

COALITION Board Meeting Minutes

April 6, 2016

Oacoma Community Center

Oacoma, SD

MEMBERS PRESENT: Margot Burton, Joanne Cleveland, Lorri Bohm, Tom Kober, Matt Cain, Colleen Moran and Jack Mortenson. **MEMBERS ABSENT:** David Scherer and John Baxter. **STAFF PRESENT;** Shelly Pfaff. **OTHERS PRESENT:** Interpreter(s) – Rick Norris and Ryan Strege.

OPENING ACTIONS: WELCOME - Margot called the meeting to order at 12 Noon by welcoming everyone. APPROVAL OF AGENDA_– Margot asked if there were any additions or changes to the agenda as mailed. Hearing none - **MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED – MADE (M), SECONDED (S) AND CARRIED (C).** APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Margot checked to see if all had received and reviewed the minutes from the February meeting. She called for any changes and upon hearing none – **MOTION TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY MINUTES – MSC.** At this time Margot invited Shelly to provide the Executive Director’s Report.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT: OVW AGREEMENT – As reported at the last meeting, Bridging South Dakota entered its final grant year as of October 1st. Upon review of the budget, there is ‘good news’ and ‘bad news’. The ‘good news’ is that by reducing staff time to the project, it will be possible to continue some level of involvement in this project through September of 2018 if a no-cost extension is granted when requested in July. The bad news is that the reduction is about half of what we’ve been receiving starting with the current month. The added time will not only provide more time to carry out project activities. It will also provide added time to seek additional funding to sustain efforts that more and more appear to be needed to strengthen the intersection between the disability and sexual assault/domestic violence service systems as they respond to people with disabilities and people who are deaf who experience violence in their lives. Conversation followed on staffing impact, project purpose, possible funding streams for sustainability e.g., state, housing and more. As changes occur, the board will continue to be briefed in a timely fashion. DRS – BVR/SILC Agreement – Shelly explained that this agreement ends as

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of 5/31/16. She is awaiting the outcome of conversations between the SILC and DRS on the SILC's need for staff support. She will be communicating with all involved parties of the agreement and its future status. Shelly responded to questions about how long this agreement has been in place, how it has been negotiated in the past and past and present processes. This is the final year of a multi-year agreement. Consequently, it is anticipated that there will be a new 'bidding' or contract process involved next year. DRS/BT AGREEMENT – Shelly reported that an earlier meeting was held with DRS leadership, and an agreement was reached to continue this agreement for the coming year (6/1/16 – 5/31/17). It is being recommended that there be a 3.42% inflationary increase overall, and if there is a need to shift hours from one of the four core service areas to another, related adjustments will be made, as well as an overall increase if it is warranted based on the final outcome of this year's activities. DARE TO DREAM – Shelly reported on the outcome of the first one-day event held in Sioux Falls. Planners felt it was a success. She shared meeting some long-time members for the first time and having an opportunity to talk with them to learn what they valued about the Coalition and why they continue to be members. She invited Tom to speak to his participation. All of this led into conversation about what the Coalition 'does' and why it is important... There will be two more one-day Dare to Dream events – one in Watertown in July and one in Rapid City in October.

In terms of the future of the organization and our role in the disability community of South Dakota, the conversation turned to those things 'we' provide that are valued – our outreach and information sharing on state, national, all types of disabilities, all types of issues via newsletter, email, social media and 'being here' when called upon to provide assistance whether it is to individuals, organizations, policymakers, community leaders, business... We're 'at the table' not seeking a piece of the action e.g., providing a direct service that is being considered; rather we're there to speak to what we're hearing from the community we represent and serve, as best we're able to do. Our legislative, policy, issue alerts and the effort to 'call together' the broader disability community to work together on issues impacting all is another area valued by members and others. Tom spoke to the need for us to invite other disability organizations to 'join together' – united we stand – and develop leadership and vision for the

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future as our leaders are aging and new leadership, young leadership is not bubbling up. The question many have is what happens if we do not encourage and support that leadership development...

REV UP PROJECT – Shelly explained how she came upon this resource and idea, steps she has taken to develop it for South Dakota, conversations she has had with others about it and other planned outreach efforts to encourage people with disabilities voting in the upcoming elections. Consensus was that this is a good opportunity for us to get ourselves out there in a role that fits our mission. We will primarily do so via electronic means e.g., website, Facebook, email; and we intend to do so either this week or next. In the meantime, we're open to working with others on additional efforts that will build upon this 'movement'. It was suggested that we include activities involving county auditors, Secretary of State, Office of Special Education and others. Contacts have already been made with members of the DD Network on this effort, and one they are presently pursuing hoping to 'work together'. We have also consulted with the HAVA Coordinator of SD Advocacy Services to ensure the South Dakota specific information in this document accurately reflects how the process works in our state.

