

BOARD MEETING MINUTES**Best Western Premier Park Hotel
22 S Carroll St
Madison, WI**

Present:	Chair: Elsa Diaz-Bautista Vice Chair: Greg Meyer, Barbara Beckert, Gail Bovy, Kevin Coughlin, Pam Delap, Patrick Friedrich, Liz Hecht, Desi Kluth, Robert Kuhr, Ashley Mathy, David Pinno, Hector Portillo, Nathan Ruffolo, Lynn Stansberry-Brusnahan, Andy Thain, Tricia Thompson, George Zaske
Absent:	Kediboyne Carpenter, Meredith Dressel, Rita Fuller, Sarah Lincoln, Pam Malin, Stephenie Mlodzik, Daniel Parker
Staff Present:	Fil Clissa, Molly Cooney, Jeremy Gundlach, Tami Jackson, Kaitlin McNamara, Jenny Neugart, Angie Tyler, Beth Swedeen

Chair Elsa Diaz-Bautista called the meeting to order at 1:07 PM.

1. Action Items:

- Motion to approve the September 19, 2019 board meeting minutes by Robert Kuhr and seconded by David Pinno. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Chair Report:

- Elsa gave an update on the New Member Orientation including discussion of a board mentor program, and a new format for the Member Caucus, which used to be called Consumer Caucus.
- Gail Bovy was appointed to the Governor's Committee for People with Disabilities (GCPD).
- Elsa also mentioned that a survey will be sent to the board, staff, and community partners to give performance feedback on Executive Director Beth Swedeen.

3. Executive Director Report:

- ED Beth Swedeen reported that the Governor's office is appointing two new board members. One from Eau Claire and the other from LaCrosse. Beth also discussed that based on July messaging, Ann Giroux is working on a more visitor-friendly website with more pictures and fewer sentences. She also announced that Living Well Project Manager, Allison Kelly left and that Sally Flaschberger will be filling her position beginning in January. Ramona Boswell has been hired to do financials.
- Financial reporting will be rolled out with a more visual template beginning in January. Beth pointed out that the current financial report appears to have a 2018 deficit, but it does not, and final financials will be zero and balanced. We've committed about half our money for the new fiscal year. For fiscal year 2020 we've only received \$184,892 so far but will be receiving money gradually.

- Beth also mentioned the Self Determination Youtube channel where many self-advocates have been featured. If any board members know of a great self-advocate, please let Fil know.
- The March meeting will include the Disability Advocacy Day and run Tuesday and Wednesday.

4. Executive Committee Report:

- Elsa talked about meeting and creating an ambitious board agenda and thanks the agencies for proving their reports in advance so they could be included in the board packet. The next Executive Committee meeting is December 5, 2019. If you have a topic, you'd like us to consider, please let Exec Committee know before that date. She also recommended having a conference call set up for the January meeting for those who cannot attend due to weather.

CALL FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- There were no public comments.

5. Nominating & Membership Committee Report:

- Committee Chair Robert Kuhr gave an update on working to keep balance when people come off the board. Two new members are coming on in January. The board still needs a self-advocate and a provider. We also still need representation from the Northwest, Southwest and the Southeast area of the state.

6. Diversity Committee Report:

- Committee Chair Barbara Beckert gave updates on the meeting Wednesday and said the committee would like more guidance from the national level. After national feedback they will move forward with those focuses. She also said that any decisions that are made should be supported with data. She shared that Hector Portillo has agreed to step in as vice chair.

7. Agency Updates:

DRW- [See Attached](#)

DHS- [See Attached](#)

Waisman- See Attached

DVR- No updates as of now

DPI – [See Attached](#)

8. Other Updates:

- Staff member Fil Clissa reported on the successful Self Determination Conference which hosted 720 attendees and 80 exhibitors, of which 25 were micro businesses. Among the many sessions highlights were the 2

bilingual sessions, the Self Determination Youtube channel, and innovation stations.

- Gail Bovy gave an update on the Able Act.

Motion to adjourn by Greg Meyer at 2:42 PM; seconded by Tricia Thompson.
Unanimously passed.