

The INARF Board of Directors meeting was held on Friday, September 24, 2021 via GoToMeeting. The INARF Board of Directors convened at 11:30 AM.

Present: Debbie Bennett, Hillcroft Services, Inc., Chair
Rick Adams, Benchmark Human Services, Immediate Past Chair
Donna Elbrecht, Easterseals Arc of Northeast Indiana, Vice Chair
Allison Wharry, New Hope of Indiana, Secretary
Patrick Cockrum, Sycamore Services, Inc., Treasurer
Donna Belusar, ADEC, Inc.
Brianne Boles, Bona Vista Programs, Inc.
Karen Brummet, IPMG, Inc.
Matt Harrington, LOGAN Community Resources, Inc.
Stan Keepes, The Arc Southwest Indiana
Yolanda Kincaid, Janus Developmental Services, Inc.
Jim Wiltz, Dungarvin Indiana, LLC

Absent: Chris Nabors, Peak Community Services, Inc.

Staff: John Barth, President/CEO
Katy Stafford-Cunningham, Executive Vice President/COO
Barb Young, Vice President - Finance/CFO
Nanette Hagedorn, Vice President, Member Services
Brian Carnes, Director, Public Policy & Technical Assistance
Kim Wasiak, Operations Coordinator
Phillip Parnell, Public Policy Analyst

Guests: Jim Allbaugh, Carey Services, Inc.
Jason Meyer, Easterseals Arc of Northeast Indiana

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I. Call to Order, Welcome

Debbie Bennett called the meeting to order.

II. Modifications to the Agenda

There were no modifications to the agenda.

III. Approval of the Minutes

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

MOTION 21:28

Karen Brummet motioned to approve the August 27 INARF Board of Directors meeting minutes. Matt Harrington seconded, and the motion carried.

IV. Finance Committee Report

a. Review of August Financial Statements

Patrick Cockrum presented and reviewed the August financial statements. He reported that the August statements reflect a change in net assets from operations of \$251,300, an unrealized gain on investments of \$181,700, for an overall change in net assets of \$433,000.

MOTION 21:29 Mr. Cockrum motioned to file the August financial statements for audit. Donna Elbrecht seconded, and the motion carried.

V. Standing Committee Reports

a. Finance

Mr. Cockrum presented a report from the Finance Committee (FC) which met on September 14.

During the meeting, David Franklin, Diamond Capital Management, National Bank of Indianapolis (NBI) gave a presentation addressing the investment portfolio and its performance against benchmarks as defined in the Investment Guidelines. The Ability Indiana Finance Committee was included for this agenda item, so they could also achieve their annual requirement to have this opportunity for discussion. Mr. Franklin also reviewed the June Mutual Fund Monitoring report for the INARF 401(k) Plan, highlighting areas of focus for the Committee. The last NBI presentation was from Charissa Ambrose, NBI, who summarized the annual INARF 401(k) Plan Benchmarking Analysis of plan fees as compared to plans of similar size.

The Committee next discussed one source of member revenue which should be clarified in the Formula for Organizational Membership Dues, before the member renewal process begins in October.

MOTION 21:30 Mr. Cockrum motioned that the Finance Committee recommends that the BDDS HCBS Day Services, Residential and Group Home Relief Grants should be included in the reported revenue base. Ms. Elbrecht seconded, and the motion carried.

b. Training and Professional Development

Nanette Hagedorn presented a report from the Training and Professional Development Committee (TPD) which met on September 16.

Chair, Bruce Schnaith, opened the meeting offering insight into three representatives who will be advanced at the September Board meeting as replacements to fill recent Committee retirements and resignations. INARF staff then provided a Conference Dashboard update as follows: Sold Out – Expo Hall, 15 of the 16 Artisan Booths are reserved, and \$60,200 in Sponsorship committed resulting in a total of \$93,030 in Revenue Committed compared to the 2021 Operating Budget Projection of \$73,100. Staff also provided current registrations for both Pre & Annual Conferences tracking as anticipated at approximately 80% of prior year's average attendance. Committee members were then oriented to their role as Welcome Desk and/or Educational Session Moderators in advance of their assistance during the Annual Conference.

