



The INARF Board of Directors meeting was held on Friday, February 23, 2024 at Easterseals Crossroads. The INARF Board of Directors meeting convened at 11:30 AM.

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

Absent: Matt Harrington, LOGAN Community Resources, Inc.

Staff: Katy Stafford-Cunningham, President/CEO
Barb Young, Vice President, Finance/CFO
Andrew Alvarez, Vice President, Legislative Affairs
Nanette Hagedorn, Vice President, Member Services
Courtney Scott, Public Policy Analyst
Lori Osting, Operations Coordinator

Guests: Antoine Burks II, Mutual of America
Keith Digman, The Columbus Organization
Nash Dunn, KCARC
Kacie Ensign, Opportunity Enterprises, Inc.
Brian Kriebel, Kestrel Behavioral Health, LLC
Rick Thompson, Marshall-Starke Development Center, Inc.
Allison Wharry, New Hope of Indiana

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I. Call to Order, Welcome

Donna Elbrecht called the meeting to order.

II. Modifications to the Agenda

There were no modifications to the agenda.

III. Approval of the Minutes

The January 26 INARF Board of Directors meeting minutes were presented and reviewed.

Motion 24:4 Jason McManus motioned to approve the January 26 INARF Board of Directors meeting minutes. Brienne Boles seconded, and the motion carried.

IV. Review of January Financial Statements

Patrick Cockrum presented and reviewed the January financial statements. At the end of January, the change in net assets from operations was \$51,000, the change from nonoperating activity was (\$4,000), for an overall increase in net assets of \$47,000. This includes Sponsorship revenue for all 2024 events of \$52,150.

Motion 24:5 Patrick Cockrum motioned to file the January financial statements for audit. Chris Nabors seconded, and the motion carried.

V. Consent Agenda – Donna Elbrecht

The Consent Agenda included a report from the Government Affairs Committee.

Motion 24:6 Patrick Cockrum motioned to approve the Consent Agenda. Jim Wiltz seconded, and the motion carried.

VI. President/CEO Report

Katy Stafford-Cunningham provided the President/CEO Report.

Ms. Stafford-Cunningham first discussed the Medicaid shortfall. While Lt. Governor Suzanne Crouch has asked for FSSA to pause the implementation of cuts, fiscal leadership says something must be done immediately. INARF is acting as a resource to FSSA, legislators, and Members around this issue.

Next, Ms. Stafford-Cunningham shared that she is working on connecting with managed care entities (MCEs) and she will update INARF's A&D listserv with information gleaned from these meetings.

Ms. Stafford-Cunningham then announced that INARF's 50th Anniversary Gala will take place on October 8. While it takes place during the Conference week, it will be a separate, paid event from Conference registration. This event will be a celebration of the industry, and Members as well as non-Member community partners will be invited. The speaker will be Russell Lehmann.

To conclude, Ms. Stafford-Cunningham shared an updated schedule of board meetings for 2024.

VII. INARF Board Strategic Priorities Discussion

Donna Elbrecht began by inviting Chris Nabors to share highlights from the February 6 Membership Development Committee meeting.

Mr. Nabors shared that the group first discussed the comfort level of Members with managed care on a 101, 201, 301 scale of knowledge. The consensus was that senior-level leadership is at 201 level, but the industry overall is at 101 level. The committee recommends that INARF create educational opportunities based on the assumption that Members are at 101 level.

The group next discussed data metrics currently tracked by providers. They recommended looking at best practices for data collection and reviewing technology platforms available through INARF Associate Members. The group also talked about data points for INARF to track.

The committee also discussed the use of 988 and the failure of this service to provide the level of assistance required for individuals with high needs. The group would like INARF to identify opportunities to partner with CMHCs and DMHA to address concerns.

Ms. Stafford-Cunningham added that, as part of the Financial Sustainability priority, it's imperative that INARF develop relationships with the MCEs. She also shared that INARF is investigating opportunities to apply for grants and research the feasibility to act as a pass-through for Member organizations.

To conclude, Ms. Stafford-Cunningham touched on the goals of the DSP registry and how INARF can utilize registry data to develop DSP training programs in the future to address long-range DSP needs.

VIII. Adjournment

The next INARF Board of Directors meeting will be held at Easterseals Crossroads on Friday, March 22, 2024 at 11:30 AM after the Member Forum.

Respectfully submitted,

Yolanda Kincaid, Secretary