

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Present:	Chair: Greg Meyer Vice Chair: George Zaske, Sydney Badeau, Barbara Beckert, Gail Bovy, Kevin Coughlin, Pam Delap, Meredith Dressel, Desi Kluth, Ashley Mathy, Stephenie Mlodzik, Daniel Parker, Hector Portillo, Alicia Reinhard, Nathan Ruffolo, Andy Thain, Tricia Thompson, Kelly Weyer, Amy Whitehead, Chris Wood
Absent:	Kedibonye Carpenter, King Hall, Patrick Friedrich, Cheryl Funmaker, Sarah Lincoln, Houa Yang,
Staff Present:	Fil Clissa, Molly Cooney, Natasha Fahey-Flynn, Jeremy Gundlach, Sally Flaschberger, Tami Jackson, Kaitlin McNamara, Jennifer Neugart, Beth Swedeen

Chair Greg Meyer called the meeting to order at 11:19 AM.

1. Chair Report:

- Greg thanked all the board members for their hard work during the pandemic and hoped that all members had a good and safe summer.

2. Executive Director Report:

- ED Beth Swedeen gave an update about BPDD's state-plan which was submitted this last week. We are working on a plain language version so we can promote the plan on our website, social media and listserv. The Self-Determination Conference is coming up and we have over 600 people registered for the virtual and free conference. Beth also gave an update on our COVID-19 outreach grants and the great work that is being done around the state to get people educated and vaccinated.

3. Financial Report:

- ED Beth Swedeen gave an update on BPDD's financials. We are starting to spend federal fiscal year 21 money (which is last year's pot of money). Our new grants and projects will be starting soon which have more money allocated to grants with the new state plan.

4. Executive Committee Report:

- Chair Greg Meyer discussed the last exec committee meeting. We are looking to do public records training in the November meeting. The new committee roster has been finalized and have mostly stayed the same. This was decided to keep continuity in the committee work.

5. Nominating & Membership Committee Report:

- Chair Ashley Mathy talked about the September 22nd committee meeting. There is a new director of appointments at the Governor's office. We have several board member reappointments coming soon. We also are looking to see 2 new board members appointed soon in the family member/parent role. We will be looking for a self-advocate board member and a provider board member.

6. Diversity Committee Report:

- Chair Andy Thain gave an update from the September 22nd committee meeting. The committee discussed SPARKS grants applications and a

need for outreach about partners in policymaking applicants. They also discussed creating an equity statement for the board as another way to make sure we are keeping equity at the front of everything that we do.

7. Action Items:

Motion to accept the July 21, 2021 board minutes made by George Zaske and seconded by Andy Thain. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Agency Updates:

DRW- September Updates

- [COVID and School Safety Sheet](#)
- [DRW Press Release](#)
- [DVC Updates](#)

DHS- September Updates

- [HCBS COVID-19 Update](#)

Waisman- September Updates

- [Baylor Conference Flier](#)

DWD- N/A

DPI – September Updates

Motion to adjourn by George Zaske at 12:29 PM; seconded by Chris Wood. Unanimously passed.