



**Message from the Executive Director**

I'm pleased to welcome Rehab Services, Inc. as the newest member of NDACP.

RSI was started in 1988 to provide supported employment services in the Minot community for persons with disabilities. Since its inception, RSI has become a community leader in employment programs for persons with disabilities. With our success, we have been able to expand our services to include a number of different programs serving people with individual needs.

The agency now has a thrift store, services for offenders, residential services for people in treatment, and statewide programs for people in recovery and a statewide program for people on SSI or SSDI.

Mission: To provide progressive options for youth and for people with disabilities focusing on employment, housing and economic development.

*Barbara Murry*

**Greeting to all NDACP members & supporters.**

RSI promotes inclusion for all people. RSI has a consumer-driven board of directors and promotes independence in all programs and services. RSI's core values for employees are:

- I** - I will treat every individual with respect and dignity.
- N** - New services will be designed for needs identified.
- C** - Caring for individuals served.
- L** - Look forward in your thinking and service to others.
- U** - Understanding of disability and individuals right to choose.
- S** - Supports provided are holist in design & implementation.
- I** - I will treat consumers as I would like to be treated.
- O** - Outcomes for the individual's served are of primary importance.
- N** - New ideas will never be discouraged.

Management Team at Rehab Services, Inc.



**Marla, Joni, Jay, & Terry**

# 2009 INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIPS

## YOU CAN HELP! JOIN NDACP TODAY!

NDACP is a statewide group whose member organizations provide a wide range of services for people with disabilities – developmental, mental and physical. Our membership is made up of North Dakota organizations that are governed by citizen Boards of Directors to provide services specifically for people with disabilities.

NDACP strives to stimulate public interest and understanding. We share information, expertise, and develop and enhance special programs. We conduct research and studies, promote advocacy, and are a proactive liaison with governmental agencies on behalf of all North Dakota citizens with disabilities.

Our Mission is to enhance, improve and advocate for positive change in the service delivery for people with disabilities. As a person interested in the Mission of NDACP, WE ASK YOU TO BECOME AN INDIVIDUAL MEMBER IN NDACP.

Individual Member benefits include: 1) Listing on the NDACP Website as someone who supports persons with disabilities, and 2) The satisfaction of knowing that YOU are helping in the ongoing struggle to obtain appropriate levels of service to people with disabilities.

**YOU CAN CONTINUE TO HELP OUR EFFORTS! PLEASE CONSIDER RENEWING YOUR MEMBERSHIP IN THIS DYNAMIC AND GROWING ORGANIZATION FOR THE SAKE OF THE PEOPLE WE SERVE!**



## Individual Membership 2009

Please consider membership in this dynamic and growing organization for the sake of the people we serve.

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I want to join the advocacy efforts of NDACP and I am an employee of \_\_\_\_\_ an NDACP Member. Enclosed is my check for \$10 payable to NDACP.

\_\_\_\_\_ No, I do not want to join now, but have enclosed a contribution of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to help the Mission of NDACP.

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 NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
 ORGANIZATION: \_\_\_\_\_  
 STREET ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
 CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION SHOULD BE SENT TO:**  
 Barbara Murry, North Dakota Association of Community Providers,  
 PO Box 7037, Bismarck, ND 58507-7037

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  - Community Living Services:** Jim Berglie\*\*\*
  - CQL:** Albert Van Kleek
  - Development Homes, Inc.:** Bradley Crotty, Mary Dittmer\*\*, Cindy Holweger, Carol Jones, Sandi Marshall\*\*, Nancy Ulrich Crotty
  - ETC/VTC:** Victoria Bauman, Julie Boedighiemer\*, Jodi Freitag, Richelle McGregor, Larry Ornberg\*, Terry Paulson\*\*\*, Darla Kaercher-Randle, Carolyn Shook\*, Lori Were\*, Paulette Wood\*
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- Individual:** Roxane Romanick  
**\*Renewing Members \*\*Executive Members \*\*\*Renewing Ex Members**

Please let me know if your name has been missed, in error.  
**All memberships run until the end of 2009.**

## **EXECUTIVE MEMBERSHIPS 2009**

(\$100.00 Memberships)

