

**Metro Area Mayors Committee
For People with Disabilities (MAMC)
Location: Fryn' Pan, Main Avenue, Fargo
November 8, 2007**

Present: Allan Peterson, Paulette Ness, Tammy Stuart, Brenda Majerus, Kati Langlie, Mark Mehlhoff, Grant Anderson, Steph Fridyen, Mary C. Tintes, Joey (Joyce) Morken, Laura Eberhardt, Dan Mahli, Mark Breitbach, Jeannie Krull, Terry Romine, Keith Bjornson, Joyce Newton, Jen Erickson.

Co-chairs presiding: Tammy Stuart & Dan Mahli

Allan P. made a motion to approve the meeting minutes for the October meeting and Brenda M. provided the second. Motion passed.

Allan P. made a motion to approve the meeting agenda for today's meeting and Jeannie K. provided the 2nd. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report – Paulette Ness

Checking: \$3,573.76

GT Grant: \$3,854.35

Savings: \$1,215.33

Total: \$8,643.44

Deposits: \$500.00

Recent expenditures include lunch meeting costs for Disability Awareness Month in October, and booth display materials produced to promote the Mayors Committee. There are no Grace Tveiten grant applications pending.

Speaker – Joyce Newton

Joyce spoke about the Project HERO organization (Healthcare Equipment Redistribution Organization), which serves individuals in need of durable medical equipment/supplies; individuals can be self-referred or referred by an agency. The project was started by nurses at Meritcare about 10 years ago. Originally, items were collected for global missions and during the last 5 years there has been an additional focus on serving local individuals, while continuing to provide items for international programming.

Last year, approximately 500 people were served and this year the organization is on track to serve between 700 and 800 individuals. Some of the equipment/supplies offered through Project HERO include walkers, wheelchairs, canes, incontinence supplies, and surgical gloves. Joyce indicated that there are handling fees for various items; however, the fee can be waived if the individual is unable to pay it. She indicated there are no geographical constraints; they have the flexibility to serve individuals with varying degrees of resources.

Individuals interested in donating items can bring them to the warehouse between 12 and 4 pm or can arrange other times if needed. Receipts for donations are available for tax purposes. There are volunteer opportunities available to include making deliveries, sorting donations, and data entry.

Individuals interested in volunteering are encouraged to contact Project HERO. Their contact information is as follows:

Project HERO
2204 5th Avenue North, Suite C
Moorhead, MN 56560
218 284-6111
www.fmhero.org

Project HERO is funded by various grants to include those obtained from the Dakota Medical Foundation, and the Otto Bremer Foundation. They also accept private and corporate sponsorships.

MAMC Awards Banquet

There was much dialogue about adding pictures to the MAMC website once they're collected from the upcoming awards banquet and future events. There were different perspectives shared regarding whether or not there's a reasonable expectation for privacy given the public nature of this and other events. Other comments were shared, acknowledging that many award recipients would likely qualify as vulnerable adults and MAMC members contributed ideas about what would be appropriate or best practice to implement in regard to the publishing of photos to promote the MAMC etc. Mark B. recommended that the City of Fargo Attorney be consulted on this matter, other members communicated agreement, and Dan M. agreed to make this contact.

C.O.P.P. Program – no update

Announcements

- Allan P. indicated a Handiwheels Fundraiser will be occurring on December 1st, from 3-8 pm at Hope Lutheran Church (north). This event is a Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction. Tickets are \$7.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children ages 12 and under.
- Mary T. announced that the City of Fargo will host a public meeting regarding the proposed voting location changes on November 15th (at 7 pm according to the follow up email) in the City Commission Chambers (200 3rd Street North). Mary invited members to consider attending to communicate the importance of accessibility when choosing sites.
- Dan M. distributed a computer equipment grant application for interested non-profit organizations to complete if seeking equipment listed on the form.

Other

Terry R. indicated that MAMC website maintenance fees are due. Dan M. made a motion to pay the current maintenance fee/charges (\$215.00) and Keith B. provided the second. Motion passed.

Free lunch drawing recipient: Jeannie Krull

Respectfully submitted,

Jen Erickson

