

**Wisconsin AIRS 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Membership Meeting  
October 18, 2018 9:30 AM**

**Tundra Lodge, Green Bay, WI**

**Attending:**

Ashley Bardwell, Maurine Strickland, Steven Peterson, Amy Kuester, Jessica Kwapil, Rachel Gundacker, Mary Updike

**Excused:** Karen Hoffmann, Kayla Lemorande, Luis Carmona-Gonzalez

**Call to Order** – Jessica Kwapil

**Welcome and Introductions** – Jessica Kwapil

- Board Members introductions.
- Invitation to join the board.

**Acknowledgement of Scholarship Winners** – Jessica Kwapil

- Ashley Mutsch, Kelly Brodhagen (Autism Society of Wisconsin), and Sarah Miller (ADRC of Barron, Rusk and Washburn Counties).

**Secretary's Report** – Steven Peterson

Review and approval of 2017 Annual Membership meeting minutes

Maurine Strickland made a motion to approve the minutes; Mary Updike seconded the motion; no further discussion followed; the Secretary's Report was approved

**Treasurer's Report** – Jessica Kwapil

Approval of 2018 report.

Amy Kuester made a motion to approve the report; Byron Rachow seconded the motion; no further discussion followed; the Treasurer's Report was approved

**AIRS Affiliate Report** - Ashley Bardwell

Ashley noted the national AIRS Chief Operating Officer Charlene Hipes is retiring and AIRS is actively seeking a replacement. Ashley also shared information on how to join the AIRS Networker nationally and statewide and encouraged people to sign up.

**Standing Committee Reports:**

**211 Wisconsin Affiliate Report** - Steven Peterson

Steve shared a few highlights of 2-1-1 Wisconsin. He distributed a few flyers that reflect 2-1-1 System Capabilities, and overview of the services that are provided by 2-1-1 and a statistical report for 2017. Steve also shared information on the approval of Act 250 Legislation that provides some financial support for 2-1-1. The funding allowed updates to technology to be made, and gave 2-1-1 Wisconsin the ability to hire Megan Kenney, project manager. Funds from Act 250 were distributed to all call centers. There is also a transition of caller service areas. Some counties in Wisconsin had been covered by call centers in Minnesota. Those counties will now be covered by 2-1-1 Wisconsin. 2-1-1 has also had a significant role in disaster response, human trafficking, and will be starting a

new role with an addiction recovery helpline. There continues to be a rise in statewide collaboration to provide more diverse services.

### **Study Group – Maurine Strickland**

Maurine acknowledged the individuals in the room that took the in-person certification test offered yesterday, and also shared appreciation for the proctors that help out during these tests. She also mentioned certification tests can be done over the internet via Proctor U. She also referenced the AIRS Networker and noted there are some instructions included in the folders conference participants received. Statistics on statewide and national certifications were shared; and Wisconsin always has a strong number of certifications. The names of our professional credentials are changing in January, 2019. Certified Information & Referral Specialists will become Community Resource Specialists. Certified Information & Referral Specialist-A/D will become Community Resource Specialists-A/D; and finally, Certified Resource Specialists will become Database Curators. The changes hope to give a stronger and more recognizable definition of our work. Organizations can continue to use whatever job title they wish and the change will not impact fees.

### **Nominations Committee – Jessica Kwapil**

- There was a recent application to the board, Michelle Acevedo.
- A floor request for any members interest to be considered for the Slate of Candidates for the Board of Director vacancy positions was made.

Mary Updike made a motion to approve Michelle Acevedo's application to the board; Steven Peterson seconded the motion; no further discussion followed; Motion was approved.

### **Presenting of Certificates and Thank You**

- Steven Peterson was acknowledged for his multiple terms of service to the board. He has now retired. He was recognized with a certificate and gift. Ashley Bardwell was also recognized for her 2 terms of service as Vice President with a certificate and gift.

### **Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn was made by Maurine Strickland and seconded by Amy Kuester; motion approved

*Minutes submitted by Amy Kuester, Wisconsin AIRS Board Secretary*