

Friends of NCBDDD

Minutes of Executive Committee Call: March 19, 2014

In Attendance: Adriane Griffen, Sarah Yates, Pat Johnson, Angela Blackwell, Melody Stevens, Mary Andrus, Sara Struwe, Roberta Carlin, Joe Isaacs

Absent: Angela Blackwell, Emil Wigode, Jeff Cohen, Annie Acosta, Barbara Kornlau, Gaylon Morris

Convene: 2:00pm

Update from Friends of NCBDDD Chair: Adriane Griffen

- Adriane went through the list of people who would be able to attend the April 2 meeting at CDC in Atlanta and the only two who indicated that they could not make the trip were Roberta Carlin and Pat Johnson.
- Adriane reviewed the draft agenda for the upcoming meeting, and those on the conference call discussed the themes and objectives of the meeting.
 - There was consensus that the group should establish a coordinating plan and think about strategic ways to utilize the Friends of NCBDDD members to promote the Center.
 - Joe Isaacs mentioned CCD as an example to guide Friends of NCBDDD, as CCD is able to speak as one voice though it has many different members.
 - Mary Andrus suggested that we need to include ANDs, not just ORs, when talking about “asks” for NCBDDD.
 - Adriane asked people to send her any additional feedback on the April 2 meeting and to think about what a “successful day” would look like on the 2nd. She also asked how Friends of NCBDDD could better organize itself to communicate the value of the NCBDDD.
 - Melody Stevens asked the group to share our “inspiring” vision for NCBDDD with CDC staff at the April 2nd meeting.

Update from Friends of NCBDDD Advocacy Coalition: Adriane Griffin

- Annie Acosta is working on the FY15 appropriations sign-on letter. Annie and Emil Wigode have been working on the body of the letter, trying to get various points of support for NCBDDD, and have been discussing the number to ask for from appropriators.

Committee Reports: Member/Communications Committee:

- Sarah Yates reported that the National Disability Navigator webinar went well. There were 65 live attendees and people are still continuing to download the archived version.

She also reported that the President's budget webinar had lower attendance, with only 30 people on the live broadcast.

- Sarah also reported that at this point in time nobody has stepped up to volunteer to conduct the member survey for the Friends of NCBDDD member directory.

New Business: Soliciting Stories of Budget Cuts Impact

- Adrienne noted that she has reviewed templates for stories and vignettes, as well as the style guideline.
- Adriane asked for people to share their thoughts on the storyboards

Next Meeting: April 2, 10am-4:30pm, in-person meeting with CDC, Atlanta, GA

Adjourn: 3:15pm