

**NIHSDA
Board of Directors Meeting
September 10, 2020**

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

Call to Order: President, Tina Routh called the meeting to order at 2:15 p.m. EST.

PRESENT	ABSENT NOTIFIED	ABSENT NOT NOTIFIED
President – Tina Routh President Elect-Lee Turney Treasurer- Carlos Powell, Sr. Secretary-Ann Cameron Zone 1-Melissa Harris Zone 2- Vanessa Goodthunder Zone 2 – Luanne Wiggins, Alt Zone 3- Vonda Pourier, Alt. Zone 4–Robert Pickens Zone 5-Jo Williams Zone 5 – Andrea Pesina, Alt Zone 6 – Tami Brungard, Alt. Zone 7- Crystal Kremensky Zone 7 – Rhonda Laughlin, Alt Zone 8-Jenny Oatman Zone 10-Ethan Petticrew Zone 10 – Amber, Alt.	Zone 3-Anne Reddy	Zone 4- Sherry Rackliff, Alt. Zone 6- Cheryl Conde Zone 9- Kendal Peterson, Alt Zone 9- Debbi Lee Zone 10- Connie Wirz, Alt.

Others Present: Kristi Bentkowski and Teri Stringer from Three Feathers Associates. Dr. Deborah Bergeron and Todd Lertjuntharangool from OHS.

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

Approval of the minutes from August: Jo moved to approve the minutes. Melissa seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Approval of Treasurer’s Report: Carlos/Teri presented the treasurer’s report. Jenny moved to approve the treasurer’s reports. Cheryl seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Revised 2020 Budget: Budget revisions were made due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Line items were adjusted by the finance committee. Teri presented the proposed changes to the 2020 budget. Ethan moved to approve the 2020 budget revision. Jo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Communication Update:

- ACT Workgroup (TEC System) – Tina will update when new info is received.

Partnership Update:

- NHTSA Update (committee meetings, board meetings, RWJF grant) – Still in the planning process for the RWJF grant. MCS is examining the cost for a consultant to represent the board. The grant has not been awarded to NHTSA yet.
- TRC – Awarded the grant for the TRC for next five years.

Committee Reports and Plans:

Committee chairs presented the following committee reports. Details are provided in each committee report: Details of committee work were verbally presented for approval.

- Executive Committee – Committee work included: September agenda, relinquished grantee funding, RWJF grant, TFA invoice, MCS contract, NHTA conference/workshops.
- Finance Committee – Committee work included: August financials, Investment accounts, MCS conference facilitation bill, revised 2020 budget, 2021 proposed operations budget, and fall sales.

Jo made the motion to approve the committee reports including action recommended by the committees. Ethan seconded. Motion carried.

OHS Update: Dr. B and Todd joined the call to provide OHS updates. Topics included:

- OHS shifted language from open or closed to “open” because programs are providing services, they are not closed. Services are provided via in-person services, remote services, or hybrid models of service delivery.
- New CLASS rule – the change reflects gotcha to growth. The change impacts three areas of the DRS. The rule does not change the process for AIAN consultation.
- Consultation Information is out
- Tribal colleges – the NOA’s are close to being sent out.
- COVID – still dealing with a very different environment. Flexibilities still in place.
- Todd spoke about using OHS data to make decisions that support tribal programs. What are the common areas occurring with the data. Identified five top priorities. Not final priorities – health/disabilities/mental health, staffing (high turnover, degrees), fiscal, school readiness/coaching, governance (reporting). TA will start planning with OHS on these priority areas.
- Collaboration office was awarded to FHI360.
- Ethan asked if ANA is being flexible on hour requirements – Dr. B will contact ANA.
- The AIAN programs in the current DRS system will get a “second look”. The competitive status will no longer be applicable. No one will be put into competition because of the new rule. There will be programs take out of competition. Will not have to go through re-evaluation and can complete for a five year grant. Grantees can elect to continue with the support provided.
- Has T/TA developed a training calendar? Hopefully it will be developed by Oct/Nov.
- Will there be a virtual component to coaching?

- Lee clarified the need for fiscal training to be a collaborative effort with grants management and the grantee. There is a lot of turnover in tribal fiscal departments. Specific topics that should be covered are: NFS waiver, reporting (425, 429), turnover in HS directors and tribal accounting. Todd stated their thoughts are similar, and also to have David Kadan and his team present to answer questions and provide guidance.
- How can the process to request T/TA be improved?
- Ann - What is happening with the wages/benefits guidance that will expire at the end of Sept? Dr. B - The employees should be paid for working remotely, therefore no flexibility needed.
- Can we get an updated list of AIAN grantees? Todd will provide the list.
- Has there been any thought around grantees having the ability to provide feedback regarding how they are provided service from their program specialist or grant specialist? There is not a formal feedback loop. Programs do reach out to Todd if they have concerns. Todd encourages programs to talk directly to the person they are having an issue with.
- Programs can't meet 45 day screening requirements. Do we have to request waivers for regs we can't meet due to COVID. Programs should contact their programs specialist in other cases. OHS does not have waiver authority in all cases. Programs can request NFS waivers. Request on letterhead to David Kadan.

Seat Zone 2, 4, 6, 8, & 10 Board Members: Zone 2 will seat next month, Zone 4 will be Robert and elect an alternate next week, Zone 6 will retain Cheryl and Tami, Zone 8 will be Jenny and alternate DeAnn Brown. Zone 10 Ethan will remain the rep and Amber will be the alternate. Ethan made the motion to seat the new board members. Carlos seconded. Motion carried.

Other: None

Adjourn: Crystal moved to adjourn the meeting. Jo seconded. Motion carried.