

The INARF Board of Directors meeting was held on Friday, May 26, 2023 via Microsoft Teams. The INARF Board of Directors meeting convened at 11:00 AM.

Present: Donna Elbrecht, Easterseals Arc of Northeast Indiana, Chair
Patrick Cockrum, Sycamore Services, Inc., Treasurer
Yolanda Kincaid, Janus Developmental Services, Inc., Secretary
Debbie Bennett, Hillcroft Services, Inc., Immediate Past Chair
Brianne Boles, Developmental Services, Inc.
Jeff Frady, Benchmark Human Services
Matt Harrington, LOGAN Community Resources, Inc.
Jason McManus, Wabash Center, Inc.
Chris Nabors, Peak Community Services, Inc.
Jacque Pulling, The Columbus Organization
Danielle Tips, Pathfinder Services, Inc.
Jim Wiltz, Kestrel Behavioral Health, LLC

Absent: Neil Samahon, Opportunity Enterprises, Inc., Vice Chair

Staff: Katy Stafford-Cunningham, President/CEO
Barb Young, Vice President - Finance/CFO
Nanette Hagedorn, Vice President, Member Services
Brian Carnes, Director, Public Policy & Technical Assistance
Courtney Scott, Public Policy Analyst
Alivia Duerlinger, Operations Coordinator

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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 April 28 INARF Board of Directors meeting minutes were presented and reviewed.

Motion 23:14 Jason McManus motioned to approve the April 28 INARF Board of Directors meeting minutes. Debbie Bennett seconded, and the motion carried.

IV. Review of April Financial Statements

Patrick Cockrum presented and reviewed the April financial statements. At the end of April, the change in net assets from operations was \$34,800, the change from nonoperating activity was \$66,400, for an overall increase in net assets of \$101,200.

Motion 23:15 Patrick Cockrum motioned to file the April financial statements for audit. Yolanda Kincaid seconded, and the motion carried.

V. Standing Committee Reports

A. Training and Professional Development

Jim Wiltz presented a report from the Training and Professional Development Committee (TPD) which met on May 24.

Starting with the Consent Agenda items at the opening of the meeting, Staff welcome new Committee Co-Chair, Rick Thompson, and new Member-at-Large, Brian Cook. Staff then referenced the Consent Agenda Reports requesting the need for further discussion on any reports including the April Meeting Summary, the 2023 Annual Conference Dashboard reflecting Sponsorship commitments in the amount of \$56,600 (90% to goal), Exhibitor commitments of 38/51 (75% to goal), and Artisan commitments 14/16 (88% to goal). INARF staff informed the Committee that the registrations for the June 21, Stand-Alone Training: Incident Investigations & Recommendations are currently at 53 attendees.

The Committee New Business included Staff presenting the Committee with updates on the final two outstanding educational sessions for the INARF 2023 Annual Conference Program resulting in confirmation of steps taken for the first and guidance on an alternate presenter for the second, bringing the Conference Program development to completion in advance of the June 5 registration launch. Next, Staff reported on the Annual Awards Nominations to date, and sought approval on a recommendation to a deadline extension to ensure maximum participation. Lastly, Staff presented the Committee with three proposals designed to serve as the INARF 2023 DSP Virtual Conference Program which will include presentations on *Best Life Forward: Freeing Individuals to Live Their Most Independent Lives*, *Control Your Food Control Your Life: Healthy Meal Planning for DSPs and the Individuals They Support*, and *Bored to Busy Blueprint: How to Create a Year's Worth of Meaningful Activities in Less Than 30 Minutes*. The DSP Virtual Conference will be held during National DSP Recognition Week in September.

The next TPD meeting will be June 28, 2023.

VI. Professional Interest Section Leadership and Committee Appointments

Donna Elbrecht named J.D. Miller, Putnam County Comprehensive Services, as Community Supports Co-Chair, and Meredith Freeman, Developmental Services, Inc., will be joining as Employment Supports Co-Chair. Ms. Elbrecht requested the Board to motion to approve of Miriam O'Malley-Long, Developmental Services, Inc., as a new member of the INARF Membership Development Committee.

Motion 23:16 Debbie Bennett motioned to approve the appointments. Jason McManus seconded, and the motion carried.

