

NMADCP Board of Directors Telephonic Meeting on May 11, 2009

Present/attending via phone: Virginia Acosta, Judge Lisa Schultz, Carlos Gonzales, Cynthia Ferrari, Carmen Rodriguez, Angela Peinado and Peter Bochert

Excused: Judge Gary Clingman, Ginger Sloan, Judge Jaramillo

Not attending: Judge Baca

After a brief review of the agenda, Peter mentions that the balance in the NMADCP account is now \$11,368.42 and that includes the payment for Ms. Hardin's expenses. Cynthia mentions she has no updates for the Resource Committee. Virginia mentions she did visit the IRS website and prefers not to pursue the forms alone since no one has joined the funding subcommittee. Carlos mentions that the forms were done with a group he was involved with in the past and cost only \$450. Carlos mentions that he will research the matter and call a friend about it as well as the IRS office. Judge Schultz asks if the AOC has any help for us on this but no one answered her. It was decided to not address Old Business. There was no update given for the by-laws. Peter did relate that the 501c3 issue depends on the revisions to the by-laws and that he won't yet volunteer AOC on this matter until he hears from Judge (Jaramillo). Cynthia then requested we table this portion of the discussion and all agreed. Carlos moved to approve the minutes, as there was no further discussion or changes to the minutes and the motion was seconded by Judge Schultz but not without a quorum vote. Cynthia related we should defer the matter for the next meeting and she then asked for web page updates.

Peter related he is the "bottleneck for updates", that the AOC staff did meet with JID but he has not yet done any work on it. Angela relates she and Carmen are working with JID to update information. Carmen related she is trying to send Cynthia a CD of the forms and we may need to meet to determine what forms will go on the website as the forms are all in PDF format. Cynthia asks what was done with categories for the link and Angela relates we will add it to the resource section. Cynthia asks if it is on the website and Carmen replies affirmatively as to the problem solving website. Resources link won't be on the NMADCP page but on the problem solving court website. Cynthia says she will re-send the information and that it can then be discussed.

Cynthia asked Peter for an update on Drug Court Month and Peter related he wanted to talk to Judge Jaramillo on the large event in Albuquerque (for National Drug Court Month) and beyond that, there was no word from other drug courts.

Cynthia called on Carlos with the Alumni group. Judge Schultz interjected and mentions what Adult Drug Court and Juvenile Drug Court in the Third is doing and that she did a thank you letter to the newspaper when she was transferred to the adult criminal division and thanked the Juvenile Drug Court staff for their work. Carlos then related he had no update to speak of and wondered if a conference call would be planned. He said David was a part of his committee so he will send him an email to see if he will still help me.

Peter asks him if he is waiting on the board to schedule an alumni group or if he hadn't gotten to it yet.

Carlos replied he was not clear on calls and meetings for the committee and mentioned the cost discussion in the past or if there was another option. Peter replied that AOC has paid for the board conference calls, and it is a significant cost, and that we did not decide on another avenue to take yet. Carlos relates he was waiting on a decision. Peter then asks Angela if there is a cost per minute for the conference call and the idea of someone else paying for the calls was another topic for an agenda discussion. Peter does recommend it for an agenda item – resources for conference calls for the subcommittees and for information to be distributed on those resources. So Peter again said that the topic for next time is to see if we can pay for the board meeting and conference call.

Judge Schultz asks when did this become an issue and asks to be updated. Peter tells her that from the retreat and discussions there that the AOC has paid for conference calls since before he was hired. In support of NMADCP and its mission, the question is how NMADCP will pay for ongoing operations. Judge Schultz mentions that we can't fulfill the annual conference desired goal and that we are shredding board members so how can we do additional obligations? She asks if this is an issue for other boards and then states that it would be a great idea to be autonomous but with the external situation of cutting funding, what can we do? Peter replies that there is no threat of funding being cut out, that the AOC might say AOC is participating as a voluntary thing with staff, the AOC staff doesn't vote and then a discussion ensued regarding the mission and work of NMADCP.

Peter suggests that it be an agenda item that the Board requests AOC provide conference calls and that the board consider how to handle conference calls and the alternatives. Angela relates that the Board needs to re-group for its priorities, long and short term. What is the focus for the October conferences and what are our goals? Judge Schultz and Cynthia agree. Peter mentioned he has talked to Angela about this and they have had no time to talk to Judge Jaramillo, who was taken aback by the 3 resignations. It's a massive realty check setting in and that we are in a rise, fall and rise again mode with costs that need to be considered. Judge Schultz asks Peter why any AOC people are not on the board and he replies that he doesn't know but historically they have been that of a non-voting member. Judge Schultz asks for an agenda item of AOC membership on the board and relates that we need institutional history and knowledge and that is very appropriate to have 1 or more AOC staff as board members. Cynthia asks if we didn't discuss this at the board retreat and Carlos replied that it really wasn't mentioned at the retreat. Judge Schultz then asks about the difference in our board and DCAC and Peter explained that DCAC is a permanent committee requested by the Supreme Court and has its duties and includes the 5 year plan. NMADCP is a membership organization and not part of the Judiciary. Judge Schultz thanks Peter and then Peter mentions that we have overlapping missions between NMADCP and the AOC. He mentions that our future and priorities were part of the retreat and that's how the subcommittees came into being but we haven't gotten any members on these subcommittees. No one has heard anything else from any one about joining the subcommittees. Cynthia states we have to move forward as best we can without members. Peter then states that the Board needs to determine how Carlos will pay for subcommittee meetings. Cynthia states that some of these subcommittees will have costs associated with them and that we are at a stand-still. She asks if it sounds reasonable to see if we have any costs and Carlos replies affirmatively. Carlos relates that we need monies for regional trainings and that we need to re-evaluate all of this. Cynthia states that \$11K

is not enough, we need to be 501c3 and that she doesn't know how else to raise money. Since 2003 NMADCP has received funds from attendees and vendors. Peter states that we are well below where we have been in the past and we have lost money with the conferences and have had less attending. Cynthia stated that we need to look at all possibilities and come up with a plan. Judge Schultz states that we need a plan and to scale back with things and come up with a limited set of priorities and fund-raise. If we can't fund the subcommittees and need the 501c3 status to get grants, then we need to raise funds. Cynthia requests to put on the agenda for next meeting the relationship with AOC and our priorities. Peter states he will discuss this with Judge Jaramillo and that we will look at the cost of conference call and see if NMADCP can pay for this.

Virginia mentions that Rachel Pelz and Anna Lujan as being interested in serving on the board.

Peter states he will meet with Judge Jaramillo to brief her and ask for her direction as to where we are, the sticking points being the funding for subcommittees, the lack of members for subcommittees and how do we look at our activities so we can develop a Plan of Action. Judge Schultz thanks everyone for hanging in there and has to leave for court (she leaves at 1:11).

Angela states that June 15<sup>th</sup> is our meeting date and there was discussion about the date for the next board meeting. Cynthia states that we will review the April and May minutes at the next board meeting and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:15 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia Acosta, Secretary, NMADCP