

NDASFAA DMCI Committee Meeting Wednesday, February 13, 2019

AGENDA

1. NDASFAA Conference
2. NDASFAA scholarship resources page

MEETING MINUTES

Participants: Brenda Zastoupil, Brigit Sprenger, Kathy Lowe

Discussion:

1. 2019 Conference

- a. Speaker Topic – The NDASFAA Board and 2019 Conference Chairs will be proceeding with a homeless simulation. There will not be time for the DMCI-recommended speakers.
 - i. Brenda will contact Mark (YouthWorks) and Beth (DPI) to notify of the change and to request brochures or other information, such as “Dispelling the Myths of Homelessness” to hand out at the conference rather than a presentation.
 - ii. DMCI does not have to do any work on setting up this simulation. Katie Nettell is the contact.
- b. Philanthropy Project – The Conference Chairs selected the Devils Lake Area homeless shelter and food pantry as the project. DMCI committee will be responsible for the project implementation & success. Brenda has requested a booth for the project that will be near the vendors for greater visibility. Several items need to be done to prepare for the project:
 - i. Brenda –
 - YouthWorks and FSA handouts for the table. ✓
 - Money box and candy/other for table.
 - Contact the shelter if they have other needs.
 - Ask other DMCI members to assist with the project.
 - ii. Brigit –
 - “Did You Know?” - Any statistic/idea should be sent to Brigit. She will create “Did You Know” cards for the tables with this information.
 - Will continue to research “other resources” for students that are non-monetary. Possibly looking for 1-2 examples of what colleges are doing to assist the homeless student population that can be shared with the membership.
 - iii. Kathy – Contact the ND Homeless Coalition for ideas, statistics, information, brochures, etc....

2. Scholarship Resources page of the NDASFAA website

Susan Cordahl reviewed the resources on this page. Many of the resources listed were not valid, unsecured, or sites that have not been “vetted” by anyone prior to adding them. The resources page has not been created yet in the new NDASFAA website according to Crystal Tangsrud. The website committee was holding off until direction from the Board was received.

At the recommendation of the participants in this call (Brenda, Brigit and Kathy), Brenda will contact the President, Karrie Huber, and recommend eliminating the resources section of the NDASFAA website based on:

- a. This is a duplication of efforts as schools and the Bank of ND already have robust information on scholarships, scholarship searches and scholarship application tips.
- b. The effectiveness of this site is suspected to be minimal as students may not necessarily know to search “NDASFAA” for a scholarship resource.
- c. There are security concerns with which scholarships are added and for what reason. Are the sites thoroughly vetted and do they go through an approval process? Are the sites secure? Etc...
- d. Upkeep of the site – It is very time consuming and scholarships can change rapidly.

Should the Board decide to retain the resources page, the DMCI committee recommends a re-evaluation of the resources, how to present them, and for what purpose and audience. The page, if retained, should be re-tooled to better suit the needs of the membership on an ongoing basis.

Meeting adjourned.