

MADC meeting at Rondo Community Library on 2/22/2020

Present: President Jackie Correa-Alley, Vice President Emily Smith-Lundberg (via VP), Treasurer Karen Pugh, Member at Large Julie Pleski, Member at Large Fardowsa Ali, Member at Large John Wilson, and Member at Large Kelsey Dahl.

Absent: Secretary Jason Valentine

Meeting opened at 3:21 pm.

Jackie explained the agenda to the community.

- Minutes from 1/11/2020 were approved at the closed board meeting.

President's report:

- DHH license 1/14/2020 - still being discussed but the goal is to finish the discussion by 7/1/2020.
- MNCDHH - meeting on 2/14 - interpreter license, five bills were discussed with MRID, MADC, and MDBA. This will be continued to be discussed within the community.
- CDI bill - passed the HOuse and now with the Finance committee.
- Shirts for DAD - a logo was picked for two colors - maroon and gold.
- NAD conference June 30 to July 5 - Jackie is not able to go.
- Fundraising idea for New Year Eve.

Vice President's report: Will review committees to see which ones to keep, combine or remove.

- Dates for future meetings will be announced next week.
- Will continue to discuss what to do about the website.
- DAD - David Nathason will explain in a vlog.

DAD - On a vlog, David Nathason explains about DAD. He took over the chairperson position due to Mark's personal situation with his wife being sick. Event report - as a business manager, 57 vendors and 73 tables.

Dadmadc.com has a list of the vendors - will be posted April 1st. He also talked a bit about Malones show (some money being donated to the Deaf Club elevator project).

He shared a bit of his vision of the MADC booth.

Secretary's report - presented by Julie Pleski and Lloyd Ballinger

Met with MNCDHH staff (Emory David, Anne Sittner-Anderson) and board member (Lloyd Ballinger), Mike Cashman, and myself to discuss improving emergency communication access. The goal would be to have interpreters in the picture while filming. The current issue is that it is the artistic director's decision to include interpreters in the shot or not, and most often they don't. We want to work with the Minnesota State Broadcasters Association to improve access by asking them to include interpreters in the picture whenever possible. They are asking for MADC networking support to have people send letters to various news agencies and the Minnesota State Broadcasters Association about this issue, as well as talking with their legislators.

No response from Wild Apricot about the previous contract; secretary will continue to work on this.

Kelsey has been working very hard on the Deaf SUD program issue and will continue to meet with community advocates and stakeholders.

We are working on establishing various committees and seeking members to join.

Committees:

Website/Marketing/Social Media

Handbook

Membership Recruitment/Retention

Finance

By-Laws

DEED

MSADAA

MDE D/HH Advisory Group

MNCDHH Education K-6 and 7-12

Priorities Committees:

Interpreter Licensure

Mental Health (i.e. Chemical Dependency Program)

D/HH Tiered Teacher Licensure

ASL Teacher Licensure

Senior Citizens

Treasurer's report:

-Meetings with Emory to learn about Quickbook.

-Working on C4 report, quarterly report, and full report for April meeting.

-C4 has \$7,874.52 in checking, \$4546.57 in savings. C3 has \$16,561.65 in checking, \$76,030.43 in savings.

-Stocks are unknown and will share that on the quarterly form.

-Connect with NAD - \$200

-Liability insurance with West Bend \$1,394 per year.

-Nonprofit organization - \$50

-Talked about the need for a new laptop, ipad and Square. This was tabled at the recent meeting for further discussion at the next board meeting.

Alicia provided an explanation of C3 vs C4.

Question from a community member about the data backup - concerned that we would lose all of that information if not backed up to a cloud server or external hard drive.

Question from the community regarding State of Revenue form - Karen will file it by May 15th.

PayPal question - some members have signed up for it. May need to resend the link. PayPal sends an electronic receipt when it is successfully processed. We will need a back up plan for PayPal.

Substance Use Disorder Program update provided by Kelsey: She provided a summary of what was done. Copied and pasted from email:

Phillip Steinbruckner, Kelsey Dahl, Alicia Lane-Outlaw, and Cynthia Weitzel met with members of M Health Fairview (MHF) administration on February 6th, 2019, while Deb Guthmann joined by conference call. The meeting lasted two hours. We asked for communication accessibility for all Deaf, DeafBlind, and Hard of hearing clients. At the time of the meeting, Elly, did not have a position, since that time, she was offered an Evaluation position which she accepted, although it was a cut in pay. Elly is the DHH program supervisor and worked for 21 years in that position. Jamie (hard of hearing counselor) got a position at the intake center and will also do some shifts in the detox unit. She also will work up to 8 hours a week as a counselor in the Lodging Plus. Corrie, who handled admission for the DHH program, got a job as a counselor on the Adolescent Unit at Fairview. None of the full time staff in Lodging Plus are fluent in sign language. The MHF administration believes that using ASL interpreters provides appropriate access for Deaf, DeafBlind, and Hard of hearing (DDBHH) clients. Because of the low census in the past, they feel at this time, enhancing the hearing program with interpreters is what they need to do. Our concern is the DHH clients ability to access the cultural/linguistic program components equally as their peers. We also recognized the issues with the insurance i.e. Medicare payment which is why there has been low enrollment. During the meeting, we offered assistance from the community to improve the referral process for admissions. There was discussion from the administration that they would add more signing staff as positions become available. Concerns were also shared about the intake problems with staff telling people that Fairview is no longer accepting Deaf/HH patients when in reality, their doors are still open for those who need the help. The administrators are aware

that we have started lobbying the legislators to address the insurance issues as part of the barrier for not being able to participate in the DHH Substance Use Disorder Program.

