

**NIHSDA
Board of Directors Meeting
November 12, 2009**

Call to Order: Danny Wells, President, called the meeting to order at 11:01 a.m. PST.

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

PRESENT	NOTIFIED	NOT NOTIFIED
President – Danny Wells Pres-Elect – Gil Gonzales Treasurer- Mike Williamson Secretary – Jacki Haight Region 1 – Frances Maney Region 2 – John Pavek Region 3 – Hilda Marshall, Alt Region 4 – Misty Horne – Colette Berg, Alt Region 5 – Myrna Dingman Region 6 – Pat Foster Region 7 – Christi Jacobus, Alt Region 8 – Vikki Bishop – Viola Wood, Alt. Region 9 – Laura Waukechon – Lisa Horn, Alt Region 10 – Albert Rinehart Amb to Canada - Mavany Verdugo	Region 1 – Ann Belleau, Alt Region 3- Sara Young Bird Region 7 – Gayle Johnson Region 10-Malinda Besett, Alt	Region 6- Cheryl Encinas, Alt.

Others Present: Kathryn Helsel, Toni Dobrec, Kristi Bentkowski, and Teri Stringer from the MCS were present.

Agenda Approval: The agenda was reviewed. Danny and Kathryn added three items: Report from NHSA Meeting; Report from Kennedy Reception in Washington DC; Update on EHS Expansion. John moved to accept the amended agenda, Hilda seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Approval of the Minutes of the October 12- 13, 2009 meeting: The minutes were read and examined for corrections. Misty moved to approve the minutes, Frances seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Treasurer’s Report: Mike reviewed the Check Register, Revenue Report and Expense Report. John moved to accept the treasurer’s report and Misty seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

Membership Report: Kathryn gave an overview of the Regional Membership Report. Two new members since last report- Ho-Chunk (WI) and Sisseton-Wahpeton (SD). Continue contacting programs to reach 100% participation!

MCS conducted a survey of perspective members and it was reported there are no barriers to becoming members.

\$3 Per Child Campaign and Regional \$2,000 Commitment: Eastern Band of Cherokees, Bishop, Rincon, and Region 4 .

Attendance Record: According to the bylaws, 5 absences in a 12-month period or 3 absent not notified in a row are grounds for termination. One member has 5 absences, two members have 6 absences, two members have 7, and one member has 8. Congratulations to Danny and Jackie for perfect attendance!

Old Business:

Follow Up answers of Questions for Renee: All appreciated her quick response. A few more questions/inquiries for clarification: Results of 08-09 Monitoring for AI/ANPB: How many and who are the deficient AI/ANPB grantees; Does a grantee need to spend all of its one-time supplement award if the time frame for its year –end does not allow for best fiscal practice (can a carry-over be considered?).

Letter to Yvette Sanchez Fuentes, OHS Director, and her reply: The letter of congratulations from NIHSDA was received with a timely response stating she looks forward to working with NIHSDA.

Mavany will be attending a meeting in CA where Yvette S-Fuentes will be speaking. Kathryn will include inviting Yvette S-Fuentes to the NIHSDA Conference in San Diego, CA along with Renee and Nina.

New Business:

Seating of Alternates for Region 4 and 9: Laura called for seating of Lisa Horn as the alternate delegate for Region 9. Misty seconded. The motion passed. Misty called for the approval of Colette Berg as the alternate delegate for Region 4. Mike seconded. The motion passed. Their term is for 2 years, until October 2011.

Alternate positions open in Region 2 and 5: Brief discussion regarding open alternate seats- In Region 4 John stated that Lee Turney, Leech Lake, is interested. In Region 6 Myrna stated the Steve Honeyestewa, Hopi, is interested. It is planned that at the 12/14 NIHSDA Board meeting these individuals will be nominated and elected to serve.

Reactions to the GAO Call: All agreed they are looking forward to the report that should be released in late spring or early summer 2010. The report will go to OHS for comments then OMB then on to Congress. It will appear in the federal register. Kathryn followed up with Anna to discuss further the following items: How did OHS reserve funds for AI/ANPB? and clarification of the new money for AI/ANPB from the HS Act. All agreed that this GAO team was not familiar with the uniqueness of Region XI to others.

Anna did state that this GAO team focusing on the transparency of ARRA funds would be visiting programs during their research.

Report on Kennedy Reception In Washington DC: Kathryn shared Greg's comments- he reported attending Obama's meeting with Tribal nations and that a primary focus had been sovereignty issues and recognition. Patrick Kennedy spoke at the reception held in a congressional office and he stated that Kennedy supported Indian Head Start. All members agreed it was a good decision to support the reception and have NIHSDA be visible.

Report on NHSA: Danny gave a report of the last meeting. The focus of the meeting had been on NHSA's settlements and their membership numbers.

Report on EHS Expansion: Donald Wyatt, AI/ANPB staffer reports that all paperwork is out of OHS (grants/programs). There are four more steps in the process prior to grantees receiving their FAAs. Nina McFadden, Region XI Manager stated that 26 new EHS programs will be announced next week.

2011 Conference Update: Kathryn reported that the contract is signed with the hotel for the 2011 Conference in DC area. It was a good negotiation.

Discussion on ICF Operations: A heated discussion took place regarding the ICF training contract and reports from the regions. Region 4 reported that they have been receiving conflicting information from the GPSS. They have been told that ICF does not allow "cluster trainings." Region 10 reported that a program had its RMM with the ICF GPSS sharing information about the program that was not correct.

Nancy Schwachter, who oversees ICF GPSS, wants to hear from AI/ANPB regarding the challenges being faced with the new training contract. It is important that the information contain details with actual names involved. It was agreed by all the NIHSDA Board members that when communicating to Nancy, ICF, include a cc; to Ann Linehan, Yvette s-Fuentes and Nina McFadden.

Mavany commented that a solution to ICF difficulties would be issuing vouchers to AI/ANPB programs so they can locate their own quality training venues.

Other: Myrna reported participating on an Oral Health Initiative Program meeting last week in Washington DC. She will pull together information to share with fellow NIHSDA Board members.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 12:20pm PST. Albert moved to adjourn the meeting and Misty seconded. The motion carried.