

BOARD MEETING MINUTES**The Sheraton Hotel
706 John Nolen Dr
Madison, WI**

Present:	Chair: Patrick Young, Vice Chair: Pam Malin, Barbara Beckert, Amanda Bell, Aliza Claire Bible, Lynn Carus, Kevin Coughlin, Jennifer Kuhr, Erica Larsen, Nathaniel Lentz, Camille Nicklaus, David Pinno, Delores Sallis, Carole Stuebe, Michael Hineberg
Absent:	Judy Quigley, Wendy Ackley, Gail Bovy, Amy Burger, Meredith Dressel, Ramsey Lee, Lynn Stansberry-Brusnahan,
Staff Present:	Brenda Bauer, Fil Clissa, Natasha Fahey-Flynn, James Giese, Jeremy Gundlach, John Shaw, Beth Swedeen,

Chair Patrick Young called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM.

1. Chair Report:

- Patrick talked to the board about the importance of board member attendance at the board meetings. Patrick reviewed the board's bylaws about the attendance. Pam Malin reinforced these bylaws. Jeremy Gundlach talked about the state's rules about hotel rooms and reimbursement. Patrick updated the board on GA being a committee of the whole.

2. Executive Director Report:

- Beth Swedeen gave an update about the board meeting schedule for 2017. The March board meeting will be the week before DAD and we are looking for support on inviting people. Beth talked about Employment First registration being open. BPDD will not be sending board members to Disability Policy Seminar in DC. BPDD and DRW are working together to set up constituent visits in district (WI). Delores Sallis will be having Keith Jones coming to Milwaukee for an event, March 26th and BPDD will be meeting with Keith on March 27th. Beth gave an update on BPDD's budget; we generally operate 12 months behind the federal year. John Shaw mentioned that we will be having budget trainings around WI in 2017.

3. Executive Committee Report:

- Patrick gave an update about planning this board meeting, attendance, switching the amount of meetings a year/switching the format.

4. Government Affairs Committee Report:

- Update was given by Tami earlier. Beth mentioned that BPDD's official budget platform is in the board packet.

5. Nominating & Membership Committee Report:

- Erica Larsen gave an update on the N&M committee meeting from 1-18-17. We have two openings on the board, for parents/family members. Application packets were sent out. Northwest and Southwest parts of the state are in need of representation. Patrick is coming to the end of his term as board chair. John has updated the orientation process and will continue being the staff member who runs it. The idea for having an orientation video/presentation as a refresher.

6. Ad Hoc Diversity Committee Report:

- Jennifer Kuhr is now the sitting chair for Diversity Ad Hoc, Lynn Carus will now be the vice chair. Diversity Ad Hoc recently met with BPDD's cultural connectors.

7. Action Items:

Motion to accept the November, 17, 2016 minutes made by Jennifer Kuhr and seconded by Robert Kuhr. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Agency Updates:

DRW- Barbara Beckert gave an update on a Special Education Family Forum in MKE on March 11th. Mitch Hagopian sent updates to Barbara on functional screen processes and target groups. Barbara talked about having a functional screen expert to a board meeting. She gave an update on an incident in Northern Center (Lake Hallie WI).

DHS- Kevin Coughlin gave an update on restructuring at DHS. Division of Medicaid services (DMS). The three sections are now; long term care benefits and programs, Systems fiscal and operations management, Eligibility and benefits management. Curtis Cunningham has taken over as director for long term care benefits and programs. New position is being added "Deputy Medicaid Director". BPDD will send out the new DMS proposed model. A transition plan will be submitted to CMS in the next month or so.

Waisman- Amanda Bell gave updates on Waisman. Amanda handed out 7 pages of updates and she can expand on any of them if you contact her.

DVR- Sarah Lincoln gave an update on WIOA and new positions around the state due to retirements. DVR and UW whitewater contracted around sheltered workshop assessment. UW Whitewater is hiring for assessment process. WIOA collaboration presentation forums will be happening in the next few months.

9. Other Agenda Items:

- Barbara Beckert informed the board about a candidate forum in Milwaukee in the near future.
- Pam discussed briefly a couple of new projects that DRW is working on and will have more info in the future.

Motion to adjourn by Camille Nicklaus at 2:06 PM; seconded by Jennifer Kuhr. Unanimously passed.