**Catholic Charities ND:** Donna Byzewski

**CLS:** Jim Berglie

**CQL:** Albert Van Kleek

**Development Homes, Inc.:** Mary Dittmer, Sandi Marshall

**Fraser, LTD.:** Sandra Leyland

**Hav-It:** Tim Huseth

**Lake Region Corporation:** Ellen Davidson

**REM-ND, Inc.:** Brenda Niess

**ETC/VTC:** Terry Paulson

**Opportunity Foundation:** Charlie Robinson

**Red River Human Services:** Tom Newberger

# 2008-2009 NDACP OFFICERS

President: Sandi Marshall, Development Homes, Inc., Grand Forks

Vice President: Mike Remboldt, HIT, Inc., Mandan

Secretary-Treasurer: Don Nelson, Alpha Opportunities, Jamestown

# Doing Other Business

## **Rehab Services, Inc.**

**RSI's Mission is** *"To provide progressive options for youth and for people with disabilities focusing on employment, housing, and economic development."*

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**Employment Programs** serves people with a variety of disabilities. Assistance in obtaining and maintaining employment

**Recovery House** provides transitional living in a home setting for people with chemical dependency.

**Community Service** allows offenders to do supervised community service work in non-profit organizations.

**Recoveree Connection** a new telephone support program for people in recovery from drug and alcohol addiction. It's free and open to anyone in recovery throughout ND!

**ReStore** is a Thrift Store & a training center for people to gain work experience.

**Social Security** provides answers to questions on Social Security Benefits

**Benefits Planning** Planning. This is a state wide program with offices in Bismarck and Fargo.

**Brooklyn Flats** a residential program that assists persons with drug/alcohol addiction and or people with a mental illness.

**The Wellington** a 65 unit Assisted Living facility, managed by RSI, owned in conjunction with private partners, which promotes the independence of elderly residents.

**Drug Testing** provides court ordered testing for drug offenders.

**Victim Impact Panel** This program offers a unique perspective to the DUI driver educating on the effects of the choice to drink and drive.

**Digital Imaging** COMING SOON/FALL 2009

**RSI advocates Inclusion for all people! Volunteers are always welcome.**

If you have an idea regarding your agency for the section please contact Barb Murry at [barbndacf@btinet.net](mailto:barbndacf@btinet.net)



## Direct Support Professional Week

In a show of bipartisan support, the U.S. Senate unanimously approved [Senate Resolution 228](#) designating the week beginning September 14 as “National Direct Support Professionals Recognition Week.” Sponsored by Senator Ben Nelson (D-NE), the resolution recognizes the invaluable supports Direct Support Professionals (DSPs) provide and the difference this workforce makes in the lives of Americans with disabilities

“Call on Congress” to support H.R. 868!

Join thousands of DSPs, self-advocates and family members as we “Call on Congress” on Tuesday, September 15. Members of Congress listen to their constituents, so take advantage of your position of power. Call and talk to them about the need for better wages for community residential DSPs. Flood the telephone lines and secure their support for the Direct Support Professional Fairness and Security Act, H.R. 868. Click here for [talking points](#) on the workforce issue and H.R. 868 – plus get [tips](#) on how to communicate effectively with your representative.



***YOU NEED TO KNOW ME***  
I am a Direct Support Professional



### ***A Real and Immediate Workforce Crisis Threatens Life in the Community for Individuals with Disabilities of All Ages***

**The Shared Goal – Life in the Community for People with Disabilities. . .**

was reaffirmed and promised by the Supreme Court’s Olmstead decision, the New Freedom Initiative, Congress, the ADA, and U.S. Governors. People with disabilities, families and providers all agree – the United States must adopt a long-term support system that gives all people the opportunity to live and work in their own community.

**Direct Support Professionals are the Lynchpin to Community Living. . .**

assisting people with disabilities. Direct Support Professionals, often referred to as personal assistants or home care aides, maintain trusted relationships with millions of people with disabilities they assist each day. They enable people with intellectual and developmental disabilities to live in their own communities by assisting them with their daily affairs and intimate needs: medications, meals, dressing, mobility, vocational training, respite care and other intimate in-home services.

***Medicaid is the Primary Source of Funding for Supports and Services to Low-Income People with Significant Disabilities of All Ages.***

***Providers Are Held to Fixed Medicaid Reimbursement Rates and Cannot Pass Cost Increases onto Their “Customer”***

**All of This Threatens the Quality of Supports to People with Disabilities. . .**

and undermines the ability of people to live in their own homes and communities. Without a reliable labor pool the lives of millions of Americans who rely on long-term services and supports are at risk. This critical shortage of a stable workforce threatens the quality of supports to people with disabilities.

