

The INARF Board of Directors meeting was held on Friday, February 24, 2023 at Easterseals Crossroads, Indianapolis. The INARF Board of Directors meeting convened at 11:30 AM.

**Present:** Debbie Bennett, Hillcroft Services, Inc., Chair (phone)  
Donna Elbrecht, Easterseals Arc of Northeast Indiana, Vice Chair  
Patrick Cockrum, Sycamore Services, Inc., Treasurer  
Yolanda Kincaid, Janus Developmental Services, Inc., Secretary  
Rick Adams, Benchmark Human Services, Immediate Past Chair  
Brianne Boles, Developmental Services, Inc. (phone)  
Matt Harrington, LOGAN Community Resources, Inc. (phone)  
Jason McManus, Wabash Center, Inc. (phone)  
Chris Nabors, Peak Community Services, Inc.  
Neil Samahon, Opportunity Enterprises, Inc.  
Jim Wiltz, Dungarvin Indiana, LLC (phone)

**Guests:** Ari Campbell, Tangram, Inc.  
Christiaan Campbell, Campbell and Associates, LLC  
Keith Digman, The Columbus Organization  
Kacie Ensign, Opportunity Enterprises, Inc.  
Jeff Frady, Benchmark Human Services  
David Smith, Carey Services, Inc.

**Staff:** John Barth, President/CEO  
Katy Stafford-Cunningham, EVP & COO  
Barb Young, Vice President - Finance/CFO  
Nanette Hagedorn, Vice President, Member Services  
Brian Carnes, Director, Public Policy & Technical Assistance  
Courtney Scott, Public Policy Analyst  
Ethan Newett, Communications & Marketing Coordinator

### **INARF Board of Directors meeting**

#### **I. Call to Order, Welcome**

Donna Elbrecht called the meeting to order.

#### **II. Modification to the Agenda**

There were no modifications to the agenda.

#### **III. Approval of the Minutes**

The January 27 INARF Board of Directors meeting minutes were presented and reviewed.

Motion 23:03 Neil Samahon motioned to approve the January 27 INARF Board of Directors meeting minutes. Patrick Cockrum seconded, and the motion carried.

#### **IV. Review of January Financial Statements**

Mr. Cockrum presented and reviewed the January financial statements. At the end of January, the change in net assets from operations is \$31,000, the change from nonoperating activity is \$71,900, for an overall increase in net assets of \$102,900. This includes sponsorship income for 2023 events of \$39,950.

Motion 23:04 Mr. Cockrum motioned to file the January financial statements for audit. Yolanda Kincaid seconded, and the motion carried.

**V. Standing Committee Reports**

**a. Governmental Affairs**

Jason McManus presented a report from the Governmental Affairs Committee (GAC) which met on February 10.

INARF staff provided an update on HB 1001 and shared that the details would be released the next Wednesday regarding the budget. INARF staff and GAC chairs updated the committee on the changes HB 1342 has undergone, and where the bill currently stands. KWK updated the committee on SB 1. Staff provided an update on SB 81 and HB 1213.

Lastly, INARF staff shared the potential date which the State has communicated that INARF will receive information regarding the Milliman Rate Review.

The next GAC meeting will be March 10.

**b. Training and Professional Development**

Nanette Hagedorn presented a report from the Training and Professional Development Committee (TPD) which met on February 22.

Staff referenced the Consent Agenda Reports requesting the need for further discussion on any reports including the 2023 Annual Conference Dashboard reflecting \$31,800 in Sponsorship (51% to goal) and the Upcoming Professional Development Events noting 25 registration for the March 21&22 INARF Person-Centered Individualized Support Facilitator Training.

INARF Staff presented 3 images depicting the INARF 2023 Annual Conference theme of 'Together Toward Tomorrow'. Staff then previewed the Sponsor/Artisan & Exhibitor features for 2023 including a revised Expo Hall Floor Plan offering greater exposure to all Exhibitors and an increase of 4 additional Exhibit Booths. The Committee then discussed and accepted 5 new Educational Session Proposals and narrowed their preferences on the Keynote and Post Note options offered.

The final discussion revolved around the limited identification of the Professional Development needs of the membership beyond traditional offerings. The ILA – Class of 2023, beginning on March 2, will be used as a pilot audience both to provide feedback to the preliminary Conference Program as well as offer recommendations for professional development needs.

The next TPD meeting will be March 22.

**VI. Professional Interest Section Leadership or Committee Appointments**

There were none currently.

**VII. President/CEO Report**

John Barth provided the President/CEO report including topics of internal operations and key policy / legislative / regulatory updates.

Katy Stafford-Cunningham shared that Brooke Brown has confirmed with the Indianapolis Airport Authority that beginning late March, artwork from several member organizations will be on display in the Airport Civic Plaza for Disability Awareness. The Ability Indiana website will have a webpage devoted to this effort.

John Barth referenced the results from the INARF 2023 Membership Satisfaction Survey which were sent in advance, noting an overall increase to 4.6 from 4.5 last year. Staff have reviewed the comments and identified areas to address. Brian Carnes will lead the effort to enhance the

technical assistance webpage to raise awareness of the benefit for INARF members. Ms. Elbrecht commended the staff for their efforts made to address needs of the divergent membership and for the positive Survey results.

Mr. Barth reminded the Board of the upcoming February 27 DDRS meeting for providers, where they will address the Milliman Rate Study. Currently, the State Budget has forecasted 2% for this biennium's interim increase, but is not reflective of their four-year cadence with incremental increases. No specific plan has been identified, only the long-term vision of 2%. While there is mention of the long-term base rate, the current language does not require it to happen. Ms. Stafford-Cunningham shared that select legislators have been identified to assist INARF with making the case for adding language that this be required. To have parity between waiver services and group home services rates and to eliminate the need for one-time increases is important. On the Senate side, INARF will be stressing that this effort to adjust the language is not for the current Administration, current rate review and current appropriation. Instead, this effort is for the future, so the conversation of one-time increases can be avoided.

She reported that INARF will be updating talking points for the legislative agenda and may be reaching out to individual members to assist us with meetings with their legislators in order to create support around key legislative leadership. INARF may seek support through our VoterVoice audience. Mr. Barth commended Ms. Stafford-Cunningham for her weekly meetings held with the contract lobbyists from member organizations each Monday. They review the status of proposals and assignments are given. Ms. Stafford-Cunningham stated that all are engaged and working well together with sharing information.

Mr. Barth reported that Holly Wimsatt is working to get provider input on the CMS report about the Provider Owned or Controlled Setting (POCOS) issue and how the State is going to respond. He will be setting a meeting with members of the Intentional Community Workgroup once he gets more information from the State. Additional Board members can be included if they wish. Lastly, Brian Carnes addressed Electronic Visit Verification and the recent information shared. They are getting closer to a process to identify recoupment, however all of January claims have not yet been received. He stressed the importance of members knowing that they can always go into the aggregator and correct the issue within a given timeframe and access the recouped funds.

**VIII. Adjournment**

The next INARF Board of Directors meeting will be held Friday, March 24, 2023 at 11:30 AM following the Member Forum and Annual Meeting of the Members.

Respectfully submitted,

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Yolanda Kincaid, Secretary