



2018 Annual Report

Every year brings the expected and unexpected - 2018 has been no different from any other year in that respect.

We've been fortunate to continue our long-term partnerships with the Board of Vocational Rehabilitation, the Statewide Independent Living Council and the Division of Rehabilitation Services (DRS) through an agreement with DRS. This provides us with the opportunity to be involved with events such as the annual Governor's Awards, Champion of Independent Living Awards and the National Disability Employment Awareness Month activities. It also provides us with an opportunity to be aware of all that is being done by these groups, and the Division, to support South Dakotans with disabilities in reaching their vocational rehabilitation and independent living goals. We are grateful for these partnerships and the opportunities they provide us.

We've also been fortunate to continue our long-term partnership with the Council on Developmental Disabilities. Through this relationship, we continue to remain aware of the changing landscape of services and supports available to South Dakotans with intellectual/developmental disabilities and help spread the word about them. We also have the unique opportunity to support the continuing growth of South Dakota Advocates for Change - a self-advocacy leadership team supported by the Council. We are thankful for these opportunities and this partnership.

We've continued our work with the Disability Advocacy Network. The Network not only focused on state issues relating to the annual legislative session. It communicated with our Congressional delegation in Washington D.C. on issues at that level. This is work that will never be lacking due to the ever-changing players and realities faced by us and the decision-

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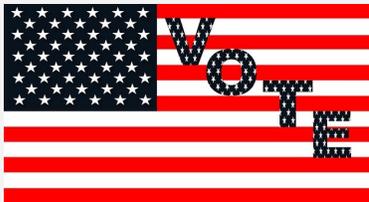
2018-2019 Board Election Results

Our election process has concluded, and the ballots have been counted. Our Board of Directors for the 2018-2019 year are:

Tom Kober of Vermillion
Matt Cain of Hartford
Margot Burton of Rapid City

David Miller of Rapid City
Jerrald H. Zeigler, Jr. of Sioux Falls
Vicki Kerkvliet of Sioux Falls

Congratulations to our newly elected and re-elected members. Our bylaws call for a minimum of nine board members, so the President will be considering appointments to fill the remaining vacancies. Any appointments will need to be ratified by the board.



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makers, we elect to represent us.

Our newer partnership with South Dakota Network Against Family Violence and Sexual Assault and CSD - Bridging South Dakota - addressing the intersection of sexual violence experienced by people with disabilities also continued in 2018. We were fortunate to receive funding from the Bush Foundation to continue our work on this project. We're excited to report that we were recently notified of the receipt of a federal grant that will add to the resources available to carry out this work over the next couple of years (Honestly, we all thought we were not going to receive this funding. This was unexpected, yet excitedly welcomed news!). Most recently, we hosted and participated in a "train the trainer" two-day session for law enforcement members from across the state on "Disability Awareness". A panel of us will be presenting at an upcoming statewide training for all types of law enforcement sponsored by the South Dakota U.S. Attorney's Office.

We heard from some of you about the future of the organization. We thank you for taking time to let us know why you feel the Coalition is important and why you feel its work needs to continue.

We contacted the three gubernatorial candidates with questions, asking them to respond prior to the election so we might share their responses with you - the voters. As of today, we've had an inquiry from one campaign about the questions and when we wished to receive a response. We have not yet received any responses.

We supported legislation in the 2018 South Dakota legislative session addressing language equality and acquisition for deaf kids - An Act to create provisions regarding language development of deaf and hard of hearing students.

More recently, we've been doing a good amount of work face-to-face, via our website and social media to promote "Your Vote Matters" through a grant from Disability Rights South Dakota. These efforts have been targeted at getting out the vote of people with disabilities, who are known to be registered at a rate similar to people without disabilities, but vote at a lower percentage than people without disabilities. A survey of voters with disabilities was completed, as well as we've regularly posted information about registering to vote, early voting and more. We've been able to meet with the Mayor's Committee for People with disabilities from Rapid City, the Sioux Falls Disability Awareness Commission and others as we carry out these activities. SD Advocates for Change is collaborating with others on a couple of events as part of this project.

