

MI-AIRS Annual Business Meeting
October 14, 2009
Heart of West Michigan United Way
Grand Rapids, Michigan

Board Members Present:

Brenna Wheeler (President)	Edward D'Angelo
Bob McKown (Vice-President)	Sherry Miller
Sue Zanley (Treasurer)	Mary Leininger
Christine Kenzie	Susan Howell
Terry Thomma	Judy Whitehurst

Board Members Absent:

Lindsey Younger	LaNeice Jones
Mickie Janazzo	Rachel Osborn, RMW designee

Members Present:

Kathy Sheridan	Loretta Miller	Stacey Hachmann-
Amelia Lehto	Lauren Brennan	Gomez
Karen Parten	Suzanne Cioroch	Kate Burton
Pat Roal	Nancy Walls	Maria Williams
Olivia Megna	Lori Zimmerman	Clara Johnson
Kristen Bolds	Mark Janes	Carey Kenyon

Welcome:

Brenna Wheeler, MI-AIRS President, opened the meeting at 12:50PM. Brenna thanked HWMUW for hosting the meeting, MI-AIRS membership and MI-AIRS Board members.

Membership Survey: the Board will be updating its strategic plan in the next few months and input from the membership is critical. Members are asked to complete the survey to assist with direction in the coming years. The survey can be completed at meeting and submitted or can be mailed or faxed at a later date. The survey will also be available on the MI-AIRS Yahoo listserve and the MI-AIRS website.

Approval of Minutes from the October 08, 2008 Annual Business Meeting:

Olivia Megna made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 08, 2008 Annual Meeting as written and Sherry Miller supported. Motion Approved.

2009 Annual Report:

Brenna Wheeler presented the Annual Report to the membership. Brenna reviewed the purpose of MI-AIRS -

- To increase general community awareness of I&R services
- To improve the quality of I&R as a specific service through development and education
- To foster better communications and relationships among I&R providers
- To assist members to meet and maintain national I&R standards

Training:

MI-AIRS offered seven in-person training opportunities this year including: Resources for the Unemployed and Underemployed (Taylor and Grand Rapids), Basics of I&R Resource Database Management (Jackson), Preparing for the AIRS CRS exam (Grand Rapids), Medicare 101 (Grand Rapids), I&R What's my Line (Grand Rapids) and Taxonomy – Not just for Resource Managers (Grand Rapids).

MI-AIRS continues its partnership with MI 2-1-1 to offer an Essential Learning subscription that provides unlimited use of the MI-AIRS on-line training courses for MI 2-1-1 and MI-AIRS members at a reduced rate. AIRS members from Michigan at the "Standard" or above level receive two free training slots as a benefit of their AIRS membership. This year we had 24 participating agencies, 98 participating students and 403+ class hours completed.

Conference Scholarships:

For the first time MI-AIRS offered scholarships covering early bird conference registration and hotel accommodations for 4 nights to the 2009 AIRS Conference in Reno, NV. Two candidates, Kate Burton and Jennie Pollak, were selected after a review of their skills, commitment to excellence, customer service and role as a team player.

AIRS Certification Exams:

MI-AIRS scheduled and sponsored five certification exam opportunities throughout the state this year. Exams were scheduled in Detroit (2), Kalamazoo, St Ignace and Grand Rapids. An exam is scheduled for January 2010 in Wayne, MI.

Review of 2-1-1 Applications:

The Board and review teams continue to be committed to assuring that standards are met and 2-1-1 services will be available. This year, call centers received endorsement from MI-AIRS to provide 2-1-1 service to an additional 11 counties. They are:

United Way 2-1-1: Midland Call Center – Clare, Gladwin, Gratiot, Isabella & Midland Counties
HandsOn Battle Creek – Branch County
C.A.L.L. 2-1-1 – Manistee County
Gryphon Place – Allegan, Van Buren, Cass & Berrien Counties

AIRS Accreditation:

While not an accomplishment of MI-AIRS, we are proud to recognize members who demonstrate a commitment to quality I&R by attaining this benchmark. Since the 2008 Annual Meeting the United Way for Southeastern Michigan 2-1-1 has received AIRS Accreditation. Currently 10 programs in Michigan hold AIRS Accreditation. A list can be found on the MI-AIRS website.

Recognizing MI-AIRS Leaders:

It is important to recognize and thank those board members whose terms expired this year:

Suzanne Eman-Jaehnig, Capital Area United Way; Secretary, Program Committee Chair
Dick Manikowski, Detroit Public Library; Founding member
Bill Sullivan, United Way for Southeastern Michigan; Public Awareness Committee Chair
Becki Tyler, Area Agency on Aging 1B

2011 AIRS Conference:

Plans are being finalized with the AIRS Conference Committee to host the 2011 AIRS Conference in Michigan! MI-AIRS Board members have been working over the last few months to assure this opportunity is available to MI-AIRS membership. The Hyatt in Dearborn has been identified as a venue. MI-AIRS membership will have opportunity to help plan and staff the event.

Election of Board:

Mary Leininger, Nominating Committee Chair, presented the slate of 8 new or returning nominees. Returning Board Members up for re-election include LaNeice Jones, Chris Kenzie, Bob McKown, Sherry Miller and Judy Whitehurst. New nominees are Kristen Bolds (UWSEM), Sandy Smith (AAA1B) and Michael Wells (DPL).

Brenna Wheeler asked for nominations from the floor. None presented.

Susan Howell made a motion to accept the slate as a unanimous ballot. Seconded by Susan Zanley. Motion Approved.

Adjournment:

Brenna Wheeler adjourned the meeting at 1:20PM.

Respectfully submitted
Susan Zanley, Board Treasurer