

**NIHSDA
Board of Directors Meeting
November 13, 2008**

Call to Order: Danny Wells, President, called the meeting to order at 11:10 a.m. PST.

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

PRESENT	NOTIFIED	NOT NOTIFIED
President – Danny Wells Secretary – Mavany Verdugo Region 1 – Frances Maney Region 2 – John Pavek Region 2 – Kevin Hedstrom, Alt. Region 3 – Hilda Marshall Region 3– Sara Young Bird, Alt. Region 4 – Mike Williamson Region 4 – Stephanie Carr, Alt Region 5 – Kathleen Sando Region 5– William Maes Alt Region 6 – - Pat Foster Region 8 – Vikki Bishop Region 8 – Viola Wood, alt. Region 9 – Jackie Haight Region 10 – Albert Rhinehart	Immediate Past Pres – Ann Belleau Treasurer – Gil Gonzales	

Others Present: Kathryn Helsel, Toni Dobrec, and Kristi Bentkowski, from the MCS were present. Renee Perthuis from OHS joined the call for a planned discussion.

Update on AIAN office: Renee came on to address questions from the board. Danny asked the following questions:

1. *Where are we on the Regional Manager Position for AIAN?* Nina McFadden starts on Monday, November 17, her bio was sent out to several organizations, and she doesn't have an ACF email address yet. Tom Tragear will still be reviewing refunding applications during the transition.
2. *When will the first tribal consultation report be out? How will it be distributed? What was learned from the consultations, and have regulations been affected in any way from what you have heard?* Kansas City is ready and has been sent electronically to Tribal Leaders and Head Start Directors. It will be on the ECLKC within the next couple of weeks.
3. *Have there been any comments on the Indian Head Start Study?* No comments yet but please encourage folks to respond. Kathryn reported that Paul Spicer from the Research Steering Committee now out of the University of Oklahoma will respond as well as NIHSDA and probably some tribes, too.
4. *Where are we on the enrollment issue?* The 30 day rule is back in effect. The ruling had good intention but was poorly crafted and poorly implemented. The message is to

keep fully enrolled.

5. *When do on-site reviews start for AIAN grantees? How many will be conducted this year?* Everyone has received notice by now for the 09 reviews. All will be led by feds. There are 60 scheduled reviews of AIAN programs for 2009.

6. *When is the AIAN T/TA RFP going to be issued?* I have no knowledge of this. I signed a confidentiality statement in regard of this issue. After tomorrows meeting I will share anything I have authority to share with TFA.

7. *Minutes from the final Re-Designation Committee indicated that there may be a need for tribal consultations prior to the implementation of the designation process for AIAN programs. What are your thoughts on this?* Can't share. I am in a career track as civil a servant. As for the status of the regulations, there will be a meeting in December off location to discuss the new Standards. It depends on the new OMB and is out of their hands...maybe 75 days.

8. *What is the status of Campo and Ahmium in California?* Ahmium EHS relinquished in June or July of last year. The 50 slots will be available soon. Campo relinquished also and now run their own Indian Preschool.

9. *There was a question about criminal backgrounds.*

Agenda Approval: The agenda was reviewed. Several items were added to New Business. Gift for Renee, Dec 11 board meeting, local area specialist letters of support request, move Jacki's items up as she must leave early for PC meeting. Albert moved to accept the amended agenda, and John seconded the motion. The motion passed.

State/Tribal Agreement Letter: Jacki presented a draft letter to the governor of Washington State that basically is a proactive step to invite participation from tribes in the development of Kindergarten readiness assessments. It would be for tribes with Head Starts and those without Head Start but with ECE programs. NIHSDA would put it on letterhead and possibly include NCAI in the support. Hilda moved to approve sending the letter from the board and Mavany seconded it. The motion passed.

Update on BC Provincial Training Conference: Jacki confirmed that she will be able to attend and present on EHS at this Canadian training. Mavany will also continue as the Canadian Ambassador and attend to support Jacki and proceed with the pen pal program between Canadian and AIAN programs. The training is in February 2009.

Discussion on AIAN Collaboration: Carmen Bovelle-Chester and Angie Godfrey joined the call to discuss the State Collaboration Offices and their relation to AIAN Grantees. There is a need to address issues with AIAN and Migrant programs. Some have good relations and some need support. OHS asked the new director for a strategy. A grant was awarded for AED to work with Carmen and the new RPM, Nina McFadden. There will be a meeting in February for Collab officers to develop this strategy. It will be the first item of business for the new National Collaboration director. There is a need for NIHSDA to cooperate with this effort too. Our input is important and it is critical for us to send representatives to the February meeting. The Collab directors will bring a rep from their associations. NIHSDA needs to send a minimum of 2 people. They have worked to move the budget around to provide travel. The Collab directors want help. We need to

share what works. Montana has been successful. There is only a one hour session to cram all this in. Please offer written material for later reading.

