NDASFAA DMCI Committee Meeting
Thursday, September 27, 2018

AGENDA
1. NDASFAA Conference
   a. Speaker
   b. Philanthropy Project
2. NDASFAA scholarship resources page
3. Non-Financial Resources

MEETING MINUTES
Attendees: Brenda Zastoupil, Brigit Sprenger, Melonie Bald Eagle, Susan Cordahl

Discussion:
1. The Dept. of Public Instruction (DPI) and YouthWorks contacted NDUS about opening discussions between their organizations and with the colleges in the state regarding homelessness among college students, including the transition of homeless students from high school to college. Concurrently, Brenda was contacted by the 2019 NDASFAA Conference Chairs about speakers and the philanthropy project.

Brenda noted that DPI and YouthWorks are willing to speak on the topic of “Dispelling the Myths of Homelessness.” Brenda requested input from the committee regarding this topic as DMCI-recommended for the 2019 conference. Other possible speaker topics discussed in spring 2018 include: Wellness, Adult Learners, Working with Minorities, and What is Diversity? It was decided to move forward with the offer from DPI and YouthWorks and focus on student homelessness for the 2019 topic.

Brenda will follow-up with the speakers and with the 2019 Chairs and keep the committee posted on the progress.

2. The 2019 Conference Chairs requested that the DMCI Committee spearhead the philanthropy project. Brigit recommended that we allow Katie Nettell to direct what project to undertake. The committee can then do the leg-work to make it a fun and successful project.

Brenda will connect with Katie Nettell regarding project ideas and will keep the committee updated.

3. At the 2018 spring meeting, it was recommended that the DMCI committee expand resources to include non-financial options for students. Brigit and Melonie will work on a survey for college Student Affairs offices regarding what non-financial resources are available to students, how the colleges market them and any other recommendations from colleges on implementing programs. A summary will be made available at the spring conference. Brenda will gather contact information for Brigit and Melonie for the survey.

4. Susan Cordahl will undertake the review of the DMCI scholarship resources page (http://www.ndasfaa.org/DIVSCHOL.htm). She will review the current scholarships to make sure the links are still valid and make recommendations for additions. The committee was asked to provide Susan with any additional scholarships that they recommend adding.

5. Brenda reminded the committee to be on the lookout for relevant articles for the NDASFAA membership regarding diversity and multi-cultural initiatives. Those can be forwarded to the NDASFAA Listserv on behalf of the DMCI Committee.

Brenda recommended having another call again in early spring to gear up for the conference.