

The INARF Board of Directors meeting was held on Friday, October 22, 2021 at the Indianapolis Marriott East. 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  
Patrick Cockrum, Sycamore Services, Inc., Treasurer  
Donna Belusar, ADEC, Inc.  
Brianne Boles, Bona Vista Programs, Inc. (on phone)  
Karen Brummet, IPMG, Inc. (on phone)  
Matt Harrington, LOGAN Community Resources, Inc. (on phone)  
Stan Keepes, The Arc Southwest Indiana  
Yolanda Kincaid, Janus Developmental Services, Inc.  
Chris Nabors, Peak Community Services, Inc.

**Absent:** Donna Elbrecht, Easterseals Arc of Northeast Indiana, Vice Chair  
Allison Wharry, New Hope of Indiana, Secretary  
Jim Wiltz, Dungarvin Indiana, LLC

**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

**Guests:** Jason Meyer, Easterseals Arc of Northeast Indiana (on phone)

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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 September 24 INARF Board of Directors meeting minutes were presented and reviewed.

**MOTION 21:32**

Rick Adams motioned to approve the September 24 INARF Board of Directors meeting minutes. Donna Belusar seconded, and the motion carried.

**IV. Review of September Financial Statements**

Patrick Cockrum presented and reviewed the September financial statements. He reported that the September statements reflect a change in net assets from operations of \$246,000, an unrealized gain on investments of \$107,000, for an overall change in net assets of \$353,000.

**MOTION 21:33**

Mr. Cockrum motioned to file the September financial statements for audit. Chris Nabors seconded, and the motion carried.

**V. Standing Committee Reports**

**a. Governmental Affairs**

Katy Stafford-Cunningham presented a report from the Governmental Affairs Committee (GAC) which met on September 29.

INARF Staff continued the discussion around legislative agenda topics and sought feedback on such topics as managed care, INARF appointments to Councils and Committees, Telehealth, and DSP Professionalization. The Arc of Indiana is taking the lead on the DSP registry and professionalization concepts and will be sharing those with INARF for discussion. INARF Staff also provided an update on the INARF Managed Care Workgroup and a timeline for their proposed recommendations.

The next GAC meeting will be held on October 26.

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

There are no appointments at this time.

**VII. President/CEO Report**

John Barth provided the President/CEO report including topics of INARF internal operations, key policy updates including wage parity, FMAP 10% rate increase, FSSA Secretary Dr. Dan Rusyniak Quarterly meetings, and claims from July 1 through August 17.

Mr. Barth informed the Board of INARF internal operational items. The Annual Member Renewal process has begun. The Board Development Committee will be meeting in November to start its process to replace the members that will be rolling off the Board at the end of March. The November meeting will be INARF Board only with no member forum, and December will be in-person most likely at the Marriott East. Easterseals Crossroads will begin taking training room reservations soon, so INARF is looking to return there to host the 2022 monthly Member Forum and Board of Directors Meetings.

Mr. Barth provided information on the advocacy for DSP wage parity. The request for ARP dollars to be used for a grant program to mitigate the wage misalignment with waiver settings is included in the FSSA submission to the State Budget Agency (SBA). FSSA has had several meetings with SBA on their overall ARP ask and our request has been reviewed and discussed with SBA. Per a meeting with Kim Opsahl last week, she does not know of any additional questions from SBA at this time. She has asked INARF to draft what a funds distribution program (e.g. grant program) could look like, and the INARF Consultant Group has been discussing options. The Board reviewed the two primary options and concluded speed is the highest consideration.

Next, Mr. Barth reviewed the FMAP 10% Rate Increase for HCBS and the state spending plan. FSSA received conditional approval on the HCBS Enhanced FMAP spending plan from CMS on September 30. FSSA responded on October 7. There are two main issues, provider and employee pass through grant dollars and pilot projects.

Mr. Barth informed that Theresa Koleszar, FSSA has contacted INARF about updating the rate for VR services. There was interest among the Board as to how the rate would be calculated, and Mr. Barth offered to share the information with interested Board members. FSSA is looking for assistance on identifying issues that may exist to attract and retain staff.

Mr. Barth shared that as a follow up to a recent meeting between FSSA and INARF, Dr. Dan Rusyniak has agreed to have quarterly meetings starting in quarter one, 2022.

Katy Stafford-Cunningham reviewed the provider rate increase conversion and implementation process. Per Board discussion, INARF made a data request to understand the scope of the issue and the impact to the individuals of our members. Information received from DDRS includes \$1.5

million impact in transportation, \$1.2 million impact in other services. DDRS confirmed this is authorized services. BDDS continues to believe the transportation issue is a result of transportation that should have not been provided in the first place. The loss of services could also be attributed to Budget Modification Requests not being carried forward after the July 1 date. INARF has sent follow up questions to BDDS.

There was brief discussion on case management rates and the need for improvement. Mr. Barth and Ms. Brummet have been in discussion and will keep the Board apprised.

**VIII. Adjournment**

The next INARF Board of Directors will be held on Friday, November 19, 2021 via GoToMeeting.

Respectfully submitted,

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Allison Wharry, Secretary