We've regularly published our newsletter. The majority of you receive it electronically. Others receive it via our website. We've produced and circulated numerous emails, alerts and posts on topics, information and issues with the potential to impact people with disabilities, in our continuing effort to ensure that people have access to information on matters they then can advocate on - as they choose to do.

We've continued to function with Shelly as full-time and Faith as half-time staff. Most days, it works well. Some days, it proves to be a challenge. Yet it is what has been necessary to do for the time being.

Our membership remained fairly stable. We're grateful for the solid core of individuals and organizations that continue to support our work. In looking back over our membership lists, one-third of our members have been members for over 20 years (many approaching 25). Thank you for your continuing commitment to the vision of our founders and our work. Approximately another 10% have been members for over 10 years (approaching 15 years). Thank you for your ongoing commitment to the organization. The remaining portion of our members fall within a range of being members from one year to nine years - we're grateful for you as well. With new members come new ideas and new energy. Thank you!

It is always difficult to capture a year of work in a few paragraphs, especially when some of that work is done by you, and if you don't tell us what you are up to, we can't report on it. So, we know more has been done to accomplish our common goal, and we thank you for all you do each and every day to support reaching a day of full inclusion.



Fiscal Year 2017 October 1, 2016 - September 30, 2017

<u>Sources of Income</u>		<u>Sources of Expenditure</u>	
Contracts & Grants	\$288,709	Program	\$213,463
Contributions	\$ 17,325	Management/general	\$ 99,554
Memberships	\$ 5,980		
Other	\$ 17,480	Total	\$313,017
Total	\$329,494	Change in net assets	\$ 16,477
		Net assets at end of year	(\$ 1,542)

Organizations that *change* may survive, but organizations that *transform* thrive. Change brings incremental or small-scale adaptations, while transformation brings great improvements that ripple through the future of the organization.

What's up with the quote about change, you may ask. Well, if you read the Executive Director's Notes in the last newsletter, you probably have a sense that change and/or *transformation* may be approaching within the Coalition. It definitely is all around us.

Offices that have been next door for over twenty years are moving. Projects that have been making a difference are ending. New projects are beginning. In years past we heard "freedom to work, consumer controlled personal attendant services, consumer choice" to name just a few. Today we hear, "person centered planning, participant, benefits specialists, navigators" - again to name just a few.

When the Coalition formed, it was the time of advocating for - fighting for - passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). People in South Dakota and throughout the country called for an end to discrimination against people with disabilities; called for equal opportunity for people with disabilities to fully experience all that life has to offer.

Today, the rallying cry is not as clearly visible. The founders of the Coalition and the ADA had a vision. I believe we can all agree that their vision has not been fully achieved. Yet, I believe we can also agree that a cause - a movement - that we all can rally around doesn't seem to be evident to us at the moment.

So, if that is true, then we - the Coalition - have some work to do to determine how we might - change and/or transform to fit today. That's the reason for the quote... We're pondering what lies ahead. Many of you are probably doing the same. Hopefully we can agree that more work needs to be done to fulfill the vision!

Equality: Everyone benefits from the same supports.

Equity: Everyone gets the supports they need.

Justice: The barriers have been removed!

2018 Annual Membership Meeting

As has been the practice the past several years, the Annual Membership Meeting was held via conference call. It was held on Wednesday, September 26th, beginning at 10:05 am and concluding at 10:35 am (CT). A total of 12 members were present. The notice of the meeting, the "draft" minutes of the 2017 Annual Membership Meeting and the "Proposed Agenda" for this meeting were sent to all members in at the end of July with the Board Election information. Reminders were posted later via our website and Facebook pages and email messages to all members.

The agenda was amended to include a "Board Election Results" report. No other changes were made to the agenda. All votes during the meeting were conducted by roll-call, and all motions passed unanimously.

The majority of the information shared during the meeting is contained within this annual report.

Board of Directors Meeting

The next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled to be held in Oacoma at the Oacoma Community Center on

Wednesday - October 17th - from 12 noon to 3 pm (CT)



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Board of Directors

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Colleen Moran, Secretary/Treasurer

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