FINANCIAL PICTURE: FY2016 BUDGET – Per a request a request from the Board at their last meeting, a budget for the entire year had been developed and sent to the Board. The consensus was the budget is what it is, and the larger issue is fundraising efforts. The issue is not how to reduce expenditures – it is how to grow income. FUNDRAISING EFFORTS – A lengthy dialogue followed with a wide variety of ideas, thoughts and feelings about such efforts and why people donate to organizations. Colleen also shared the outcome of her contact with staff of Maximizing Excellence, as well as her participation in two-hour training by the same, and this led to additional dialogue. The eventual outcome was: 1) we will pursue holding an annual larger item raffle e.g., high end ATV, motorcycle, boat, snowmobile; Matt will check around Sioux Falls to see if an ATV has been done and if so how it was received; Shelly will do some checking around Pierre; it was suggested Lynn's Dakotamart might be a great place to have it displayed; we'd sell tickets statewide and have them available at Lynn's Dakotamart; limit the number of tickets being sold e.g., 2500. 2)

Lorri is going to check with a family member who runs a travel agency to see if he would offer a cruise at cost that we could use as a separate raffle opportunity. 3) If at a later time we decide to host a type of 'event', Lorri has made contact with someone willing to provide guidance to our efforts. The conversation turned to the proposal received from Maximizing Excellence, and the consensus was that we probably need to go in this direction, but it would be nice to have a couple of proposals to compare before making any kind of decision. Shelly and Colleen will pursue a couple of other possibilities and seek to have them by the next meeting. There was also consensus that we should not dissuade the use of other means e.g. appeals, Pizza Ranch nights, asking people we 'know' who are likely to donate if we ask...

SD NON-PROFIT CORPORATION ACT – Shelly shared that in conversations leading up to and following the passage of this legislation, it has been recommended by a trusted colleague that we, and other non-profits, might want to consider their boards passing a motion affirming any prior actions taken through the use of electronic means. This is being suggested due to the fact that prior to the new act, these types of actions were not 'legal'; yet it has become common practice as technology has advanced. Colleen offered to do a little research on this prior to us taking any action. In the course of this conversation, it was recommended that all board members be sent the current bylaws; staff will do so.

BOARD MEMBER RESIGNATION – Margot invited Shelly to share this update. Shelly reported that she had received an email from Ardell indicating her need to resign. In following up with Ardell, she learned that Ardell was diagnosed with breast cancer at Thanksgiving. She feels work and treatment is taking her available time and energy. All is going well and she hopes in a year she'll be cancer free. **MOTION TO SEND A LETTER AND A THANK YOU TOKEN TO ARDELL FOR HER SERVICE – MSC.**

AVERA KELOLAND TRADITION OF CARING – Shelly reported has not received any update since approving moving forward with the ad production. Upon returning to the office, she will make a follow-up contact with her KELO contact, and once she knows something further she'll brief the board with that information.

OTHER BUSINESS: At this time there were three others items brought forward – two by Shelly and one from Colleen. REGIONAL ADA CENTER – Shelly provided some history of our relationship with the current Regional ADA Center for our region and the current status of that relationship. She then shared that the grant is up for re-application and a new entity is going to compete with the existing center for the grant. They have approached us about partnering with them in their application. After conversation with both parties, she believes it is best for those we represent and serve, and for the further implementation of the ADA in our region and state, if we do partner with this new entity. Consequently, we will be submitting letters affirming our willingness to do so. Others in the state have also been contacted, and it is our sense that they have made similar decisions. If the new entity is successful, it could mean some financial and other resources coming back to the state to support further ADA related work efforts. CENTER FOR DISABILITIES EMPLOYMENT RESEARCH PROJECT – Shelly was also contacted by the Center for Disabilities about working with them during the planning phase of a research project related to the employment of people with disabilities seeking funding from the Governor’s Office of Economic Development. She spoke to this being the type of activities it is important we be involved with on behalf of the entire disability community. After addressing a couple of questions, consensus was that it would be good to work on this effort. CONFLICT FREE CASE MANAGEMENT – Lorri shared that this transition is taking place in the DD world, and there is a lot of stress surrounding it. Matt indicated that it is also impacting the ADLS Waiver program recipients, who do not want it. The change is coming from the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). Shelly expressed how it is important that we stay abreast of such changes in the landscape of services for people with disabilities and work to support those experiencing the changes. SOUTH DAKOTA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION – Colleen shared that she thinks we need to apply for funding from this source. She explained there are two different pots of funds. She feels our efforts in the area of leadership development and community development are prime areas for seeking some of these funds. Matt said he would send an example of a grant application ILC had approved by the foundation as a starting point for our work. Shelly agreed to begin work on such a proposal. It is due by mid-May. She will seek input from others, including

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board members. PARTNERS IN POLICYMAKING – JoAnne shared that she will participating in this program’s continuing education weekend coming towards the end of April. Shelly shared that she also will be in attendance at this event.

CLOSING ACTIONS: SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING – Consensus was to hold the next meeting face-to-face in Oacoma on June 16th. Shelly checked on the availability of this site, and it was confirmed to be available and scheduled from 12 noon to 3 pm on June 16th. ADJOURNMENT – Margot thanked all for their active participation in today’s meeting. Shelly echoed those sentiments. **MOTION TO ADJOURN – MSC.** Meeting adjourned at approximately 2:35 p.m.