December 12, MOUs are due to collab directors. No separate strategy has been developed yet for AIAN programs, the requirement is the same. See Brian Richmond for help with working and the process in general. Some LEAs do not understand they need to work with our programs/grantees. Some are refusing to speak or sign with Tribal Head start. Directors need to document and provide these refusals. Carmen wants to know who is struggling so to provide outreach to facilitate the MOUs and forge partnerships and relationships in the best interest of the children.

The needs assessments from the States is being sent to tribal programs. All must respond but many are confused as they have never had to do things at the state level before. Many are waiting for a national collab needs assessment for AIAN programs. The new National Collab director will have to see what has come in and based on the response rate, rewrite the lengthy questionnaire or offer translation.

Approval of the Minutes of the October 17 – 19, 2008 Face-to-Face annual business meeting in Oklahoma City: The minutes were read and examined for corrections. John moved to approve them as submitted and Albert seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Kathryn announced that Gil's surgery was on the 6th and he is on the mend. She did call to review the financials. Kathryn reviewed the Check Register, Revenue Report and Expense Report. Hilda moved to accept the treasurer's report and John seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

Membership Report: Kathryn gave an overview of the Regional Membership Report. There were no new members.

Region 1 – a cluster meeting will happen next Tuesday at Seneca and Francis will solicit memberships

Region 7 – Campo needs to be taken off the list. There will be a meeting in January and an alternate can be chosen.

Region 10 – There will be a meeting next Wednesday to choose an alternate.

\$3 Per Child Campaign and Regional \$2,000 Commitment: Two programs contributed this past month, Grand Traverse and Coeur d'Alene. No regions sent in contributions.

Attendance Record: Kathryn provided the Board with a copy of the new Attendance Report for their information. We had excellent attendance at today's meeting with only 2 notified absences. We are off to a good start.

New Business:

2009 Operations Calendar: The calendar has been expanded to include committee meeting dates also. MCS will send out the schedule for the rest of 2008. Mike moved to accept the calendar and Albert seconded the motion. The motion passed.

NIHSDA Representatives to NHTSA: Albert moved that Danny Wells will be the NHTSA rep and John seconded. Motion passed. Toni informed the board that she had sent in a letter informing NHTSA that Mavany is no longer the director representative and that Danny will be the new director rep. Danny will be receiving the information and be allowed on the board's web page. Mavany wished him well.

Comments on New NIHSDA Web Page Design: Kristi was complimented on the new web page design. She explained some of the features and answered questions. A few remaining bugs will be worked out. Everyone is encouraged to go to the site and make comments by Wednesday of next week. The Executive Committee will make the decision of whether or not to go live with the new site.

Interviews for AIAN Collaboration Director: Mavany and Danny have been sworn to confidentiality until the interviews and recommendations are complete. The interviews are scheduled for tomorrow the 14th.

2009 Conference:

- **Vendor Fee** It has been decided to lower the native vendor fee to \$150, and leave corporate fees at \$300. NIHSDA will be charged an unheard of low rate of \$25 per table. Mavany moved to approve the new lower fee and Kevin seconded. The motion passed.
- **Recognitions** All are encouraged to think about ideas for awards, and recognition of achievements. What area shall we focus on? What names are buzzing around in related areas of Head Start and the new movements?
- **Report on meeting with OK Directors Assoc:** TFA presented the conference layout and purpose to the OK Directors Association and asked them to consider how they could help as a local area planning committee. They appointed two liaisons, Pat Wind and Verna Thompson to sit in on NIHSDA's conference planning meetings. OK will meet on the 4th to decide their level of involvement and their resources. They will meet back with NIHSDA by December 19.

Post Board Self-Assessment: On the original self assessment 14 board members completed the survey. On the post assessment, after the board training, the results went up but only 8 board members completed it. There is still time to do it. It would make Toni happy.

Ralph Booth Memorial: Ralph passed away suddenly from a heart attack. He died in his home. The board sent \$100 to his mother to help defray the cost of arrangements. All of the condolences that were posted on the listserv were printed on nice paper and

sent as well. Many are grieving at the loss of this very young man who had a big heart for the children and families in his community and the Head Start community at large. We will miss him. The Alaska conference in February will recognize Ralph.

Recognition Gift for Renee Perthuis: In thanks for her service as Acting AIAN Branch Chief, NIHSDA will present Renee with a plaque containing a certificate and NIHSDA pin. Kristi will do a mock layout and show to the board.

Letters of Support for AED: No RFP has been issued yet for the AIAN TTA. Programs should do what they want regarding the letters of support.

Adjournment: Mavany moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:07 p.m. pacific and John seconded. The motion carried.