

**NAEPB Executive Session Meeting Minutes - Approved
Washington DC
March 8, 2010**

Call to Order

President Karen Walls called the meeting to order on March 8, 2010 at 4:06pm EST.

Board Members Present

Kirk Adams
Dan Boucher
Mike Gilliam
Jim Kerlin
Chuck Lange
Reinhard Mabry
Dick Monaco
Lou Moneymaker
Billy Sparkman
Karen Walls
Kevin Lynch

Board Members Absent

John Mitchell

President Walls stated the main purpose of this meeting was to update the Board on the meeting Reinhard, Kevin and Karen had with Andy and Tina last Wednesday. They talked about the definition, communication and what is the strategy. Reinhard characterized this meeting, at least on the part of the Committee, was what do you need to feel comfortable in allowing this process to move forward. We had a good open candid discussion with the Committee. In January we had stated we were ready to move forward through the regulatory process rather than the legislative process. The Committee pushed back expressing it's preference for changes through the legislative process. Kevin stated his biggest concern about modernization via the legislative process, still revolves around how they intend to implement the definition. It is the Committee's definition and they have the responsibility to establish the parameters for us to better understand who is and who is not eligible for the program. NIB and NAEPB continue to have concerns about the apparent lack of disability of some of the NISH participants in the program. Kevin trusts that it is not the Committee's intent to broaden the pool; however, he feels NISH has a self reporting structure. The CFP compliance people check files and if there is a doctor's signature, they say everything is okay. They do not question it any further. This has proven to be problematic in the past. We are concerned the same people doing compliance today are the same as in the past. There has been no additional training for their staff. Kevin feels that the Committee and NISH will push hard to move the legislation forward. We are not opposed to the legislative process as long as the definition does not broaden the pool.

There was a lengthy discussion that followed concerning the definition, the regulatory process vs the legislative process, self reporting, the “intent” of not broadening the pool, the risk of opening the Act, trust amongst the parties, the NCED situation, other governmental definitions of disability, ADA, what are necessary supports in the definition and what is meant by the 21st Century disability policy.

Kevin feels our relationship with NISH and the NCWC is extremely strained at this point. Karen stated we must be prepared for next steps. We need to state and justify our position and should be able to do so in a positive way.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50pm EST.

Respectfully submitted,

Lou Moneymaker