#### **Low Wages Contribute to Workforce Crisis**

- Direct support professional hourly wages increased only \$1.55 from 1996 to 2006, versus an increase of \$2.92 for public direct support positions during the same period;
- The average hourly wage for a direct support professional is \$9.85, compared to the average hourly wage for DSPs employed by a state government of \$15.48;
- Reports show that vacancy rates for direct support professionals increased from 5.8% in 2004 to 6.7% in 2006; 75% of direct support positions turn over each year;
- The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics projects the demand for this workforce to increase more than 41% between 2004 and 2014, despite the worsening economy.

# Up Coming Training Opportunities

Brochure and more information available at  
<http://www.ndacf.org/training.htm>

- Sept 16**      **Downsizing State Institutions and Developing Community Infrastructure: Nevada's Experience by Robin Williams, Director of Intensive Services, Sierra Regional Center, Sparks, Nevada**  
**Best Western Doublewood; Bismarck**  
**Register through NDACF**
- Sept 17**      **Greater Independence through Technology**  
**Best Western Doublewood; Bismarck**  
**Register through NDACF**
- Sept 22-24**    **Six State Summit**  
**Big Sky Montana**
- Nov 12 & 13** **Social Capitol – Presenter: Al Condeluci**  
**Nov 12 - Grand Forks, Development Homes**  
**Nov 13 – Bismarck, Comfort Inn**  
**Register through MSU**
- Nov 19**      **Leadership and Communication Styles - Presenter: Rainmaker Group**  
**Comfort Inn; Bismarck**  
**Register through NDACF**

Nancy Ulrich Crotty, a Development Homes, Inc. employee, has been named to the governor's task force on Autism Spectrum Disorders. Nancy will take the lead in administering DHI's new HUD-funded 5-plex for young adults with autism, which should be available for occupancy in the spring of 2010! Congratulations Nancy and DHI.

# Did you Know?

Thirty states have enacted tax increases this year.  
Another seven states are considering revenue-raising options.

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## Welcome to John Bole

The Developmental Disabilities Division has a new Director. John Bole began as the Division Director 8-3-09.

John comes to the DHS most recently from Innovis Hospital in Fargo, where he served as a part of the Spiritual Care team working closely with the medical staff in a variety of challenging situations. He has been involved in all levels of education as a teacher and administrator. He has been a professor as well as a department head at the graduate and undergraduate level. He has also worked as a case-worker in foster care placement, adoption placement, and related tasks.

John holds a MA in Leadership and a MEd in Administration. He is very excited about joining the Human Services team and serving the people of North Dakota.

**Remember: The NDACF and NDACP Addresses have changed to PO Box 7037, Bismarck, ND 58507-7037**



## Leadership Changes at Anne Carlsen Center

### Anne Carlsen Center Announces Interim CEO

By Brenda Scholten, Anne Carlsen Center for Children

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JAMESTOWN, N.D.—The Anne Carlsen Center announced today that Eric Monson has been appointed interim Chief Executive Officer effective August 3, 2009.

Monson, a Fargo resident, has a long and meaningful history with the Anne Carlsen Center and the Jamestown community. He served on the Center's Board of Trustees for six years, most recently as Vice Chair. Monson previously oversaw the operations of the Center as a senior executive with Banner Health System, and its predecessor, Lutheran Health Systems, for 12 years—before ACC became an independently-owned organization in 2003. He has served as the Founder and Managing Partner of Novus, LLC, a Fargo-based consulting company providing strategic, marketing and operating services to health care and health-related organizations, for the past eight years.

Monson has played a significant role in partnership with Fargo's Impact Foundation's Institute for Nonprofit Innovation and Effectiveness in building capacity with nonprofit organizations throughout North Dakota and

Minnesota. He provided management leadership for the North Dakota Association of Community Providers—the association of community providers of developmental disabilities services.

“The Anne Carlsen Center Board of Trustees was very fortunate to identify someone with Eric’s background and experience to assume leadership of the Center at this time,” says ACC Board Chair Thomas Rohleder. “Eric’s extensive knowledge of the Center and his passion for the work of this organization make him an excellent fit for this position. His expertise in strategic planning, health care financing and operations, leadership development, and fundraising will provide for continuity and stability during this time of transition. We are excited to begin our work with Eric to further the Center’s mission of changing lives and nurturing abilities.”

Monson graduated from Jamestown High School and attended Jamestown College prior to military service.

“I was able to play in numerous wheelchair basketball games at the Anne Carlsen Center and was involved with many other activities there,” Monson recalls. “The mission and purpose of the Center have always been close to my heart. I can think of no better way to use my time and talents than with this opportunity—to work alongside the wonderful and dedicated employees carrying on the legacy of the Center’s namesake and inspiration, Dr. Anne Carlsen.”

