

March 9, 2009

Minutes of the NMADCP Board of Directors Telephonic Meeting

Attending: Peter Bochert and Carmen Rodriguez (both from the AOC), Ginger Sloan, Virginia Acosta, Carlos Gonzales, Judge Clingman, Connie Warren, Judge Jaramillo

Excused Absence: David Borunda

Absent: Judge Baca, Judge Schultz and AOC's Angela Peinado (Angela in training in California)

Other: Cynthia Ferrari was absented from the meeting until it was almost over (Please note Cynthia had an emergency situation; she stayed online with Judge Jaramillo for an update).

Meeting began at approximately noon with President Jaramillo inquiring about a quorum. Peter indicated that since Erma resigned we are a board of directors now of 10 and we needed **5 members to have a quorum** (with no AOC staff being counted in the quorum/membership). Since a quorum did exist, the meeting did commence. President Jaramillo and Judge Clingman complimented Virginia on the meeting minutes. No one had any corrections and President Jaramillo asked for a motion to accept the minutes.

Motion & Vote: Ginger did motion for acceptance of the minutes and Judge Clingman seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous that the minutes of the NMADCP February 9th meeting were accepted for the record.

Next agenda item was the discussion of the non-profit status and fee. Carlos mentioned that the fee, about 7 years ago, was \$450 for non-profit status. Discussion followed with President Jaramillo stating we need to apply for this status with the federal government (we already are recognized as a non-profit in the State of New Mexico) and the benefits outweigh the cost (which is now approximately \$750). She asked that we need to go (later) to the by-laws and address the fee in the by-laws.

Next agenda item was the letter to the general membership from President Jaramillo, who mentioned that she got one response to her letter, which was Brad in Aztec/Farmington wanting to be on her committee. Discussion followed with Carlos mentioning he actually got 6 people (includes board member David Borunda) who were interested in his committee. Carlos mentioned that he emailed the people some information about the work of the committee and has not heard from any one. Peter stated that Angela is attending DWI training in California and, other than Brad wanting to help with the training committee, the AOC knows of no other replies to President Jaramillo's letter. Peter suggested that each chair person could use the President's letter as an attachment and contact people directly who may be interested in working on a particular committee. President Jaramillo related that was a good idea for other committees to do this, except the by-laws committee.

President Jaramillo related that she did some additions (of programs) to the 5 regions and had emailed Angela in the AOC that Sylvia Serna from Metro Court and Brad in Farmington would like to be on the training committee and that our two board members from Las Cruces (Connie and Virginia) could be helpful getting points of contacts for training. She stated that her committee is moving along and will follow up with program coordinators on seeking training topics and possibly serving as a point of contact person. For the Public Relations committee President Jaramillo related she is having a meeting with Metro's Public Information Officer Janet Blair on March 13th.

Judge Clingman mentioned he was unaware of Erma's resignation and the President advises us of the email she received from Erma Sedillo. After some discussion it was decided that Peter would forward it to the board members (which he did on 3/9/09).

President Jaramillo mentioned that we are now down one (on the board; Erma also had 2 committees) and there is a need to look for people for committee work.

The next agenda item the NMADCP web page update: Peter discussed that JID and JIFFY have new procedures and their own struggles with Odyssey right now. Peter gave some answers to JID (concerning their questions) and things are in the works regarding the problem solving courts web page, although it's moving slowly. President Jaramillo asks for an update at next month's meeting.

New Business topics were then addressed by the President and Board.

Ginger gave the treasurer's report: we received a \$400 check from True Touch and have only \$150 outstanding. As of today (3/9/09) the balance is \$12,125.38. She mentioned that things have slowed down since the conference.

Change in Meeting Date: Discussion about switching the meeting date of Oct. 12th to either the 13th or 19th. After brief discussion a call was made for a motion.

Motion & Vote: President made a motion to *change our meeting date in October* to the 19th. Judge Clingman seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous for a change to October 19th.

Updates then began on the various committees of the chair persons present:

By Laws: Judge Clingman stated that he would have, by the end of the week, the changes from the comments he has received from the committee members. He stated he would send his revision to the full board so it could be discussed at the next month's board meeting. President Jaramillo stated she was glad that Cynthia's comments were incorporated. Judge Clingman stated there was nothing etched in stone and he had no pride in ownership. The President did advise to proceed with changes.

Training: The President said she will contact coordinators for names of point persons for each region. She said a list of topics for training will be done and she'd ask the point of contact people to look for meeting places. Peter mentioned that Angela had talked to Carolyn Hardin recently about NDCI trainers and had discovered quite a few possibilities. The President stated she would follow up with Angela.

Public Relations: The President said she will meet with Janet Blair on Friday. She mentioned that May 15th is National Drug Court date and we're going to put something together for that celebration. She said they will work on a procedure and she will send it out to the other courts. Janet can help us know where to connect with the media. Peter mentioned that he would forward the announcement from NADCP to the coordinators (note: he did so on 3/9/09). Peter suggested maybe we could use Janet to give advice to other courts. The President agreed to the idea and will ask for something that can be used around the State. She said we would wait to see if Janet wants to help on anything statewide.

