

## NMADCP MEETING MINUTES September 20, 2010

In Attendance: Cynthia Ferrari, Karen McCutcheon, Sylvia Serna, Carlos Gonzales, Peter Bochert, Angela Peinado, Anna Lujan, Daniel Blackwood

Excused: Judge Jaramillo, Ginger Sloan and Virginia Acosta

Not attending: Judge Clingman, Judge Baca

Minutes from August 2010 meeting were approved. Karen made the motion to approve, Anna seconded, vote was unanimous to approve.

Update on 501c3: Board was emailed approval letter by Judge Jaramillo, board in agreement Judge Jaramillo did a great job getting the non-profit status done. Board member asked if Peter could get clarification on whether or not a court employee could solicit donations for NMADCP now that we are a non-profit. Peter will check with HR and Fern Goodman.

Update on Alumni Group: Daniel gave board an update on the research that he and Carlos did concerning the alumni group. This was done by informal information gathering, not scientific approach. They queried drug court grads who were and who were not participants in alumni groups to find out the reasons which would cause participation in the groups. Carlos and he met by phone to discuss recommendations to committee:

Most common reasons of not participating:

1. They are using again
2. They did not feel sufficient connection to counselors or members while in or after drug court
3. Schedule conflicts
4. Going to treatment location reminds them of drug court
5. Not having something new in the groups, same old thing
6. Structure of groups
7. Same people always attending
8. Transitional care of clients didn't come in soon enough
9. Connection between counselor and client ends
10. No formal pay it forward opportunity

Then the same groups were asked how alumni groups could improve.

Suggestions from participants to improve:

1. Identify alumni motivated to volunteer
2. Have volunteers call grads
3. Change the interviews to include referral to alumni groups in beginning of phase
4. Collect data
5. Sell grads on idea on importance of mentoring
6. Tell group how alumni groups supports them

7. Ask if AA or other 12 step programs are enough and impress how alumni group could add to those benefits
8. Create list of potential participants and invite to potluck
9. Create relationship with the courts
10. Educate alumni on value
11. Education that fear is not failure but a success
12. Incorporate family volunteers

Daniel posed 3 questions for board

Do these recommends seem sound do they qualify as promising practices?

Do you want us to proceed with these?

How else would you like us to proceed?

Peter requested that Daniel sends out the findings to everyone so we can study them. The outcome of this will be an agenda item at next meeting. Peter asked what Daniel and Carlos ideas were going forward. Carlos said my idea was if we did pursue a conference I would see this turning into a breakout session that myself and Daniel and alumni could develop. It could be webinar also. It is developing best practices of a class.

Daniel would like to turn this into a training, which are best practices or which are too lofty. It was discussed that he may present an abstract to the national conference, or to the Alaska folks, but thinking more about things back home. Board expressed appreciation for all their hard work.

Daniel said that the board needs to be looking at ways to generate income streams. Peter stated that one of the original concepts as books were kept originally was that the NMADCP conference was a 0 sum game. Money was raised to support the conference. The last couple of years the association was not taking in sufficient funds to pay for conference. Daniel said we need to decide what exactly does the association need and how much to take in for those things. Cynthia stated that the mission statement indicated what the goals and duties were, which are mainly education and training, but the last item listed is providing resources to the drug courts. Cynthia suggested that we define what these resources are that we want to provide and there was discussion that followed regarding resources.

Date for next meeting: November 1, 2010.

NMADCP Conference updates: Daniel said that he read in last month's minutes that the board was considering holding a conference and that he thought we were not going to have any more conferences because of the webinars. Cynthia said we were considering a conference because the boards' last intent was to have one every other year. Daniel said that we may be able to get the casinos to provide free conference space if we gave trainings on problem gambling at that conference. Peter asked, if we host breakout session on gambling session, would it be annual or one time? Daniel thinks the tie there is that the casino would see it as a win-win. They would be doing it as a social issue and would get bodies into the casino. They might consider it on a regular basis. 2 ½% to 8%

of clients are currently presenting with gambling problem. Would be hitting on a lot of what the casinos are working on.

Peter stated the board asked him to check out Sandia casino but with all the other things going on in the casino he thought it was ridiculous, but the way it is set up separately at some casinos you can stay separate from the casino. He said that you can still smell and see it, so it is tempting, but the facilities are very nice. Daniel stated that at some point you have to go thru the casino to get to conference room. Daniel was concerned that there might be a stigma associated with having the conference at a casino. Daniel said we could have 1 day conference, minimal costs, no lunch provided, but snacks available, at the casino.

Angela- stated that CIP does have regional training and found when comparing prices facilities have thrown in lunches for a reasonable fee and they would be working lunches. Daniel said that at networking lunches, you can get CEU's for that one day meeting and raise revenue for NMADCP. Daniel said casino may throw in everything, even food. Peter said that is a huge part of the costs of a conference. Cynthia stated that she was going to send out questions to the coordinators to gauge the feasibility of having a conference. She wants to go through Judge Jaramillo though, since she is president. She will email the Judge about it.

Discussion of members terms ending. Judge Jaramillo, Cynthia Ferrari, Virginia Acosta, Judge Clingman, Carlos Gonzales and Ginger Sloan with the possibility of Judge Baca also, have expiring terms. Board discussed how to proceed. It was determined to have nominations sought and their bios sent to Judge Jaramillo. Any board members with expiring terms would email Judge Jaramillo with their intent to either stay on the board or retire. The deadline for nominations would be October 22, 2010 to allow us time to discuss nominations at the November meeting.

Peter stated that in light of everything that the board may want to consider a face to face in November. Board said that not everyone could travel. Peter thought we might find a place to have it where there is teleconferencing. Peter thought it might be possible to have it at the 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Cynthia agreed to send the following questions to the coordinators working with Judge Jaramillo.

1. Would you be able to attend a centralized state conference if it required registration fees, travel and lodging expenses?
2. If you could attend, how many team members or others would you anticipate bringing?
3. Could you attend a one day regional training in your area?
4. How many people would you anticipate attending with you?
5. Would you object to having the training or conference in a casino?

Sylvia motioned to end meeting, Daniel seconded. Meeting adjourned at 1:10 pm.  
Notes taken by Cynthia Ferrari, Vice President, NMADCP.