

The Arc Michigan
Board of Director's Meeting
March 12, 2011

PRESENT: Bev Hammerstrom, Loren Parker, Don Teegarden, Chris Lerchen, Shari Fitzpatrick, Margaret Martin, Deanna Cowden, Beth Mech, Jon Barckholtz, Laurel Robb, Sarah Townsend

Excused: Paul White, Jim Vicenze, Lou Maniaci, Midge Appel

Also Present: Dohn Hoyle

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:35.
2. **S. Townsend/Jon Barckholtz** to approve agenda. All ayes. Motion carried.
3. **C.Lerchen/Jon Barckholtz** to approve the minutes from March 12, 2011 with corrections: Loren Parker was excused. All ayes. Motion carried.

4. Committee Reports:

- a. **MCE:** given by Chris Lerchen. Their meeting was held on February 17. They welcomed the new executive directors from Alleghan and from Shiawassee County. Arc Monroe's E.D. is retiring, and they will not be hiring a new E.D.

They had someone from a non-profit organization speak to the members.

The Arc Michigan conference is being planned. They are looking for Silent Auction items. Cheryl Polite and Ron Kimball will organize them. They had a concern for tech support from the hotel, so they are working on that.

- b. **Governmental Affairs:** The report was given by Dohn Hoyle. They met before the governor's speech before the proposed budget had come out. People were reporting that they have been contacting their local legislators.
- c. **Education:** The committee has not met. The meeting had to be cancelled because of the weather.
- d. **Chapter Support:** Since Midge is teaching a class on Saturdays, they have not met.
- e. **Finance:** The February meeting was cancelled due to weather. The 990 will have to be approved.
- f. **Conference Committee:** They are moving forward with the plans. The conference will begin at 1:00 on Thursday.

5. Audit Report: Carl Drake. Carl noted that we are in good financial shape. The Arc is doing a good job with financial accounting procedures and praised the staff on their work.

The government is requiring more and more reports. With Republicans, it is going to be tougher and changing environment.

We did not pay the \$60,000 back that we borrowed from the investments because of the lag in government payments from the federal and the state. 80% of the money originated from the federal government.

L. Robb/J. Barckholtz to approve placing the audit on file. All ayes. Motion carried.

6. *S. Fitzpatrick/S. Townsend* to approve the 990. All ayes. Motion carried.

7. **President's Report:** given by Bev Hammerstrom.

There is nothing to report. The phone call to state presidents will be on Monday.

8. **Executive Director's Report :** The report was given by Dohn Hoyle.

WIPPA will be renewed July 1, 2011-June 30-2012.

The Arc Michigan received a struggling learners grant through the Recovery Act and will be spent quickly. The schools were chosen from a list and those areas the Michigan Alliance for families has a relationship.

Our Dues from national went down from \$11,000-\$8,700 because our population went below 10M.

The celebration for the closure of the last state institution will be March 24. It will be dedicated to Ben Censoni and Richard Wright (the person at Mt. Pleasant whose death pushed the closure).

9. **Arc US:** There is a new logo, and it became official at the end of March. Many locals have already begun using the logo. Our website is in the process and the stationary will be coming soon. There will be media coverage in May.

10. **Governmental Affairs-Betsy Weihl**

Betsy stated the governor has already repealed the Earned Income tax credit, the film tax credit and the Brownfield credit.

Most likely the pension tax will not pass. The governor has preserved Medicaid-has proposed no change. He has made some changes in the DCH budget.

The process is different this time. Usually the budget goes from one chamber to the other, but this time they are working on it at the same time. Any hearings on the budget will be posted at a later date.

They are still in the process of trying to education the legislature on things that are important to the Arc.

They are working on a large reduction to education funding. There still is a concern what is going to happen to Special Education. They are discussing the 21-26 funding at this time.

11. **Strategic Plan:** The board reviewed the areas we covered from the strategic plan.

12. **Public/Board Comment:** Laurel Mentioned she carried through with the James White letter thanking him for his time on the board.

D. Teegarden/J.Barckholtz to adjourn at 11:30. All ayes.

Next meeting on May 14, 2011.

Respectfully submitted by:

Laurel Robb, Secretary