

MDA Board Meeting

August 22, 2008

Meeting was called to order at 7:10 AM.

Members Present: Didem Park, Mary Ellen Holverson, Pat Bollinger, Lisa Ranes, Alison Harmon, Carla Cox, Katie Bark, Flower Aston, Yvette Phillips, Nonie Woolf, Colleen Kaiser, Melissa Tyvand, Jessica Beacom, Susan Jordan, and Deb Jones.

Introductions: Didem Park, President. Currently resides in Bozeman, and holds a position as a state surveyor. She is looking forward to affiliate training and the ADA conference. Was invited, along with Susan, to present about volunteerism at the affiliate training. Also noted she loves to golf and is from Turkey.

Mary Ellen Holverson, Chair of Public Policy. Currently resides in Helena, and is retired. Planning to go to Costa Rica for 2 months.

Pat Bollinger, Board of Medical Examiners Liaison, and CDR Representative. Is in private practice part time. Is also involved in toastmasters, and is currently planning a speech conference.

Lisa Ranes, Member-at-Large, and Co- Public Policy Coordinator, representing MNT issues. Has recently changed jobs, taking a position as diabetic coordinator at Northern Montana Hospital in Havre.

Alison Harmon, Professional Issues Chair. Is working on developing an internship in Montana.

Carla Cox, delegate. Also working on developing an internship in Montana. Highlight of the summer was climbing Mt. McKinley.

Katie Bark, Co-public policy Coordinator, and Media Representative. Is looking for someone to take over the media representative position. Currently works at Montana State University, involved in TEAM nutrition, and obesity prevention. Loves to play tennis.

Flower Aston, Treasurer. She is also involved in the local Bozeman group. She requests all Dietitians in Bozeman email her to get on the list serve. She is currently working at Bozeman Deaconess Hospital. The highlight of her summer was going to Spain for 2 weeks.

Yvette Phillips, Secretary. From Glasgow, working at the Frances Mahon Deaconess Hospital, as well as contracting to other local facilities. Involved in many areas from WIC, to inpatient/outpatient, dialysis. Highlight of the summer was spending time with family/friends at Fort Peck Lake.

Nonie Woolf, Nominating Committee Chair. Currently working in Browning, as clinical RD, planning to retire in 2010. Highlight of the summer was taking a Mexican Cruise. Also has had 11 babies born in her family recently. Goal this year is to put the balet together with less stress.

Colleen Kaiser, Member-at-Large. Currently in Bozeman, working for MSU-extension, coordinating low income nutrition education programs. Highlight of her summer was taking a trip to Boston, and Pennsylvania, and she loves to golf.

Melissa Tyvand, Member –at-Large. Resides in Anaconda, working as a diabetes educator and lactation consultant. Is interested in the Wellness/Prevention field. Has taken up golf.

Jessica Beacom, Member-at-Large. Resides in Glendive. Wears many hats in her job, as is common in a rural community. Currently exclusively breastfeeding a 10 month old daughter. Also working on redoing their house, and organic gardening.

Susan Jordan, President-Elect. Resides in Hardin, currently on maternity leave, planning to return to work on Sept 29. Highlight of summer was birth of baby born on July 29.

Deb Jones, Past-President. Resides in Helena. Planning to attend HFM in September in a helping capacity.

Meeting Minutes: Minutes from the June 27, 2008 Board Meeting were read. Pat Bollinger made a motion to approve minutes as read, with Carla Cox providing 2nd. The motion was passed.

Treasurers Report: By Flower Aston. This report reflects the time frame of June 27 to the present. Total expenses were \$4926, with Income of \$775. The checking account balance is \$17,442, CD balance of \$17,677, with \$250 interest. All of these CD's are with First Security now. Question if there is another CD somewhere. America funds account is not included. There was a \$17,814 ending balance in June. This will need to be added to the CD's.

Budget: Please mail or E-mail to Flower. Please try to get the budget sheets to Flower by the end of next week, August 29.

Also, the statements for awards will need to go to Flower so they can be put into the correct budget number.

Didem will contact Flower to work on the budget. Plan is to bring the budget to the board for the November meeting.

Annual Conference: by Susan Jordan. The annual conference is planned for May 14-15 at Rock Creek resort, in Red Lodge. She is currently working on a theme, has several options, but wants to establish this in the next couple of weeks. . The next goal then is to finalize speakers and work on CDR approval. There is a 2009 planning conference group on yahoo, and any input, or assistance is welcome.

MAADE has expressed an interest in partnering with MDA for the conference. Carla Cox will email Susan the MAADE contacts.

To access yahoo, in regards to the yahoo conference planning group: 1) google yahoo groups, 2) sign in as a user, 3) pick the group- MDA conference planning. All those registered with MDA were invited to participate in conference planning via the list serve. Susan notes however that at this point people have not really specified specific committees to work on. There are 12 or so individuals interested in helping with the conference.

Regarding budget concerns presented in planning the conference, Flower notes that we have more money in investments than is needed to function. Deb also notes that with our non-profit status, we cannot have or bring in a lot of money therefore; there is some flexibility in planning the conference.

Internship: by Alison Harmon. She has emailed a framework for the internship and would like feedback. Colleen suggests a rotation with OB, and also wonders about adding chronic disease such as cystic fibrosis. Carla points out the framework will highlight Montana's issues, and wonders about adding something on alternative feedings. Nonie suggests adding alcohol related conditions, and indicates Charlene Johnson, who is now in the Billings service unit may be interested in working on this. Didem wonders about eating disorders. As there is not a program here in Montana, this may be included in the self-determined rotation.

