

Full MCC Meeting  
Minutes  
February 20, 2015  
1:00-1:50 EST

Present: Tom Uno, Julia Hernandez, Christine (Chris) Vining, Eduardo Ortiz, Brenda Clark, Lisa Troy, Tracy Beard, Susan Yuan, Mark Smith, Becky Stone, Ylla Nikola-Lisa, Christine King, Amina (Nina) Lee, Carol Sales, Paula Sotnik.

#### I. Board of Directors Report (Tom Uno)

Tom noted that Maria Avila (Mercedes) was on maternity leave. He provided the Board of Directors report. He stated that the winter meeting is February 24-25<sup>th</sup> in Austin, TX. The winter meeting is held in different locations each year. The local UCEDD will provide an overview of their program. The Board will collaborate with the Intellectual Disability Research Centers (IDRC), LEND programs and UCEDDs as they continue to look at the strategic plans. The Board is also reviewing feedback on awards given at the annual conference in terms of what awards are given and when they are given. The Board will also receive updates on financial status, conference planning, and upcoming policy/legislation. Staff from AUCD and all the councils will provide updates as well.

Mark commented that this will be his first Board retreat and is interested in how AUCD's strategic plan on diversity and advocacy can be leveraged going forward. There were no questions regarding this report.

#### II. Engaging MCC- (Eduardo Ortiz)

Eduardo summarized his initiative to prepare a survey to determine how best to engage MCC. The survey will target several areas including the interests of MCC, areas needed for volunteering, ways to participate, and frequency of meetings. He would appreciate any feedback. A workgroup is needed to follow up with what to do with the information. Contact Eduardo if interested.

#### III. Providing TA to AIDD Diversity Initiative- (Tom Uno)

Tom noted that Mercedes will take the lead on providing TA to AIDD. Aaron Bishop, Commissioner of Administration on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (AIDD) had asked for feedback on Administration of Community Living (ACL) Diversity Initiative: Strengthening Cultural Competency in ACL and across its programs. Contact Mercedes if interested.

A question was presented on an email received from AIDD to serve on a consulting team. Tom replied that the relationship between MCC and the AIDD team is not yet clear. Mercedes will provide feedback to the commissioner's plan.

MCC will also look at commonalities of each of the groups working on the plans and identify where they overlap. Ylla asked whether in the next MCC call, Dawn's team should be invited to talk about the blue print and how all the pieces can be brought together. Tom indicated that would be a good idea.

#### IV. Providing TA to AUCD Diversity Blue Print- (Eduardo Ortiz)

Eduardo has been asked to serve on the advisory group for the Diversity Blue Print. He will take the lead for the workgroup providing TA to the AUCD contract (Diversity Blue Print). This is one year initiative

funded by AIDD. MCC will provide input. Eduardo's efforts will involve developing collaboration with COCA and other groups to identify key indicators to measure progress relative to diversity. He supported the idea that inviting the coordinator for the next call will be great. Currently there are several fellows featured on the AUCD website. Ylla stated she would contact and invite them to the next call.

Chris added that there has been a request for a new module for LEND core curriculum on cultural competency and asked whether this effort would involve collaboration with the diversity plan. Tom suggested that perhaps collaboration with the training director (Michelle Sheldon) might be helpful. He will ask when he sees her. Any suggested materials and resources on the topic of cultural competency can be directed to Christine Vining. Eduardo also suggested consulting with Tawara Goode.

#### V. Election of Officers and Co-Chair – (Tom Uno)

Tom reported that this will be his last year as co-char. Mercedes will take the lead and will likely need volunteers to serve on the election committee. Those interested in serving should contact her.

#### VI. MCC Annual Award- (Eduardo Ortiz)

Tom indicated that previously the MCC Award has been handled by the Vice-Chair, so Eduardo will spearhead this effort. If anyone is interested in working with Eduardo on nominations, please contact him.

#### VII. Training- (Tracy Beard)

Tracy stated she is hoping to work on reconvening the training group. She asked about what the network would be interested in terms of topics for webinar and annual meeting. She will work with Eduardo on the blue print. She would like to work with a work group on selecting speakers and topics for the annual meeting. If interested, or if there are suggestions, or questions, contact Tracy. The theme for the annual meeting will be "Driving Change, Growing Leaders." Paula added that perhaps if the module on cultural competence is ready, it can be field tested and presented at the preconference. In the month of June, Tracy will be studying abroad in China will get together with Ylla and Chris before she leaves.

#### VIII. Other

Amina Lee from the Institute for Disability in Southern Mississippi introduced herself and asked about the workgroups Christine King from Alaska asked about whether MCC had historical documents (e.g., past meeting minutes and bios of participants) available for review. Tom referred to the website and supported the need to provide more background on the website for newcomers. Susan reported that the website has minutes from 2002, 2003 through 2007 then stops. Ylla noted that in 2007, minutes were posted on share point so that's the reason they are not posted on the AUCD website. Tom asked that the executive and full MCC minutes from the past year be posted on the website. Ylla also noted that when people join NIRS, they get added to the listserve. Short bios of MCC officers should be posted on the website. Eduardo indicated he will send minutes from the past two years to Chris who will then send them to Ylla.

Next Full MCC meeting will be June 19, 2015 at 3pm EST