

**NIHSDA
Board of Directors Meeting
October 10, 2024**

Roll Call/Establish Quorum: Roll call was taken by Ann Cameron. A quorum was established.

Call to Order: President, Melissa Harris called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m. EST.

PRESENT	ABSENT NOTIFIED	ABSENT NOT NOTIFIED
President – Melissa Harris President Elect – Andrea Pesina Treasurer – Jenny Oatman Secretary-Ann Cameron Zone 1 – Tina Routh Zone 1-Tina Saunooke, Alt. Zone 2- Vanessa Goodthunder Zone 3-Anne Reddy, Alt Zone 4–Jayme Trevino Zone 4- Cheryl DuBois, Alt. Zone 8-DeAnn Brown Zone 9 – Debbie Sioux Lee Zone 9- Mary DuPuis, Alt. Zone 10 – Kristin Ramstad Zone 10 – Jennifer Russell, Alt.	Zone 2 – Jayme Goodlet-King, Alt. Zone 3- Vonda Pourier Zone 6 – Florinda Jackson Zone 7- Crystal Kremensky Zone 8 - Hilary Gourneau, Alt.	

Others Present: Kristi Bentkowski and Teri Stringer from Three Feathers Associates.

Approval of Agenda: The agenda was reviewed. Kristin moved to accept the agenda. Jayme seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Change in Leadership: Melissa gave comments and turned over leadership to Andrea. Tina motioned to accept the change in leadership, Debbie seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Seat Board Members: Zone 2 – Jayme Goodlet-King. Zone 10 – Kristin, Jennifer Russell. Tina Routh motioned to sear the board members. Anne R. seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda: Items included in the consent agenda are September minutes, September treasurer report, and committee reports. Kristin moved to approve the consent agenda. Anne R. seconded the motion. Motion carried.

General Correspondence:

- No formal correspondence - some vendor contacts, Teri discussed the status of board vacancies.

Policy Institute:

- Meetings with Congress: Andrea, Melissa and Anne R. described the process for the meetings with congressional offices and discussed how the meetings went. Melissa shared that the advocacy team for the boarding school issues asked us to advocate for our needs and they will advocate for our issues.
- OHS Meeting: The team met with the Office of Head Start to discuss various topics. Katie offered to set up a follow-up video meeting due to time constraints.
- RFI Priorities: Andrea reviewed the AIAN Head Start Priority Issues organized by asks of OHS and Congress.
- TIEES Listening Sessions: Mary attended the first session and shared a summary. They are looking for input. There are not answers at this point. Not approved as an option yet. Not a 477 arrangement. One funding stream for ECE programs. 477 is a separate process from TIEES.

Region XI Update: Todd joined the meeting. Topics discussed were: 3 new programs specialist will be starting soon, OHS implemented a change in scope intake team – will review for completeness in hopes for timely processing. Beginning internal self-assessment process. FY 24 monitoring ended Sept. 30th will be looking at data. Use of AI during webinars – caution that the AI may change the content. Federal staff being trained on final rule to ensure consistent understanding of the rules. Facilities checklist. DHHS adopted CFR part 200 some effective Oct 1. Equipment thresholds \$5,000 to \$10,000. Micropurchase threshold increased to \$50,000. 120-day close-out for 5-year period. De minimus indirect cost rate increased to 15%. Single audit 750,000 increased to 1 MIL. Tribal specific page on the ECKLC – making updates. All expansion funds were awarded – 8 AIAN awards. Resources/idea to implement IM24-03.

Use of Indigenous Knowledge (ACF-OHS-IM-24-03): Up to each Tribe to decide what they will be doing. Betsy McDougall is working with several tribes on this (Florinda is one) – she could be a good resource for training.

Adjourn: Jayme motioned to adjourn, Debbie seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 3:47 p.m. EST.