

The INARF Board of Directors meeting was held on Friday, June 23, 2023 at Easterseals Crossroads. The INARF Board of Directors meeting convened at 11:30 AM.

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

Absent: Brianne Boles, Developmental Services, Inc.

Guests: Rick Adams, Benchmark Human Services
Kacie Ensign, Opportunity Enterprises, Inc.
Rick Thompson, Marshall-Starke Development Center, Inc.

Staff: Katy Stafford-Cunningham, President/CEO (phone)
Nanette Hagedorn, Vice President, Member Services
Brian Carnes, Director, Public Policy & Technical Assistance
Courtney Scott, Public Policy Analyst
Ethan Newett, Communications & Marketing Coordinator
Alivia Duerlinger, Operations Coordinator
Mindy Duddy, Accounting 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 May 26 INARF Board of Directors meeting minutes were presented and reviewed.

Motion 23:17 Jason McManus motioned to approve the May 26 INARF Board of Directors meeting minutes. Yolanda Kincaid seconded, and the motion carried.

IV. Review of May Financial Statements

Patrick Cockrum presented and reviewed the May financial statements. At the end of May, the change in net assets from operations is \$32,000, the change from nonoperating activity is \$45,200, for an overall increase in net assets of \$77,200.

Motion 23:18 Patrick Cockrum motioned to file the May financial statements for audit. Neil Samahon seconded, and the motion carried.

V. Standing Committee Reports

A. Government Affairs Committee

The Government Affairs Committee met on June 5. The Committee discussed future topic ideas for the INARF 2024 Legislative Agenda and they also discussed the summer meeting schedule.

The next GAC meeting is July 11, 2023.

VI. Professional Interest Section Leadership and Committee Appointments

Donna Elbrecht named Lisa Rector, Benchmark Human Services, and Breanne Siniard, Stone Belt Arc, Inc., as Employment Supports Professional Interest Section Co-Chairs. Ms. Elbrecht requested the Board to motion to approve of Marjorie Duryea, Easterseals Crossroads, as a new member of the INARF Training and Professional Development Committee.

Motion 23:19 Jason McManus motioned to approve the appointment of Marjorie Duryea. Jeff Frady 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 began the report by discussing the Rate Increase Webinar that INARF hosted on June 15. She reminded the Board that the recording is posted online for Members, so any of their staff can watch the recording. Ms. Stafford-Cunningham reiterated that the 95% passthrough of the 14% 2021 DSP wage increase still stands.

Additionally, Ms. Stafford-Cunningham shared that the waiver amendment that is going to be filed for the rate increase, recently has gone through the final process at the State level and was approved to move forward with filing. Upon seeing that draft, it will be informative whether the 95% passthrough of the 14% is in the waiver amendment. Ms. Stafford-Cunningham reiterated that INARF suggests acting as if it is still happening, because it is still in Indiana Code.

Ms. Stafford-Cunningham discussed one additional component of the rate increase to bring continued clarity within the legislative process. Ms. Stafford-Cunningham discussed that the 2% inflationary factor for Year 2 is not going to be in this waiver amendment. The reason it is not in the amendment is because CMS has advised the State that if the 2% inflationary factor goes into the amendment, it makes it a substantive waiver amendment. Ms. Stafford-Cunningham clarified that substantive waiver amendments cannot be retroactively implemented. This would mean that there could not be a rate increase back to July 1 if the inflationary increase is in there. Raising the question of when the inflationary increase would be included, Ms. Stafford-Cunningham shared that the waiver amendment that is going to be submitted in the fall, which will include the move of the Division of Aging into DARS, will include the 2% inflationary factor. There can only be one amendment in process at a time, so the thought is that they submit the amendment for the rate increase effective July 1, they get approval September/October, and then they automatically submit the next waiver amendment that includes the 2% inflationary increase, as well as the Division of Aging's move into DARS. There was a question raised by the Board regarding whether the 2% will come in July or October. Ms. Stafford-Cunningham clarified that the 2% inflationary increase would happen July 1, and would only be in effect for one year, unless it gets passed in the next budget.

Additionally, there was a comment from the Board regarding the 95% passthrough of the 14%, that organizationally they have been asked to track this. It was asked if INARF could collectively demonstrate how to appropriately track the utilization of the money in the passthrough. Ms. Stafford-Cunningham affirmed that there is opportunity for that demonstration. She referred to the May DSP workforce survey that Courtney Scott recently

conducted and the plan to release an executive summary of the survey, as well as the intention to include this discussion into the Government Affairs Committee agenda for 2024.

Next, Ms. Stafford-Cunningham discussed the Innovation Summit that will be taking place on August 3. That morning, INARF and The Arc of Indiana members who have received an Innovation Pilot Project Grant will present, while Health Management Associates (HMA) will be presenting in the afternoon. From 1:45 – 3:00 PM during the Summit, the INARF Board will be invited to participate in a small group discussion about pay-for-outcomes and value-based payments proposals with HMA.

Ms. Stafford-Cunningham then updated the Board that on July 10, INARF's new Vice President, Legislative Affairs will start. Andrew Alvarez was recently the Deputy Director of Legislative Affairs at the Indiana House Republicans. He has been with the House for seven years with in-depth knowledge of not only the members, but the legislative process.

Next, Ms. Stafford-Cunningham discussed the Emerging Providers program. She reminded the Board that they had approved a contract between FSSA and INARF for the execution of this project. Because of the lesser response to this membership opportunity, INARF has pivoted in order to maintain the terms of the contract. Ms. Stafford-Cunningham shared that the offerings have been revamped to include additional conference spots to those new members who qualify. Ms. Stafford-Cunningham reiterated that the goal is to bring emerging providers to INARF and see the benefit of joining the membership and benefit from the professional development and technical assistance available to them.

Ms. Stafford-Cunningham reminded the Board that the Board Retreat will be October 27, held at the INARF office building in Indianapolis.

Additionally, Ms. Stafford-Cunningham brought attention to a response letter to CMS from ANCOR that INARF signed regarding the CMS Access Rule. Ms. Stafford-Cunningham requested that if any Board member submits comments on the CMS Access Rule to please inform INARF of those comments.

Lastly, Ms. Stafford-Cunningham commented on Kelly Mitchell's presentation at the Member Forum that happened prior to the Board Meeting. Ms. Stafford-Cunningham discussed the workgroups not only for training and curriculum but also for the abuse, neglect, and exploitation definitions. Ms. Stafford-Cunningham has reached out to Ms. Mitchell about how INARF can be helpful in getting members onto those workgroups. In Ms. Mitchell's presentation, she discussed the DSP registry. Ms. Stafford-Cunningham clarified with the Board that the registry is subject to both DDRS and also ICF Group Home DSPs as well.

Lastly, the Board meeting concluded with Ms. Elbrecht sharing that while it could be helpful to have more transparency around the key elements of the assumptions made to develop the 7/1/23 rates, there are many people asking the State for everything. Ms. Mitchell has confirmed that the State is working with Tracy Mitchell, Bradley Associates, to address our questions.

VIII. Adjournment

The next INARF Board of Directors meeting will be held at Easterseals Crossroads on Friday, July 28, 2023 at 11:30 AM after the Member Forum.

Respectfully submitted,

Yolanda Kincaid, Secretary