Legislative: Pass

Resource: Pass

Funding: Virginia read her report and mentioned she would forward it to the board. Many states are seeking training funds, via statewide grants, from BJA. They are also seeking to do webinars, train the trainers and regional trainings. Virginia presented information on gotomeeting.com and the use of their services (please see report for more details; report emailed on 3/9/09). Virginia mentioned that New Mexico is progressive in having state standards and performance measures, thanks to the initial work of Erma which was further enhanced by Peter and now with Angela's help. President said we will work on regional training this year. Peter said that there is more federal dollars coming and he had an announcement which he hasn't gotten a chance to review it in detail (but would forward it to the coordinators- note: he did so on 3/9/09). President Jaramillo said her court's funds cuts will be in treatment. Peter mentioned that GAINS and SAMSHA has dollars. He was the Byrne formula money is available and that generally law enforcement gets it although drug courts fit two of their purpose areas. He said there is a lot of money going to be coming available but is not sure how much can be targeted for training. President Jaramillo asks if this is something DCAC does and Peter explained no, only if the Supreme Court asks DCAC to review the information. Peter is going to review information on the money and send it out (see above; as he did on 3/9/09). President asks when the next coordinators meeting will be and Peter replies April 13th.

Membership: Ginger related that David Borunda had agreed to help but no one else has done so. She related that most states pay fees but they get a reduced fee for training. She said she would ask David to help research this but most states won't make money with fees. President

inquired if there was any insight on fee structure and was advised no (by Peter). Peter related that our fees went to the conference and fees are not going to get us money.

Nominating: Discussion was held regarding replacing Erma who resigned. President mentioned that we should look to see how to handle nominations for the board, which was usually done in collaboration with the annual conference. President related that she thinks the membership and nominating should be addressed in the by-laws. She suggested that it (the term) should be at the end of the year and the term run like on a calendar year basis. Judge Clingman said he would look into it and see if November 1st is the date.

Alumni: Carlos mentioned that of the 6 people, two were coordinators, one was David Borunda and 3 were graduates. He said 3-4 regions are covered but he is missing the Roswell region. He doesn't expect his committee to grow much right now. Carlos mentioned that he did get Sylvia Serna and Anna Lujan. He said he spoke to graduates by phone and they seemed motivated. Carlos wanted graduates to do presentations on their perspective of best practices as a service to the drug courts. With meth, the addict and their behaviors are changing and the drug courts need to know what's they are in for regarding this issue. President Jaramillo said we can add it as a component of training and Carlos agreed with the idea. Carlos stated that these graduates can help give insight about what drug court is like (going through it) and related it is good for them to be heard. He mentioned he would reach out to the other two regions specifically. President Jaramillo told him that he has gone a lot further with his committee than she had and that it is great that he has connections in those regions. Carlos mentioned that he is open to any suggestion by any of us and to please email him.

Judge Clingman advised the board that the bylaws read the President can select a committee to get nominations to the board and that it's not tied to the annual conference, suggesting holding an election in October when regional training is planned.

President asks if there is anything to add. Peter asks if the President can appoint a committee to submit names and that it would make sense to hold an election in October. President Jaramillo says we will take a look at revisions and then discuss the matter. Judge Clingman asks for comments and will then re-send the revised version of the bylaws to the board. President Jaramillo asks if there are any other topics. Carmen mentions that we are two members short with Erma and Judge Baca and asks how the board will replace board members between elections. Judge Clingman relates that the board can be filled by those in office so it's up to the present board members. President Jaramillo mentions that those of us on the board can submit nominations and can appoint a person to sit until the next election. Judge Clingman said that he would look to revise the bylaws to that a successor will serve until the end of term. The President said that at the next meeting, if you have suggestions for names of people to serve on the board, it can be presented on 4/13. Peter mentioned that a non-responsive member is also

the issue regarding Judge Baca and asks if it will be addressed. Judge Clingman said the bylaws state that a board member can be removed if not in attendance for 3 consecutive meetings; the member shall be deemed inactive and removed by majority. President mentioned that David Borunda had a previous engagement but had emailed her so he is excused. She has not heard from Judge Baca since the conference. Peter mentioned we should try to contact the member in question by phone or email. The President mentions she will contact Judge Baca and update the Board at our next meeting.

President mentions Drug Court Day on May 15th. Peter related he will forward the NADCP email about National Drug Court Day (which he did on 3/9/09) and that he can let the board know of any activities later. The President asks if anyone is going to the national drug court conference. Peter mentions that Angela will be going from the AOC and that the state's DWI programs may send 1 or 2 members. The President says she would like to coordinate with those from New Mexico and host a get together in Anaheim. Virginia stated that Judge Schultz has been asked to present at the national conference and that the Judge and Katherine Cardon are going to the conference. The President asks that maybe we could get more of a count at the next coordinators meeting. Carmen mentions the International Nurses Society matter in September and the President mentioned she didn't have details about it but it is in September. More information will be forthcoming about that matter.

President asks if there are any issues, questions or problems. Cynthia joins the discussion and apologizes for being late due to an emergency situation. President asks for her committee report (resource). Cynthia asked if there was any response to the letter and was told, when she spoke to Angela, that there was no response. She said she is waiting to see who would volunteer before doing much more. The President asks her to stay on the line so she can be updated.

Motion and Vote: Ginger made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by the President. Vote was unanimous to adjourn and the meeting concluded at approximately 1:00 p.m.

NOTE: Next Board meeting is April 13th, in person, beginning at 9 a.m. at the State Bar

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