If there are any other comments please email Alison Harmon or Carla Cox.

Other discussion regarding the Internship: Would be housed under Extended Studies, which would take a 10-20% cut of fees. Is there any ADA framework for guidance of the internship? She has not found anything.

Concerns regarding the internship include:

- 1) proof of necessity
- 2) ability to fill our internship every year
- 3) legal issues
- 4) hiring an internship director before the start of the program, 6 months before any income comes in.

Alison reports goals of establishing the infrastructure, getting preceptors. Alison encourages anyone interested in being a preceptor to let her know. There is some compensation built into the budget.

Public Policy: by Mary Ellen Holverson. The Public Policy Committee has not met since the Annual Meeting. A conference call will be scheduled in September.

In the meantime, work has been going on via our joint committee with the Food Bank Network. In June, requests were made to the DPHHS and to OPI for items to be included in their Governor's budgets. The meetings went favorably with the department heads.

DPHHS is going to include the request for administrative funding for WIC farmer's markets in their Governor's budget. They are also studying the

issue of changing the rules regarding asset and gross monthly income limits in the Food Stamp Program. This is very important because changes could result in many more people being eligible for food stamps. Also, they agreed to work with MSU Extension on using Aging Horizons TV program to provide nutrition education to seniors. However, they did not address our request to increase funding for the Food Stamp Employment and Training Program and monetary support for the breastfeeding bill passed last session.

OPI planned to put into their Governor's budget money to improve access to school meals through supplying food equipment needs. This is essentially the same as the bill MDA supported in the last legislature that failed. We need to clarify if this money could also be used for the new breakfast startups. Our request to provide one-time funding for a pilot Universal Breakfast Program was not included. However, Katie Bark says this is happening gradually anyway.

This leaves us with the whole breastfeeding issue. What needs to be done to get this act implemented? Should there be further legislation or do we need to seek other means and sources of funding to get this accomplished. There needs to be a consensus as to what needs to be done. The next meeting of the PPC will be devoted to this discussion. There is also another issue related to work being performed by a subcommittee of the Food Security Council that is related to initiatives that came out of the Governor's Food and Agriculture Summit in 2007. Funding is needed to increase economic resources to local communities through Food and Nutrition Programs. This issue will be clarified at the upcoming Food and Security Council Meeting and then it will be taken to the PPC for further discussion and possible action.

PPC will then report to the board via the list serve after their September meeting.

MDA will be asked to support a bill from the Montana Food Bank Network to provide increased monies for them to meet increased demand, diminishing donations, and increased food and transportation costs.

MNT: by Lisa Ranes. HB 6331 which would approve adding MNT preventive services was passed and will go into affect January of 2009. It includes these diagnoses_____.

The diabetic education bill will be tabled.

Public Health: by Katie Bark. PPC for ADA is scheduled February 9, 2009. Regarding the child nutrition reauthorization Act-MDA may want to write a letter to support some changes in the program.

Obesity Prevention Act_____

Through the farm Bill, there is money to support fresh fruit and vegetable snacks. Program has Montana approval.

HOD: by Carla Cox. Two issues are being discussed:

- 1) Role of the RD
- 2) Electronic medical records and our role.

Carla is asking for any comments on these issues.

Also has not worked on the strategic plan chart, to keep up with what we were doing. Didem will email it again.

Task Force: (Scope of Practice) by Pat Bollinger. Members met on 8-11-08. The group did some brain storming, and wanted to know what other states are doing. Safest route to add to our scope of practice is through rules. Next meeting is Oct. 20. The rules will be put on line for comment. Minutes of the meeting will also be on-line, on the Board of Medical Examiners web site.

Members-At-Large: includes Coleen Kaiser, Lisa Raney, Melissa Tyvand, and Jessica Beacom. Their biggest proposal is to do a survey of all MDA members, to see what topics, meetings, or information they would like MDA to provide. Non-members could be surveyed as well. Considerations include a monkey survey, which would be free, and user friendly, but would have some limits. Another option would be to pay a 19.95 monthly fee for survey purposes, or an annual fee of \$200, which may be more useful. The plan is to get more information and send it to the board members, and then the board could vote on this.

Other Business: 1) Mileage payments to attend MDA board meetings. Mary Ellen thought MDA passed a resolution on this in the past but it was never implemented. We could look in the old meeting minutes. Another consideration is what would be covered-hotel, mileage, meals? We may consider setting a certain rate, setting our own rate, or utilizing the government rate. A decision was not made at this time,

- 2) Interactive video conferencing. Didem to check with Deb regarding cost of having this service.
- 3) Use of the logo. This is available for current use.
- 4) Use of the Yahoo groups. Didem would like more instruction on using the yahoo groups. Didem will check with Dave to see if more instructions could be available on their use. Maybe the information could be put on the website.
- 5) Website. Question if more links could be available. Would be helpful to have a conference tab as well. Didem to talk to Dave about this.
- 6) Nonie is planning to go to ADA in Chicago. She would like a roommate to help with costs. This could be posted on the web site.
- 7) Mary Ellen requests that we vote to approve the treasurers' report. The motion was passed.

The next conference call meeting is planned for 11-14-08 at 7:00 am.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:35.

Respectfully submitted,

Yvette Phillips RD, LN
MDA secretary