Monson says he had the privilege of working closely over the years with Dr. Anne, who passed away in 2002.

“Although she had retired, she was still very active in the lives of students and served as a mentor to many, when I knew her,” says Monson. “She and I worked together as the organization evolved to meet the needs of the individuals whose care was entrusted to us.”

Last week, ACC announced that the former CEO, Dan Howell, had accepted the position of CEO of the Beatrice State Developmental Center (BSDC) in Beatrice, Neb. Rohleder says Howell will remain available to assist in the leadership transition as he prepares to begin his new position.

“We are extremely grateful for Dan’s contributions over the past ten years and wish him well in his new role,” he says.

According to Rohleder, the search process for the permanent CEO position will commence later this year.

“The Board remains fully committed to providing the highest quality services to individuals affected by developmental disabilities,” he says. “The Anne Carlsen Center will remain strong and effective, as we continue to offer skilled and compassionate care to children, young adults and families across North Dakota.”

The Anne Carlsen Center empowers individuals affected by disabilities, and offers a rich tradition of compassionate care. Our experienced staff provides training, services and supports in homes and communities across North Dakota. On our Jamestown Campus, we meet the educational, residential, medical and therapeutic needs of children and young adults with autism, behavior disorders, medical fragility, and other developmental disabilities.

## **Talent Pipeline Mapping**

NDACP has partnered with the Department of Commerce to conduct talent pipeline mapping for the association. We will be looking at issues of staff recruitment and retention, specifically, where workers enter the pipeline for work in our industry, effective strategies to retain workers, and where they go when they leave the DD industry.

Our current industry turnover for the 2008-2009 year, ending this June 30<sup>th</sup>, was 43%. Projections of workforce availability in North Dakota indicate that approximately 30% of the workforce will be eligible for retirement in the next four to seven years. That will represent 100,000 North Dakotans.

NDACP is represented on the Olmstead Commission’s workforce subcommittee, as was the Department of Commerce. NDACP has had strong concerns about workforce issues. The Department of Commerce was looking for an industry to become the beta site for furthering the Talent Pipeline Mapping process. We initiated our partnership this spring, and will be meeting twice a month between July and December of 2009 to finalize a product. We have requested technical assistance from the National Direct Service Workforce Resource Center, through the Money Follows the Person Grant.

Our final product will be presented to the Legislative Partnership Committee and a representative of the Governor’s office.

## **Workgroup on Risk Assessment and Person Centered Service Plan**

The Risk Assessment Checklist was developed by the workgroup, facilitated by Vicci Pederson, DDD, and comprised of representatives from DD licensed provider agencies, Developmental Center at Grafton, Protection and Advocacy Project, DD Program staff at the regional human service centers, and DD Division state office. All licensed providers and regional and state DD Division staff had the opportunity to participate. A series of meetings were held via videoconference in June and July 2009 to develop the assessment and protocol.

The next meetings dates are as follows:

Friday, August 14	2:30 to 4:30 PM
Wednesday, August 19	1:30 to 3:30 PM
Monday, August 31	10:00 AM to Noon

The following polycom sites have been reserved:

- Prairie/Rose room - Bismarck
- North West- Williston Conf Rm A2
- North Central Minot Conf Rm 411
- Lake Region - Devils Lake Conf Rm East
- Dev Ctr -Grafton - Conf Ctr West
- North East Conf Grand Forks Rm 5E - video
- South East Fargo - Cass East - video
- South Central Jamestown - Main Conf Rm 1
- Badlands Dickinson - Bsmt Gen Staff

**Your agency is welcome to participate, whether or not you have been to earlier meetings.**

## **ND 2009 Legislative Follow-up**

### **HB 1556**

During the sixty-first Legislative Assembly of ND in 2009, DD Providers advocated for a review and study of the rate setting process as it applies to the acuity of clients served, through House Bill 1556. The outcome of this study process is intended to identify alternative methods to address the increased acuity of clients accessing services with recommendations made to the Governor and Legislative Assembly. The recommendations may lead to a subsequent change in the rate setting process that incorporates and reimburses for this enhanced acuity.

The Department of Human Services, Developmental Disabilities Division solicited proposals for the provision of a study of the rate setting structure, including methodology for services provided by public and private, licensed developmental disability ICF/MR and HCBS services providers serving adults and children who are medically fragile and/or behaviorally challenged. The Request for proposal was issued on July 10, 2009, with the deadline for receipt of proposals on July 31, 2009. The scheduled date for the Notice of Intent to Award a Contract Issue Date is August 11, 2009, with a start date of September 1, 2009. The budget for completion of the project is "no more than \$200,000." The final report is due no later than August 1, 2010.

