NACDD Special Board Call- April 3, 2020

Attendees: Steve Gieber (KS); Dan Shannon (MA); Charles Hughes (MS); Julie Horntvedt (ND); Beth Swedeen (WI); Val Bishop (SC); Vicky Davidson (MO); Shannon Buller (WY); Santa Perez (NV); Kim Mercer-Schleider (IL)

Absent- Eric Stoker (UT); Ann Trudgeon (OK)

NACDD Staff—Donna Meltzer, Robin Troutman; Angela Castillo-Epps; Sheryl Matney, Bob McWilliams, Erin Prangley

Steve called to order at 1:06pm

Weekly calls hosted by NACDD have been really helpful and will continue. The call on the 8th will not have Donna and Robin due to Passover but Erin and Sheryl will run. Also, NACDD will ask for state updates especially related to states with institutions and outbreaks.

Repository of materials on NACDD shared drive is being used. A lot of great materials from the Councils and partners across the country have been sending us materials. The folders with waiver materials have been seeing a lot of views and downloads.

* Erin Prangley-- Peer to Peer is a great way to help with state institutions. We will add a section in the shared resources drive. I'll bring up with the Policy Committee to come up with recommendationsBeth Stalvey TX has a very good story collection system. If you have capacity please set up a system to collect. Please keep those press lists fresh as well. When we push out permanent solutions to MFP we will come back to people for these stories.
  + NACDD joined over 90 organizations who endorsed the guidance we issued today on Applying HHS’s Guidance for States and Health Care Providers on Avoiding Disability-Based Discrimination in Treatment Rationing. We hope you will circulate this document widely so that stakeholders can use this in working with states and medical professionals in developing fair and non-discriminatory plans.
  + <https://www.centerforpublicrep.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Guidance-to-States-Hospitals_FINAL.pdf>

Ad-hoc communications committee: Beth Swedeen said that most councils are focused on COVID comms. Donna: Initial conversation was a very valuable background conversation

FY21 funding—most likely will have a year long CR but unclear as Congress is focused on COVID-19 stimulus plans and the election. We will continue to have discussions about FY21 but we are working with our lobbyists for Congress to add funding to the next stimulus bill. Based on the information the councils sent in to NACDD and conversations with the lobbyists, we are putting in an ask for $100 million to support work of DD Councils. Ask is going to House and committee staff, and also working with CCD and CHF. They based the number on the top 4 common ideas from the submissions:

* Addressing digital divide from technology to access
* Accessible emergency communications
* Direct service professionals and professional care attendants- PPEs
* State emergency plans and updating with pandemics

Conversation about COVID appropriations:

* Timeline: Even if Congress were to get this bill passed next week, it would take understaffed OGM at least 4-6 weeks to get money out the door and to the network. Silver lining: this may give more planning time on how to use money.
* Beth: Would each council be guaranteed to receive some? Timeframe on spending? Donna: We would expect it to work, and probably would have to be spent as quickly as possible.
* Vicky: Most state should have an emergency plan in place. However some state gov's and federal administration are not acting in accordance to plans. Erin: House has been good at making sure strings are attached to money and states are only allowed to use money to supplement (and not supplant) state activities.

Update on obligation/liquidation issue for this year—Sheryl reported that NACDD/ITACC has not learned anything from ACL yet. We are still waiting on their guidance.

Discussion of board meeting intervals (special vs. regular): Next meeting is scheduled for April 23rd and is regularly scheduled. Do board members feel a need to meet before then? No one expressed strong need to do so.

Robin: Brief update on conference planning and force majeure clause with 2020 hotel. Will hopefully know more by next meeting, as the Hilton is not yet fully discussing rescheduling options for groups (like NACDD) who are outside the official CDC window for prohibiting large meetings, which hasn't been extended to July yet.

Motion to move to executive session - Dan Shannon. Val Bishop seconded. Motion passed at 2:00pm.

Executive Session ended at 2:06pm ET