

**Marie T. Libria's Trip Report**  
**2018 AIDD Technical Assistance Institute and NACDD Conference**  
**Gaylord National Convention Center, July 9-13, 2018, Washington D.C.**

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Hafa Adai Council Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to attend the 2018 AIDD Technical Assistance Institute (TAI) and NACDD Annual Conference in Washington D.C. with program and technical information as follows:

**Monday, July 9, 2019 (Morning Session) - Territory Roundtable Meeting** – I briefly shared information about Disaster Preparedness on Guam. ***The 1<sup>st</sup> project/initiative*** focused on Employment in collaboration with Guma' Mami, Sinajana Mayor's Office, and the Department of Integrated Services for Individuals with Disabilities in hosting "The Ability Fair" promoting vendors with disabilities and providing persons with disabilities opportunities to search for employment. About 250 Participants. ***The 2<sup>nd</sup> project/initiative*** focused on Education. The Council sponsored 20 students/family members to participate in the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Island-Wide Conference on Disabilities. The conference concentrated in "Promoting Successful Post-Secondary Transition to: Employment, Training and Post-Secondary Education" with 71 participants.

**Monday, July 9, 2018 (Afternoon Session) – AIDD TAI: Enhancing Council Program Opportunities and Improving Fiscal Responsibility**

The opening plenary focused on natural and manmade disaster planning, response, and recovery. Promote ***Cultural Brokering also known as partnership brokering*** to bridge the gap between an organization and the diverse groups or building stronger partnerships with people from diverse backgrounds. This will reduce conflict and make positive changes in the community. Strategies for Sustainability and the goal to increase understanding, knowledge, and actions needed to plan and realize sustainability for Council funded projects/initiatives.

**Tuesday, July 10, 2019 – (Continue AIDD TAI)** focuses on utilizing the Administration on Community Living (ACL) Resources to support DD Council programs. AIDD updates focused on Everything Counts: Cost Principles, Administrative and State Plan Cost and Recipient Share and Match: Requirements, Calculations, and Documentation. This training was to increase knowledge about appropriate use of funds, administrative and program cost for the Council, educating sub-recipients, and resources to use when making decisions and increase understanding about requirement, calculating match for grant award years when using multiple variations, and documenting and reporting match on federal financial reports. AIDD encourages improving partnership between the Council and DSA by enhancing communication and ensuring effective fiscal accountability.

**Wednesday, July 11, 2018 –** Mr. Lance Robertson, Assistant Secretary for Aging and ACL Administrator, spoke about his vision for ACL as a federal agency and working to bring together the Aging and Disability Communities. He shared the administration's ***Five (5) Pillars*** for promoting independence for older adults across the nation. **The 5 Pillars are: Expanding employment opportunities; connecting people to resources; supporting families and caregivers; protecting the rights and preventing abuse; and strengthening the aging and disability network.** He encouraged listeners to be bold in sharing their stories and outreaching to decision makers about areas of concern.

The NACDD held the annual Champion of Equal Opportunity (CEO) Award Luncheon, hosted by Optum. During the luncheon, NACDD awarded Ken Capone with the CEO Self-Advocate Award; Scott Lindbloom with the CEO Start Your Journey Award; and Senator Bob Casey (D-PA) with the CEO National Policymaker Award. The following day the general assembly meeting elected members to the NACDD Board of Directors for FY 2019. The NACDD Board of Directors for FY19, beginning on October 1, 2018 is as follows:

President: Shannon Buller, Executive Director, Wyoming  
Vice President: Steve Gieber, Executive Director, Kansas  
Treasurer: Dan Shannon, Executive Director, Massachusetts  
Secretary: Charles Hughes, Executive Director, Mississippi  
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Toni Brinegar, Program Specialist, Idaho  
Kristin Britton, Policy Director, Massachusetts  
Vicky Davidson, Executive Director, Missouri  
Mitzi Proffitt, Council Chair, Georgia  
Beth Swedeen, Executive Director, Wisconsin  
Ann Trudgeon, Executive Director, Oklahoma

**Thursday, July 12, 2018** – This Session focused on three different programs promoting ***Community Inclusion***. The Community Center in rural East Texas created a Community Living Network fostering community integration and involvement to support individuals with developmental disabilities as valued members of their community. Second, the Georgia DD Council promoting Real Communities Partnerships through funding, technical support and mentoring and hands on training supporting six (6) local community organizations and finally the Oregon Consortium of Family Networks (OCFN) represents a new model in the evolution of peer support groups. This model of peer support emphasizes typical life experiences, diverse support, and community engagement.

**Emergency Preparedness: What Can Councils Do?** Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) was not able to present. However, the Department of Health & Human Services provided a detail presentation on how the federal government is ensuring the needs of people with developmental disabilities are being met during difficult times. Alabama Disability Rights and Resources shared their operational planning, preparation, and training ensuring people with developmental disabilities are taken care off. Finally, I presented information on the history and development of the Disaster Preparedness Guide Booklet and Checklist known as “**Pripara hao**” which means to prepare. Shared information on community involvement/players, dissemination/usage, how Councils make a difference, training to law enforcement/policy makers/others, updates and staying connected with partners and the Guam Community. In addition, I shared that in 2016, the Council developed and completed the “Individual with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IIDD) Registry” identifying 350 individuals with all types of disabilities. The listing will be referred to respective village Mayors needing assistance in the event of a disaster.

