

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

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<b>Present:</b>	<b>Chair:</b> Pam Malin, <b>Vice Chair:</b> Elsa Diaz-Bautista, Lynn Carus, Kevin Coughlin, Ramsey Lee, Nathaniel Lentz, Camille Nicklaus, David Pinno, Delores Sallis, Carole Stuebe, Michael Hineberg, Patrick Young, Claire Bible, Patrick Friedrich, Liz Hecht, Leila Solati, Sarah Lincoln, Gail Bovy, Robert Kuhr,
<b>Absent:</b>	Meredith Dressel, Lynn Stansberry-Brusnahan, Rita Fuller, Amy Polsin
<b>Staff Present:</b>	Brenda Bauer, Fil Clissa, Natasha Fahey-Flynn, James Giese, Jeremy Gundlach, Tami Jackson, Beth Swedeen,

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Chair Pam Malin called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM.

**1. Chair Report:**

- Chair Pam asked that our new members introduce themselves. New board member Leila Solati gave a history of her employment and service to the disability community. Liz Hecht talked about how she has been involved in the disability community. Liz works at the Waisman center and is our new agency rep.
- Pam Malin talked about lots of board member advocacy that has taken place over the last couple weeks, especially. She talked about how important it is for board members to be active between board meetings.
- NPR has recently put out a whole series on I/DD and sexual assault. Pam Malin also was interviewed for WPR on the same issues.
- Pam reminded the board that our next meeting will be aligned with Disability Advocacy Day in March.

**2. Executive Director Report:**

- Beth gave an update on the Disability Policy Seminar in the spring of 2018. Executive Committee has picked several board members to approach about the trip.
- Beth talked about how important it is to form/maintain relationships with your congressional representatives. We need to be careful about the positions we take when representing the board.
- The Employment First conference will look a little different this year. We have an EF bill introduced into WI legislature, so we will have the conference be built around the Building Full Lives model. It is May 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Kalahari in the WI Dells.
- BPDD has an opening on staff as Ann Sievert took another position in December. The position description has been rewritten to reflect that BPDD wants to do more work reaching out to underserved groups, state plan and employment projects.

- Beth talked about how there is time before our Wednesday meeting to meet with your legislators. Contact Beth, Tami or David Pinno to get a tour guide or help with your visit.

**3. Executive Committee Report:**

- Pam gave an update on Exec Committee's last meeting. Most has already been discussed; Ann's position, Disability Policy Seminar,

**4. Government Affairs Committee Report:**

- GA is a committee of the whole so there is no update.

**5. Nominating & Membership Committee Report:**

- The board has 3 parent positions available and there will be 2 self-advocate positions available this summer depending on reappointments.
- It might be a good idea to have a map in the packet showing where are board members are located.

**6. Diversity Committee Report:**

- Lynn Carus talked about the updates for the Diversity Action Plan. Barbara Beckert talks about how there are other areas of focus around the state (rather than our focus on Milwaukee) mainly Hmong and Native Americans.
- Delores talked about her event at the African American Women's Center on February 10<sup>th</sup>. There will be a presentation on WSPEI and Keith Jones will be coming back to give a presentation.
- Disability Rights WI has a Milwaukee Diversity outreach program.

**7. Action Items:**

Motion to accept the November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017 minutes made by Lynn Carus and seconded by Greg Meyer. The motion passed unanimously.

**8. Agency Updates:**

**DRW- See Attached**

**DHS- See Attached**

**Waisman- See Attached**

**DWD- See Attached**

**9. Other Agenda Items:**

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Motion to adjourn Robert Kuhr at 2:23 PM; seconded by Patrick Young.  
Unanimously passed.