Next, staff reported on the satisfaction score of 4.64 (rating scale 1-5, 5 highest) for the September 8 Virtual Conference for DSPs with participation by twelve member organizations, and up to 25 per organization. Feedback was overwhelmingly positive. A 30-day "After-Event" registration will be offered, offering other non-participating members 30-day accessibility to the content. Last, staff reported on the satisfaction score of 4.5 (rating scale 1-5, 5 highest) for the August 24&25 PCISP Facilitator Training attended in-person by twenty-seven individuals. The agenda concluded with an evaluation of the recent survey topic recommendations to determine the applicability, audience and mechanism to meet the need identified.

Due to the October Annual Conference, the next TPD meeting will be held on November 11 & 12 for the Annual Conference Planning Retreat.

VI. Professional Interest Section Leadership or Standing Committee Appointments

Ms. Bennett recommends that Bitta DeWees, Stone Belt Arc, Inc., Brian Drogich, The Arc Southwest Indiana, and Karen Galbraith, Indiana MENTOR, be added to the Training and Professional Development Committee.

MOTION 21:31 Jim Wiltz motioned to accept the recommendation that Bitta DeWees, Stone Belt Arc, Inc., Brian Drogich, The Arc Southwest Indiana, and Karen Galbraith, Indiana MENTOR, be added to the Training and Professional Development Committee. Rick Adams seconded, and the motion carried.

VII. President/CEO Report

John Barth provided the President/CEO report including topics of INARF internal operations, key policy updates including FSSA Secretary Dr. Dan Rusyniak Meeting, 14% DSP Rate increase, EVV, Legislative Update including the DSP registry workgroup, MMC policy prep, 9-8-8 Crisis Support, Provider Rate Increase Conversation and Critical Issues Forum date.

Mr. Barth informed the Board of INARF internal operational items. The October Board meeting and member forum will be in-person at the Marriott East, November will be INARF Board only with no member forum, and December will be in-person most likely at the Marriott East. The Annual Conference planning is moving forward well. The first draft of the INARF budget is being reviewed and staff will present it to the Board in November. Staff are anticipating a deficit budget due to several factors including a reduction in the Ability Indiana management fee by (\$24,000), addressing Board priorities, the addition of a staff person for Member Services and Public Policy, and increased venue expenses.

Mr. Barth shared that INARF had a meeting with Dr. Dan Rusyniak and Michael Gargano. At that meeting they shared their vision for FSSA including Collaboration, Data Informed, Simplicity, and Public Service. Dr. Rusyniak reaffirmed Dr. Sullivan's previous commitment that CIH/FSW waiver services will not be included in the upcoming procurement through 2024. Dr. Rusyniak reaffirmed previous statements that the pending INARF request for a solution to the issue of DSP wage parity is included in the overall requests that FSSA has submitted to SBA for ARPA dollar allocation. On the topic of Telehealth, INARF expressed our position on the need for continued flexibility to provide telehealth services by non-licensed providers during the public health emergency. FSSA could not provide additional information on the status of the Biden Administration's recent announcement regarding vaccine mandates.

Katy Stafford-Cunningham reviewed the claim issues from July 1 through August related to the 14% increase. Due to a couple of technical issues DDRS and OMPP cannot mass adjust the claims from July 1 through August 17. In addition, not all providers submitted a plan for the rate increase. INARF is hoping that a bulletin clarifies the issues. Providers that did not submit a plan will not be eligible for the increase.

Next, Ms. Stafford-Cunningham informed that in the last legislative session, there was legislation offered, but not passed, that would have created a DSP registry. The Arc of Indiana and INARF has developed a workgroup to discuss what a registry would look like, if proposed. The Arc of Indiana is very motivated to look at quality from a self-advocate and family perspective. The Arc of Indiana is going back to their Governmental Affairs Committee (GAC) to propose specific language. The INARF GAC will table the topic until information is back from the Arc of Indiana's GAC. INARF members represented in the workgroup include Benchmark Human Services, The Arc of Greater Boone County, Carey Services, insights, ADEC, Inc. and Stone Belt Arc, Inc.

Lastly, Mr. Barth informed that INARF staff is in the process of planning the implementation of the strategic priorities from the Board retreat.

VIII. Adjournment

The next INARF Board of Directors will be held on Friday, October 22, 2021 following the INARF Member Forum.

Respectfully submitted,

Allison Wharry, Secretary