

New American/Foreign Born/Immigrant Advisory Board
June 20, 2023 – 6:00 PM
Meeting Minutes

Attendance – Board Members

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| Hamzat Koriki | Samuel Acquah |
| Patricia Thornock | Ahmed Makaraan |
| Johanna Fajardo | Kouadjo Bini |
| Sahra Abdullahi | Analena Lunde |
| Fowzia Adde | Carolyn Kueber |
| Caprice Knapp | Rhoda Adewunmi |

Other Attendees: Alicia Belay, Luisa Hoyos, Kim Mertz, Krissie Guerard, Katarina Domitrovich, Ruth Nwatu and Roger Bryant.

Open discussion regarding behavioral and mental health.



NFI Advisory Board 6.20.23

By: Luisa Hoyos

AGENDA

| TIME | TOPIC | PERSON |
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| 7:00-7:05 | Introductions and Welcome | Luisa Hoyos |
| 7:05-7:15 | Covid task force Update | Katarina Domitrovich Ruth Nwatu |
| 7:15-7:25 | Board leadership and plans | Luisa Hoyos |
| 7:25-7:55 | Open discussion | Group discussion |
| 7:55-8:00 | Next meeting in person, Fargo. | Luisa Hoyos |

COVID TASK FORCE UPDATE

- The NFI Advisory Board has had a unique opportunity use \$50,000 of COVID funding to improve the lives of NFI in North Dakota!
- The COVID Task force was convened in 2021 and met weekly.
- They identified that doing three events focused on convening NFI, especially youth, would help improve the isolation many felt from COVID.
- Three project areas were identified: one in Bismarck, Grand Forks, and Minot and NFI Advisory Board members had the opportunity to lead the projects.
- The Grand Forks project was led by United African Community; one event took place last year and another will happen this year.
 - We will give you an update next time on this project!
- Due to lack of NFI Project host, the Minot project was moved and will likely happen in Williston; money needs to be spent by May 31, 2024.
- Bismarck Global Neighbors is leading the Bismarck project; Ruth will share about it next.

YOUTH HEALTH AND WELLNESS FAIR

- Contracted with Bismarck Global Neighbors to host the fair
- Secured free STEMZONE workshops with Gateway of Science
- Free health and wellness activities will be available in partnership with the YMCA
- Nutritional cooking class by African Nomad
- Burleigh Public Health will host an educational session about vaping
- Youths will receive mental health resources
- Pre-Registration will be available
- Finalizing marketing and registration details
- Event Information
 - Date:** July 15, 2023 (1-3PM)
 - Location:** JOHN & JEAN ROUZIE BUILDING
 - Time:** 1-3pm



BOARD LEADERSHIP

The Board members will:

- Commit to attending and being active participants in all meetings in the calendar year, with a maximum of two excused absences.
- Seek out and listen to a wide range of opinions and experiences within the communities they represent to ensure a balanced representation of their community's suggestions, needs and ideas.
- Update the NDHHS on activities and opportunities to engage with the NFI community and serve as a liaison to these events.

DUTIES AND REQUIREMENTS OF CHAIR

- Identified and appointed for a two-year term by majority vote from the Board.
- Facilitate effective board meetings, including receiving feedback from all members.
- Meet monthly with the NDHHS co-chair.
- Communicate with the Board in collaboration with the NDHHS.
- Commit to attending all meetings of the Board as the same attendance policies apply to the chair.

NEXT MEETING

Meeting in Person:

August 25th, 2023
10am to 4pm
Element Fargo