

## BOARD MEETING MINUTES

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<b>Present:</b>	<b>Chair:</b> Greg Meyer <b>Vice Chair:</b> George Zaske, Sydney Badeau, Kevin Coughlin, Pam Delap, Ashley Mathy, Stephenie Mlodzik, Daniel Parker, Hector Portillo, Nathan Ruffolo, Andy Thain, Amy Whitehead, Chris Wood, Houa Yang, Patrick Friedrich, Gail Bovy, Mitch Hagopian, Julie Strenn,
<b>Absent:</b>	Barbara Beckert, Kelly Weyer, Desi Kluth, Tricia Thompson, Kedibonye Carpenter, Meredith Dressel, Felicia Calyborne, Jocelyn Osborne, Marcia Perkins
<b>Staff Present:</b>	Molly Cooney, Jeremy Gundlach, Sally Flaschberger, Tami Jackson, Kaitlin McNamara, Jennifer Neugart, Beth Swedeen, Natasha Fahey-Flynn, Fil Clissa,

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Chair Greg Meyer called the meeting to order at 11:42 AM.

### 1. Chair Report:

- Greg discussed Disability Advocacy Day and the success of the virtual event.

### 2. Executive Director Report:

- Beth brought up the Disability Policy Seminar which is starting next week. We have a couple of board members signed up. If you would like to be part of a hill visit with your congressional rep, contact Jeremy.
- Budget training season is coming up so board staff and members will start working on suggestions for the state.
- National focus group on mental health and DD is being formed. Contact Molly if you are interested in joining.
- A national meeting will be held during our May board meeting and the focus is on the intersection of I/DD and race/ethnicity. More details will go out with the digest.

### 3. Financial Report:

- ED Beth gave updates on where we are at with our pots of money based on federal fiscal year. We are still running about 6-8 months behind schedule which is a good thing.
- Beth also gave an update about the extra funds we got to work on public health concerns. We are looking to focus on lead exposure to children.

### 4. Executive Committee Report:

- Greg gave an update about planning for our current meeting and also talked about how the April meeting will focus on discussing a return to in-person meetings. We will also be providing virtual options for board meetings even if we are in-person.

### 5. Nominating & Membership Committee Report:

- We have one of our new board members who was able to join today so the board members and staff introduced themselves after Julie introduced herself.

### 6. Diversity Committee Report:

- Chair Andy Thain gave a brief update of the committee's meeting from March 22<sup>nd</sup>. Diversity committee requested the training that the board went through during the meeting today.

**7. Action Items:**

Motion to accept the January 2022 board minutes made by George Zaske and seconded by Nathan Ruffolo. The motion passed unanimously.

**8. Agency Updates:**

**DRW- [April 5<sup>th</sup> Elections Update](#)**

**[DVC Local elections Matter Flyer](#)**

**[Journal Sentinel Article on Voting](#)**

**DHS- [March Updates](#)**

**Waisman- [March Updates](#)**

**DWD- No updates**

**DPI – [March Updates](#)**

Motion to adjourn by Mitch Hagopian at 12:34 PM; seconded by Stephenie Mlodzik. Unanimously passed.