The 4 Deaf DUA were hired back, and are able to work on weekends only, and some evenings. They will bring DHH clients to 12 Step meetings and offer peer support when working. Please continue to refer to this program, this is important to show the high demand needed for this kind of program both in Minnesota and out of state while we figure out how to re-establish DHH specialized services at some point in the future.

Current Lodging Plus Program:

ASL interpreters will be provided the 30 hours for group therapy and fluent support staff will be provided for transportation to outside 12-Step meetings and activities. This intensive program provides treatment seven days a week. The treatment team in partnership with the hospital includes medical director, program manager, certified chemical dependency counselors, interpreters, nurses, unit assistants, psychiatrist, hospital doctors, and an intake coordinator. Staff within the program will receive ongoing training as to best accommodate the DDBHH population.

The program offerings include individual and group therapy, lectures, workshops, skills groups, recreational activities, Spiritual Care groups, Yoga, Acupuncture, interpreted Twelve Step groups, comprehensive assessment services and aftercare planning.

The program operates on a Twelve Step philosophy and offers clients the opportunity to attend Alcoholics Anonymous, Cocaine Anonymous, Opiate Support Group or other Twelve Step meetings within the hospital as well as in the community with interpreter support.

For general information, please call central intake at:

1-800-468-3120 –V or 651-964-1427(VP)

612-273-4461 Fax

If you need to get information about the referral process, or need any assistance please email Jaime King @ jking14@Fairview.org

If you have insurance troubles that is preventing you for getting into the SUD program, please report to Kelsey.Dahl@minnd deaf.org

For Out-state referral, use this information

https://www.mncd deaf.org/?page_id=9

I do want to encourage you to continue to email the CEO, James Hereford @ jherefo1@fairview.org and V.P. Chris Hickman @ chickma1@fairview.org. Also, if you have not signed the online petition you can do so at: <http://chn g.it/xQ6Lt2kd>.

For any other questions, please feel free to contact Deb Guthmann at d guthmann@aol.com.

Alicia added to this summary: meeting was to emphasize ASL access. NAD has shared a position letter with the UM Health Services/Fairview. Will encourage more deaf people to be referred to the program and push for more ASL access at same time. They want to hear from people who had insurance issues.

Damon - Interpreter license report:

MRID has their own committee, screened 21 to pick 5 people. MADC may have a committee. Emily will follow up on this. Community survey is to ask why the interpreter license is important. The results will be reviewed then proceed with that information. A community member added that Representative Daniels would like to hear from the community about the interpreter bill. Some comments were made that it was not clear on which department would be responsible for overseeing the interpreter licenses.

CDI in k-12 education setting bill passed the House and is now with the Finance committee.

Committees - presented by Gloria Nathanson on vlog.

There are several committees and organizations with a seat for MADC. Anyone can be a representative for MADC. Just need to go to the meeting, gather information, then report to the board.

MNCDHH Education Collaborative committee

Birth-6; K-6; 7-12; Transition

Deaf Mentor committee

EHDI committee

MDE interpreter review group

MDE DHH advisory - Mary Cashman-Bakken

MNCDHH

DEED

MSADAA

Gloria shared some ideas on how to assign and promote those seats such as at DAD, email, website, and FaceBook. She also suggested that guidelines are established such as expectations of attendance.

A community member added that for some organizations, you must apply to be appointed. Example shared was MSAD Site Council. There is no one representing MADC in that organization. (Site Council - develop plan to support school.) This is open to the community.

Open Community:

Terry Wilding - Shared about legislative bonding bills:

- Approximately \$2 billion requested for four projects.
 - Three school buildings need to be made safe so no one can just walk in without being seen by front desk.
 - Dorm - need to meet code.
 - Asset preservation

- Design - plan for gym, cafeteria, and voc buildings (keep, renovate, or replace).
- Law change as well to make it easier to recruit members for their board.

Jackie asked for fact sheets. Terry said that information is available on the website, under Legislative Activities.

<https://www.msa.state.mn.us/Content2/legislative-activities>

Hamid Wadud - presented about Can You Hear Me Sign event on 3/14.

<https://mndeafmuslim.org/can-you-hear-me-sign/>

Alicia Lane-Outlaw - Requested that we send thank you notes to two Senators for sending letters to support SUD:

Senator John Marty - contacted by Alicia and Senator Jim Carlson - contacted by Phillip Steinbruckner.

Alicia also shared information about Caucus on 2/25 and primary on 3/3. She shared more details on what a caucus is. Information can be found on website such as www.dfl.org.

Question was asked about NAD delegates. Will this be discussed at a open board meeting? It will be shared with the community who will go in two weeks. It was asked that this is presented during the open board meeting so the community can see how the process works.

Lloyd Ballinger shared about the emergency prep program and that MNCDHH will send him to TDI training.

Megan Bolduc - Community Relations Director - introduced self. She is available via Marco Polo or community@mrid.org. She is open to ideas, advice, and connecting to the community. A community member suggested that ASL student/ interpreter be a support communicator for families at DAD.

Announcements:

- 2/29 ASL workshop about Black History and Social Justice
- 2/29 Queen Foreverr performance at SCU.
- MSAD has their Midwest Region Academic bowl on the first weekend of March. Two different events on Friday and Saturday nights.

Meeting closed at 5:03 pm.