**Friday, July 13, 2018 – Day of Dialogue: Putting Energy into Urgency!** This small and comfortable session was a wonderful opportunity for DD Councils to have intense and meaningful conversations about the work they are doing. The sharing of information and strategies on how each State and Territories collaborate with diverse communities and meeting the requirements of the DD Act.



**NACDD**  
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**Territory Roundtable Meeting**  
**July 9, 2018 Gaylord National Harbor in Oxon Hill, MD**  
**10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**  
**Agenda**

- Welcome/Introductions – NACDD (*Donna Meltzer, CEO of NACDD*)
- Opening remarks – (*Ophelia M. McLain, DHA, Director, Office of Program Support, Administration on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities, Administration for Community Living, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services*)
- Civil Rights in Emergency preparedness and how it relates to the Territories -- (*Rebekah Tosado, Section Chief of the Anti-Discrimination Group within the DHS Office of Civil Rights and Civil Liberties*)
- DME/Medicare Information and Discussion -- Medicare's Durable Medical Equipment Benefit – (*proposed topics for discussion by invited guest*)
  - >Getting assistance after a disaster and Medicare Replacement of DME
  - >Core HME Infrastructure-Challenges identified by Territories
  - >Disaster engagement and Partnering for Change—How to effectively connect Territories to existing mechanisms
    - FEMA
    - Non-Profit Resources
- Share the top 1-2 current projects/initiatives
- Report out on Employment Policy Requested Information (from 5/14 TA Territory conference call)
- Educating Policymakers Activity – (*Erin Prangle, NACDD Director of Public Policy and Andrew Morris, ACL*)
- Follow-up TA Discussion -- (*Angela Castillo-Epps, NACDD/ITACC staff*)



**2018 AIDD Technical Assistance Institute, 2018 NACDD Annual Conference and Related Meetings**

**July 9 – 13, 2018**

**Agenda**

Date	Time	Session Name
<b>Monday, July 9</b>	9:00am – 1:00pm	NACDD Board of Directors Meeting
	9:30am – 4:30pm	Chairperson Leadership Training
	11:00am – 1:00pm	Territory Roundtable
	<b>TA Institute</b>	
	1:30pm – 2:45pm	Opening and Welcome
	1:45pm – 3:00pm	Opening Plenary: Natural and Manmade Disaster Planning, Impact, and Recovery
	3:15pm – 4:30pm	Concurrent Sessions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cultural Brokering: Outreach and Engagement to Diverse Communities</li> <li>• Strategies for Sustainability</li> <li>• Connecting the Dots with Data: Research to Advocacy</li> </ul>
4:45pm – 5:45pm	AIDD Update	
<b>Tuesday, July 10</b>	<b>TA Institute (<i>The focus is fiscal training and information</i>)</b>	
	8:45am – 10:00am	Opening and Plenary
	10:15am – 11:45am	Concurrent Sessions
	11:45pm – 1:15pm	Lunch ON YOUR OWN
	1:15pm – 2:15pm	Plenary Session
	2:30pm – 4:00pm	Concurrent Sessions (repeating sessions from morning)
	4:15pm – 5:15pm	Closing Plenary
<b>Wednesday, July 11</b>	8:00am – 8:30am	Welcome and Opening Remarks
	8:30am – 9:30am	Opening Keynote Address with AS for Aging and ACL Administrator, Lance Robertson
	9:30am – 10:45am	Plenary 1: <i>Federal Perspectives on Disability Policy</i>
	11:00am – 12:30pm	Education/Transition/Health Breakout Sessions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Building Transition Education Pre-K – 8<sup>th</sup> grade: A Parent Perspective</i></li> <li>• <i>Helping People Live Their Healthiest Lives</i></li> <li>• <i>Closer to Free: Receiving my Supports in My Home</i></li> <li>• <i>Creating a Spectrum of Possibilities</i></li> <li>• <i>Do You Want Your State Leaders to Improve Early Childhood Inclusion Policies?</i></li> </ul>

	12:30pm – 2:30pm	Champions of Equal Opportunity Awards Luncheon
	2:45pm – 4:15pm	Plenary 2: <i>Advocacy, Research and Innovation in Employment for People with I/DD</i>
	4:30pm – 5:45pm	Employment Breakout Sessions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Entrepreneurship and I/DD</i></li> <li>• <i>Peer to Peer Training</i></li> <li>• <i>Community of Practice in California</i></li> <li>• <i>A Story of Innovative Employment – Personal and Community Impacts</i></li> <li>• <i>In the Community: Supporting Students Becoming Direct Support Professionals</i></li> </ul>
Thursday, July 12	7:30am – 9:00am	Breakfast and General Assembly Meeting
	9:15am – 10:30am	Plenary 3: <i>Community Inclusion</i>
	10:45am – 12:00pm	Community Inclusion Breakout Sessions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Leadership Opportunities in the Community</i></li> <li>• <i>Using your Child's Skills to be Active in the Community</i></li> <li>• <i>The LGBTQ I/DD Movement Comes Out of the Closet!</i></li> <li>• <i>Inclusion in School Activities</i></li> <li>• <i>I Am A Sexual Being Too: Sexual Self-Advocacy</i></li> </ul>
	12:00pm – 12:45pm	Lunch
	12:45pm – 2:15pm	Plenary 4: <i>Emergency Preparedness: What Can Councils Do?</i>
	2:15pm – 2:30pm	Wrap Up and Closing Remarks
	3:00pm – 5:30pm	Day of Dialogue: <i>Putting Energy into Urgency!</i>
Friday, July 13	8:00am – 3:00pm	Day of Dialogue: <i>Putting Energy into Urgency!</i>