

**NIHSDA
Board of Directors Meeting
February 11, 2010**

Call to Order: Danny Wells, President, called the meeting to order at 11:00 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 Secretary – Jacki Haight Region 1 – Frances Maney - Ann Belleau, Alt Region 2 – John Pavek - Lee Turney, Alt Region 3 – Sara Young Bird Region 4 – Misty Horne, Region 5 – Myrna Dingman - Steve Honeyestewa, Alt Region 6 – Pat Foster Region 7 – Gayle Johnson - Christi Jacobus, Alt Region 8 – Vikki Bishop - Viola Wood, Alt Region 9 – Laura Wauckeon - Lisa Horn, Alt. Region 10 – Albert Rinehart Amb to Can- Mavany Verdugo	Treasurer- Mike Williamson Region 3 – Hilda Marshall, Alt Region 6 - Cheryl Encinas, Alt Region 10 – Malinda Besett, Alt	Region 4 – Colette Berg, Alt

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

Agenda Approval: The agenda was reviewed. Danny added Vicki Bishop, Region8, sharing information from ACF. John P. moved to accept the amended agenda, Myrna D. seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Approval of the Minutes of the January 14, 2010 meeting: The minutes were read and examined for corrections. Albert R. moved to approve the minutes, Gayle J. seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Treasurer’s Report: In Mike W.’s absence Kathryn Helsel, MCS, reviewed the Check Register, Revenue Report and Expense Report. John P. moved to accept the treasurer’s report and Gil G. seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

Membership Report: Kathryn H. stated that there are no changes. Individual contact by NIHSDA Regional Reps is still necessary for 100% membership goal of AIANPB. Laura W., Region 9 reported that she has contacted the remaining 5 programs in her region and will follow up.

\$3 Per Child Campaign and Regional \$2,000 Commitment: Kathryn H. reported that a \$1,000.00 was received

Attendance Record: Danny W. commended the NIHSDA Board and Alternates for their active participation and commitment. Lisa H., Region 9, requested a correction in the attendance record to mark her as absent/notified for the 12/10/2009 meeting. Again, a reminder that committee meetings need to be scheduled by NIHSDA Board Chairs. Jacki H. reported that the By-Laws/Governance/Board Development conducted an electronic meeting this month and had 5 of 6 members participating.

New Business:

Region 2 Alternate: John P. informed the Board that Lee Turney, director of Leech Lake, had been selected to serve as the alternate for Region 2. John P. moved to accept the Lee Turney as the Region 2 Alternate and Misty H. seconded the motion. The motion was passed. Lee's term will be for 2 years until October 2011.

Interview with ACF: Ann Belleau, Region 1, was contacted by ACF to participate in a customer survey. NIHSDA Board members received a copy of the questions with their monthly packets. Ann reported that the purpose of the interviews is to gather information to make improvements in the OHS structure. She shared that the interviewer asked specific questions regarding Region XI being part of the local regional offices; communication systems with the Program Specialist and use of the HSES website. A brief discussion occurred and all agreed to participate if contacted by ACF to assure input is received on specific issues of concern.

Specific discussion occurred during this agenda item regarding the reduction in the T/TA funds to AI/ANPB grantees. All agreed to the following action: 1) MSC gather info from NIHSDA membership regarding their T/TA reductions; 2) Develop a letter addressed to Yvette Sanchez-Fuentes, OHS Director with a cc: to Carmen Nazario, ACF Deputy Assistant Secretary, regarding the management of the T/TA reduction process. 3) Include this discussion at the SW Conference Tribal Leadership Forum; 4) Include this for further discussion at the NIHSDA Board F2F in AZ; 5) NIHSDA Board members develop letters for Tribal Leadership to write OHS Director and elected officials 6) Confer with tribal attorneys regarding if signed FAA received does it constitute a contract that cannot be altered; 7) Consult with Greg Smith

Invitation to meet HHS and ED: Danny W. received an invitation to participate in a 2 hour meeting with DHHS and DOE in Washington, D.C. on 2/18/2010. It will be a briefing on current priorities and interagency initiatives in early childhood. Joan Lombardi , DHHS, Deputy Assistant Secretary & Inter-Departmental Liaison for Early Childhood Development; Jacqueline Jones, DOE, Senior Adviser to Secretary for Early Learning and others will be present. Greg Smith will be representing NIHSDA at his meeting and report to the Board.

Presentation at NIEA: Kathryn H. reported that Greg Smith gave a presentation at NIEA. Board members received a copy of the one-page summary titled “Funding American Indian-Alaska Native Head Start and Early Head Start.”

Information about OHS Reorganization: A vigorous sharing and conversation occurred regarding the OHS reorganization- “Roadmap to Success” and how it will affect AI/ANPB grantees. Renee Perthius is serving as the Acting Deputy Director of ACF. Yvette Sanchez-Fuentes, OHS Director has indicated re-structuring OHS into the following divisions: Contracts/Grants; Budget; Policy; T/TA; Redesignation; Monitoring; Systems. The Divisions will necessitate a re-structuring of personnel. Nothing official has been distributed as of this date. All NIHSDA Board members agreed follow up needs to occur with the changes being put forth.

ACF Sharing: Vicki B., Region 8, shared ACF updates that her program learned about attending the new EHS Orientation in Washington, D.C. OHS Director stated the following: 1) EHS expansion will continue; 2) Within 2 years the cycle of 5 year competitions for grantees will be in place; 3) Re-structuring of OHS will occur

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 12:46pm PST. Gil G. moved to adjourn the meeting and Myrna D. seconded. The motion carried.