VII. President/CEO Report

Katy Stafford-Cunningham provided the President/CEO report including topics of key policy, legislative, and regulatory updates.

Ms. Stafford-Cunningham started the report with an update on the Rate Increase Implementation. There will be a meeting May 31 at 9 AM for DDRS providers to review rate increase implementation. Ms. Stafford-Cunningham has provided questions to Kathy Leonard with OMPP and Kelly Mitchell with DDRS to help the state anticipate potential questions that may be coming regarding plans of action. INARF will be hosting a webinar on June 8 with Bradley & Associates and Steve Cook to provide a closer look into how members should be implementing rate increases.

Ms. Stafford-Cunningham also shared that she followed up with Dr. Dan on the Q4 request for sustainability grants. He indicated that based on the work the state is doing and their communication with CMS, he does not anticipate there will be a need for sustainability grants.

In the recent DDRS Advisory meeting, Kelly Mitchell confirmed there is no DSP wage passthrough in this rate increase. Ms. Stafford-Cunningham shared that this does not mean that the preexisting 95% passthrough goes away. Because this is still in code, this remains in effect. The INARF Governmental Affairs Committee will be discussing the legislative agenda for 2024, and this wage passthrough may be part of the 2024 legislative agenda conversation.

Next, Ms. Stafford-Cunningham discussed that there has been an OMPP audit being presented to at least four separate INARF members so far, and the audit is for five individuals within each organization. The questions of the audit are around budget, and the five individuals happened to be those that had the five highest budgets within the organization. In seeking clarity around the purpose of this audit, Ms. Stafford-Cunningham has looked into potential requirements for this kind of audit and asked the Board to notify her if they have been contacted by OMPP to be audited. She will be following closely regarding the outcomes of these audits.

Ms. Stafford-Cunningham next spoke of the day-habilitation and pre-vocational modifier implementation. On April 28, a bulletin was released with modifiers that were required to be used by May 1. Two weeks later, there was notification by an OMPP representative during an INARF Financial Management Section meeting that it was being pushed to July 1, but no bulletin was published at that time regarding the update. INARF recommended to the OMPP representative and DDRS that a bulletin be published, and the following week the bulletin was published with the updated July 1 implementation timeline.

Ms. Stafford-Cunningham announced to the Board that the Innovation Summit will take place in person only on August 3. This event will be a partnership between INARF, The Arc of Indiana, and DDRS. She shared that members of either INARF, The Arc of Indiana, or both who have received an Innovation Pilot Project Grant will be given an opportunity to present on the work that they have been doing. The goal is for INARF members to think about implementation within their organizations, along with the opportunity to present and partake in thoughtful discussion of ideas. Correspondence regarding invitations to present will likely come from Jessica Harlan-York or Jennifer Akers.

Next, Ms. Stafford-Cunningham informed the Board that the planning for the INARF DC Fly-In has begun. The Executive Committee is typically invited to attend. September 12 through 14 are the dates being looked at, which are during the DSP week.

Ms. Stafford-Cunningham then notified the Board that she and Donna Elbrecht will be reaching out to each Board member to schedule a 30-minute virtual meeting to check in and get your thoughts on Board and INARF goals leading up to strategic planning session at the October 27 Board Retreat.

Lastly, Ms. Stafford-Cunningham discussed the CMS Access Rule. She prefaced that there are two parts: the INARF part and the federal engagement part. The INARF part is being led by Brian Carnes. He is working with Steve Cook on an executive summary of the 400+ page proposed rule. This executive summary will be created and shared with members in the coming weeks. INARF will be receiving feedback from members, as INARF will be submitting comments during the public comment period ending July 3.

Ms. Stafford-Cunningham also shared that because this rule will have such a big impact on the industry, INARF will be doing outreach to Senator Young, Senator Braun, and Representative Congressman Banks to begin conversations about the implications. The plan is to request virtual meetings with the elected officials and do follow-up when the Executive Committee is in DC in September.

VIII. Adjournment

The next INARF Board of Directors meeting will be held at Easterseals Crossroads on Friday, June 23, 2023 at 11:30 AM after the Member Forum.

Respectfully submitted,

Yolanda Kincaid, Secretary