**NDMC 9/3/15 Meeting Minutes**

**Attendees**

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| Rayna Aylward, PolicyWorks | Darius Murray, FAU |
| Lindsay Baran, NCIL | Erin Pluto, MCB |
| Patricia Gill, IEL | Jessica Queener, NYTC |
| Gary Goosman, Policyworks | Derek Shields, PolicyWorks |
| Keri Gray, NYTC / NCIL | Marie Strahan, consultant |
| Emily Hanna, WID | Judy Shanley, Easter Seals |
| Kristen Humphrey, PYD | Steve Slowinski, PYD |
| Raymond Hutchinson, DC Public Schools | Genelle Thomas, PYD |
| Carolyn Jeppsen, Broad Futures | Ebony Watson, IEL |
| Alan Muir, COSD | Kevin Webb, MEAF |

**Susan M Daniels Disability Mentoring Hall of Fame**

1. Derek provided details for the upcoming Hall of Fame launch at the USBLN Conference in Austin. NDMC was invited by USBLN to include the Hall of Fame launch and first class induction as part of the “Student/Leaders Networking Dinner & ADA Anniversary Celebration” on Monday, September 28th. The dinner will include reflections on the past 25 years and table discussions between Student/Leaders and disability rights leaders. As part of these discussions, participants will be asked to a list of actions for the NDMC to work on over the next year. Kevin Webb added that 62 student/leaders will be attending the session.
2. Genelle Thomas reported that the “25 for 25” disability mentoring champions were identified by the NDMC workgroup (thanks to Kevin, Lindsay, Jeanne, Rayna and to Genelle for organizing and leading the group). The 25 individuals will be notified the week of 9/8 and we will keep the list secret until the formal HOF announcement on 9/28.
3. Kevin inquired about the presentation format and awareness regarding the Hall of Fame launch itself. Derek and Genelle are meeting with Mylene Padolina on 9/9 to discuss specific logistics for the launch ceremony itself, including the usage of a PPT scroll to list the inductee names as they are read to the audience. Genelle will be leading the NDMC Communications Team in developing and placing publicity materials to support the launch. Genelle, Anna Cunningham and Derek are part of this team, with new NDMC member Jessica Queener volunteering to join and help as well. The following activities are in the works from the Comm Team:
	1. Press Release (this will be provided to NDMC members on 10/1 for distribution amongst your networks)
	2. Posting of Hall of Fame to the NDMC Website (including background info on the first 25 inductees)
	3. Awareness for the full launch in January
	4. Flyer to provide at the USBLN Conference
	5. Social Media hashtag and Twitter length content for members to use

**National Nomination Programming Project**

PYD announced receipt of a grant from PolicyWorks matching MEAF’s original grant to help fund the development of the technical platform that will process national nominations for the Hall of Fame and also serve to capture and share best mentoring practice models.

Erin Pluto and Judy Shanley volunteered to help with the Technical Committee, working toward a January 2016 launch date.

**NDMC Website**

Steve at PYD continues to make enhancements to the NDMC Website. Please see action items below and visit the site at: [www.pyd.org/national-disability-mentoring-coalition.php](http://www.pyd.org/national-disability-mentoring-coalition.php).

**ACTIONS:** Review the NDMC website and…

1. If you represent an organization and have not filled this out before, please fill out the JOIN THE NDMC Survey Monkey page at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/?sm=as48RG1TffE8SKqLQhHppJtMVatOOjcf%2fS%2bAFje1iq8%3d> . This will help collect relevant information regarding your mentoring programs, reach and impact.
2. Ensure your organization’s link on the homepage goes to the specific destination you prefer for your organization. These links are located on the right side under Member Organizations.
3. Send Genelle (gthomas@pyd.org) your preferred organization logo. This will be used on the website and for presentations (such as the Hall of Fame launch later this month).
4. Also send Genelle mentoring testimonials to include on the website.

**Member Updates**

**IEL**: Patricia Gill and Ebony Watson provided an update on IEL’s “Ready to Achieve Mentoring Program” or RAMP, which focuses on both group and peer mentoring for young people with career and STEM focus. IEL recently held a Conference for the 10 RAMP sites with approximately 50 individuals attending, including mentors, students, and family members. Patricia and Ebony shared several inspiring anecdotes about the progress being made by the students and the gratitude expressed by parents. [Note: These would be wonderful testimonials to include on the NDMC website!]

**HSC Foundation:** Jessica Queener described her role and background as the National Youth Transition Initiative Manager. She is the liaison between the National Youth Transition Collaborative members and the HSC Foundation, and she offered to share the NYTC newsletter with the Coalition.

**NYTC Fellow**: Keri Gray introduced herself as the HSC Transition Fellow. She is based at NCIL, and works on a variety of projects related to youth leadership, transition, and internships. She expressed interest in working with the NDMC as part of her fellowship. Kevin will see if she can be connected to the Student/Leaders part of the upcoming USBLN Conference.

**Career Opportunities for Students with Disabilities**: Alan Muir provided an update on the upcoming COSD Conference in the Chicago area on November 5, 2015. He expects more than 60 students to attend and has lined up a number of employers for potential internships, placements and networking. Learn more at: <http://www.cosdonline.org/cosd-annual-national-conference>.

**Next Meeting:** October 8, 2015 1-2pm ET