The selected vendor will work with the DD Division, DD providers, and families in a minimum of three stakeholder activities. NDACP Providers who have participated in a preliminary workgroup include the Anne Carlsen Center, HIT, Inc., Red River Human Services Foundation, and NDACP.

### **SB 2423**

Senate Bill 2423 directed the Department of Human Services to conduct a review the audit and reimbursement process and a review and reconsideration of the ninety-five percent occupancy rule. The workgroup is made of the same participants as are working on HB 1556. A second meeting will be held on August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

# National News

## Proposed CMS Changes

Reprinted from Steve Gold, The Disability Odyssey continues

HCBS Waivers and CMS Rules- Information Bulletin #291 (8/09)

Sorry for this late Information Bulletin. On June 22, 2009, CMS published an "advance notice of proposed rulemaking." Goggle 74 Federal Register29453. Comments must be submitted by August 21, 2009 by email <http://www.regulations.gov> and follow instructions under more search options' tab.

Because many of these changes will be opposed by providers and special interests that have an investment in the status quo will oppose CMS proposed changes. It is therefore important for advocates and people with disabilities of all ages to make your views known.

The two CMS proposed changes are:

1. To change waivers so they can be "based on need, rather than diagnosis or condition." CMS states that the proposed change will "strengthen person-center principles." FYI - there are currently about 350 waivers serving about 1 million people. Each waiver must serve one of three specific target populations - mentally retarded or developmentally disabled, or both; aged or disabled, or both; or mentally ill. CMS writes that the "impediment to serving more than one target group through an HCBS waiver relates to the division between the target groups..., not the associated institutional settings where those target groups would otherwise receive services but for the provision of HCBS."

The proposed change is intended to increase flexibility to combine target groups in one HCBS waiver, or to offer services based on individuals needs, instead of what target group they may fall in.

2. To address residential settings and housing, CMS recognizes that "some individuals who receive HCBS in a residential setting managed or operated by a service provider have experienced a provider-centered and institution-like living arrangement, instead of a person centered and home-like environment with freedoms that should be characteristic of any home and community-based setting."

CMS proposed that persons receiving HCBS services "must reside in the home or community," meaning either "resides in a home or apartment that is NOT owned, leased or controlled by a provider of any health-related treatment or support services; OR resides in a home or apartment that is owned, leased or controlled by a provider of one or more health-related treatment and support services, and that meets standards for community living...."

Some suggestions for comments:

1. All HCBS waivers should be based on functional needs of individuals. This will eliminate that A-MI-DA, A-MR/DD-DA, A-A/PD-DA mentally and might, just might move us to an ADA perspective.
2. All HCBS should reduce administrative waste and overlap, which combining waivers based on functional needs accomplishes.
3. Existing discrimination against people with the greatest needs, those people with the most severe disabilities, must end. In combining waivers, the proposed change must address the widespread discrimination against the most disabled members of the community.
4. Housing services are critical to transitioning back to the community. But persons in HCBS should reside in a home or apartment that is "NOT owned, leased or controlled by a provider of any health-related treatment or support services." Housing should be delinked from services - if CMS truly believes what they write about residing "where they can enjoy all the liberties of community living...[and] have maximum choice, control and individual liberties...."
5. Cost neutrality should be based on a combination of aggregate expenditures, combining the numbers of persons in a functional waiver and comparing their costs to a combination of costs of people in the relevant institutions.

Back issues of other Information Bulletins are available online at <http://www.stevegoldada.com> with a searchable Archive at this site divided into different subjects. To contact Steve Gold directly, write to [stevegoldada@cs.com](mailto:stevegoldada@cs.com) or call 215-627-7100

## **Healthcare Reform Links**

NDACP is not endorsing information on these sites. They are offered to you as a means of gathering information for decision making on Health Care Reform.

### **CMS Medicaid FAQs for ARRA**

[http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Recovery/09\\_Medicaid.asp](http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Recovery/09_Medicaid.asp)

### **Kaiser State Health Policy**

**Kaiser Family Foundation**

<http://www.kff.org/statepolicy/index.cfm>

### **AARP**

**Health Action Now**

**Don't Be Scared by Myths About Health Care Reform  
Get the Facts**

[http://aarp.convio.net/site/PageNavigator/Myths\\_vs\\_Facts\\_splash](http://aarp.convio.net/site/PageNavigator/Myths_vs_Facts_splash)