 4 – Pat Wind, Alt. Region 5 – Suellen Hixon Region 7 – Mavany Verdugo Region 8 – Jane Metcalf. Region 10 – Brenda Krupa MaryEllen Fritz, Alt. | Secretary – Ann Belleau Region 2 – Kevin Hedstrom, Alt. Region 4 – Denise Keene Region 9 – Jessie Deardorff | Region 3 - Hilda Marshall Region 5 – LouAnn Tenequer. Alt. Region 6 – Mary Bendle Caroline Alcaida, Alt. Region 8 – Susan Carlson, Alt. |

Others Present: Kathryn Helsel, Toni Dobrec, MCS and Cheryl Wilson, Director IHS/HS Program.

Agenda Review and Approval: The agenda was reviewed. Joyce McClellan moved to approve the agenda, Dorothy McCloud seconded, the motion passed.

Approval of the Minutes of February 23-25, 2006:

John Pavek moved to accept the minutes of February 23-25, 2006. Jane Metcalf seconded. Suellen had identified several editorial corrections and will talk with Kathryn after the teleconference. The motion passed.

Treasurer’s Report: Dorothy McCloud provided a report of the Check Register, Income Report, and Expense Report including investments. Mavany Verdugo moved to accept the Treasurer’s Report, Suellen Hixon seconded, the motion passed.

Membership Report: Kathryn Helsel provided an update on the current membership status. No new programs became members during this last month. We remain at 89% membership with 18 programs not members.

Attendance Record: The attendance record updated for February 2006 was distributed to the Board prior to the meeting for their information. Brenda Krupa asked that the absent/not notified be removed from her name as she was unaware that Alternates were to play an active part on the Board.

Board Vacancies/Changes: Regions 1, 7 and 9 are working toward filling the Alternate vacancies. The MCS will support/help as needed. Joyce reported that she had not heard back from Rick Getchell at Aroostook Band of Micmac, but will be in contact with him. Mavany said that she would continue to contact directors in California and Nevada. Theo has been in contact with Martina Whelshula, director at Colville Confederated Tribes. Theo reported that Martina had responded and is checking with her supervisor.

Brenda Krupa was welcomed to the Board as the new Region 10 Board Representative. Mary Ellen Fritz is now the Region 10 Alternate.

Cheryl Wilson joined the call at approximately 1:20 CST.

Input from the Board on IHS/HS Program Direction: Cheryl informed the Board that their agreement with HSB had not been signed yet, however they were moving forward with their work plan. They are developing a web site and should be up and working by March 16th and invited everybody to be an active participant in the website. For about the last two years, Bob Bailas and Ralph Fulgram have been working on an update of the Model Tribal Health Code. On several occasions they have asked for input from grantees and have received very little information back from grantees. Theo asked Cheryl to send a copy of the Code to TFA for distribution to the Board members, who in turn will encourage their regional members to comment. Cheryl reported that the head doctor of pediatrics said that Head Start children should be first priority for service. Children who are served by clinics operated by IHS need to be Tribally enrolled. Clinics operated by 638 contracts are extending service to non-Indians. There are two books that Cheryl is working on: The ABCs of Health and The Eagle Book with a teacher training guide. These books will be available to all HS grantees. Some suggestions for future work were: Mental Health, Access to Care, Methamphetamine Concerns, and Behavioral Concerns. The goal for AED's Health Specialist and IHS/HS Program is to complement each other's service.

Committee Attendance Tracking System: Kathryn and Kristi are working on this tracking system, and will be ready by the end of March.

Membership Management and Membership Services Committee Report: Mavany reported that their committee is recommending that the membership fees remain the same for this next membership year, June 1 – May 31, '06-'07, and that there would be no extra charge for a CDA candidate/renewal to use NIHSDA as a professional organization if the grantee is a paid member of NIHSDA. Along with the certificate of membership should be sent 6 extra cards for this purpose. Mavany moved that the committee report be accepted by the Board, Dorothy seconded. Motion passed.

Amanda Bryans Comments to the Listserv: Kathryn has sent Amanda's comments made during the Board meeting in Arizona to her for editing before sending them to the listserv.

Board Minutes to the Listserv and Webpage: Toni suggested that the monthly minutes be posted to the web page with a notice sent to the listserv that included a link to the webpage. This will be done immediately.

NIHSDA's 2005 Information Brochure: This brochure was emailed to all board members and will be updated prior to the '06-'07 membership drive.

Reorganization of Head Start: Toni reported that because very little improvement has happened at HSB, Wade Horn through the Secretary of HHS is asking that the HSB be moved up directly under his control, so that findings from the GAO reports can be implemented. This should allow for greater coordination with the Regional offices and there is a search on right now for a Commissioner of HSB. Toni also reported to the Board that with this move the Head Start Act will probably not be reauthorized during this Congress.

NICCA letter to Representative Regula: Secretary Leavitt also is recommending that the Child Care Bureau be collapsed into the Office of Family Assistance. There is fear that Child Care might only be offered to TANF families. John moved and Dorothy seconded that a letter supporting NICCA's position be sent to Chairman Regula of the House Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Service, and Education, Committee on Appropriations. That letter should go out by Friday. Motion passed.

Regional Fund Raising: During the Budget Development Meeting in November, the Board agreed that each NIHSDA Region would be responsible for raising \$2,000 per Region to help support the NIHSDA Native Child/Family Advocacy Fund. So far Region 2 and Region 8 have met this goal. Other Regions need start working on this immediately.

Frank Fuentes Letter: It was reported by several Board members that Frank's response to the Tribal Conversation held in December has been sent to all Tribal Leadership and Head Start Directors. One program reported receiving it on March 2, 2006.

2006 Conference Update: The Conference Committee will begin actively working off of the Conference plan that was developed in Chandler, AZ.

Programs with Under-Enrollment Being Cut: Kathryn reported that Rocky Boy was being cut by 17 children and Mavany reported that Campo was also cut by 20 children. The way the money cut is being figured is to divide the total funded amount by the number of children.

Other New Business: Dorothy asked that the Advocacy Fund Raising Letter be sent back out to the Board by email. Toni did this immediately following the meeting.

Brenda requested that the Conference Committee consider honoring all the individuals that have earned an AA or higher degree at the Conference, possibly by listing them in the program.

Dorothy and Jane are both working on an individual who will bead Head Start pins.

Toni asked that all Board members and Alternates reread the NIHSDA Committee Handbook, which gives the process of how long to wait for a Committee member's response before the minutes are posted to the committee website.

Mary Ellen Fritz notified the Board that she will be leaving Head Start in about 6 weeks to form her own business working with low-income families. She thanked the Board for all of their help for over 13 years and wished everyone well.

With no further business, Dorothy moved to adjourn at 2:55 p.m. CST. Joyce seconded. Motion passed.