

MDDC Meeting Minutes
June 9, 2015
MDDC, 100 Hancock St., 1st floor conference room
Quincy, MA 02171

Present: Matthew Bander, Hillary Dunn, Lydia Brown, Bethany Brown, Erik Nordahl, Henry Milorin, Naomi Goldberg, Suzanne Gottlieb, Julie Fitzpatrick, David Helm, Kate Ryan, Tim Kunzier, Kate Bartlett, Caroline VanBruinswaardt, Emily Korkaris, Lisa Ching, Carol Curtain, Marie Narvaez

Excused: Gail Grossman, Christine Griffin, Cyndy Miller, Phillip Harrison

Absent:

Guests: Marie Saldi, Jennifer Lambert, Deb Monopoli, Malissa Kenney, Garrett Olsen, Mark Caswell, Dianne Glennon, Jan Tobin,

Staff: Faith Behum, Craig Hall, Harold Lieberman, Dan Shannon, Adelia DelTrecco, Liz Fancher, Lee Larriu, Kristin Britton, Ashley McAnespie

1. **Acceptance of the Agenda:** Motion passed unanimously
Motion to accept: First: Matthew Bander Second: Lydia Brown
2. **Approval of March Meeting Minutes:** Motion passed
Motion to approve: First: Kate Bartlett Second: Lydia Brown
3. **Council updates:** (Julie Fitzpatrick, Chairperson)
Next meeting: In the fall, date to be determined.

Materials in packets include: Membership Directory; Quarterly Council Report Jan-March; Public Policy Team report; MDDC: Language for proposed change to By-Laws; By-laws; article 'As I see it: Disability Housing Crisis'; Acronym List; MDDC Communication Guidelines

Budget- FFY 15 allotment has been confirmed and it is anticipated that we will be level funded at best through 2016. Our current 5 year state plan ends in September 2016. The State Plan has begun working on the next five-year plan and invitations for new members will be sent out soon. You are all encouraged to participate. Everything we do is driven by the objectives in our state plan.

4. **Conflict of Interest Forms:** (Julie Fitzpatrick, Chairperson)
The Disabilities Act and the state require that all MDDC members complete this form each year and be kept on file.
5. **Membership Committee Report:** (Caroline VanBruinswaardt, Secretary)
Adelia met with Director of Governors appointment office. There is a backlog for appointments under the new administration and time frames haven't been set.

6. Gopen Fellowship Presentation- (Marie Saldi)

Marie reported on her fellowship project which focused on the accessibility of playgrounds. Marie visited 21 playgrounds in Massachusetts and one in Rhode Island. She focused on five parts of a playground. Those parts included ramps, slides, swing, play components, and language boards. She compared sensory slides vs. regular slides, and accessible pathways. She highlighted that accessible ground components should be low to the ground and easy to reach and reported that wood chips pose an obstacle to wheelchairs and recommends that wood chips be replaced.

7. Public Policy Report-(Kristin Britton, Faith Behum, Liz Fancher)

Please see report in packets.

Highlights include the 37th legislative reception that took place in March of 2015. A reminder was given that policy calls are monthly the next call is scheduled for Wednesday, July 15 at 10:30 am.

Act Early is a coalition that has 40 plus members, an executive steering team and three taskforces. Act Early was created to get information to parents about developmental disabilities so they could get intervention and be better informed if their child didn't meet typical milestones. Faith Behum is part of the coalition. Handouts and brochures were provided during the meeting.

Two Hundred and fifteen people attended the Care Conference on May 14, 2015 named Making Respite Happen. The conference included: Yoga, Art therapy, and guest speakers. Liz Fancher also reported that she is working with the Youth Leadership Forum again this year, which includes collaboration with the Federation for Children with Special Needs. It's a 3 day forum at Bridgewater State University to participate in workshops

A 25th anniversary ADA celebration will be held on Boston Common, July 22, 2015. The MDCC is an event sponsor and will have a table to offer information, as will many other organizations.

8. Program Updates- (Lee Larriu and Ashley McAnespie)

SALS Update: (Lee Larriu) update in packets.

Independence College: (Ashley McAnespie and Lee Larriu)

Lee and Ashley showed a PowerPoint presentation highlighting the meetings and classes that were held for Independence College so far for this fiscal year.

9. By-Laws Proposal Meetings: Motion to accept the changes as listed and as an amendment to clarify the language to read federal fiscal year 'October 1st - September 30th where relevant. Passed unanimously.

First: Lydia Brown Second: Erik Nordahl

10. Elections (Chairperson, Member at Large)

There are two candidates for the two vacancies.

Chairperson: Lydia Brown

Member-at-Large: Erik Nordahl

First: Matthew Bander Second: Henry Milorin

Motion passed (Yea -13, Nay 0 - Abstentions 4)

11. Other Business:

Please fill out the Communication Guideline Questionnaire before leaving.

12. Adjournment:

Motion to Adjourn: Motion passes unanimously. First: Matthew Bander Second:

Kate Bartlett

Time: 8:47 pm



8/28/15

Review/ Approved

Date

Caroline VanBruinswaardt, Secretary



8/28/15

Daniel M. Shannon, Executive Director

Date