

**SDMHCA BOARD MEETING**  
**Zoom Teleconference**  
**September 14, 2020**

**Call to Order** *President Stephanie Lund*

Meeting called to order by President Stephanie Lund at 8:11 p.m. CT

**Roll Call** *Recording Secretary Joy Anderson*

Members Present: Stephanie Lund (President), Joy Anderson (Secretary), Rebecca Glover (Membership), Jamie Peterson (Finance Chairperson), and guest Anne Dilenschneider (SDCA Government Relations)

**Approval of Agenda**

JP motioned to approve agenda; RG seconded. Motion carried.

**Approval of May Meeting Minutes**

JA motioned to approve meeting minutes. RG seconded. Motion carried.

**Old Business Items**

A. Legislative Update

1. Medicare Advocacy *Anne Dilenschneider, SDCA Government Relations*

- a. Bill passed the house for licensed counselors to bill Medicare. The Mental Health Access Improvement Act has been sitting in committee for 20 years, so this is a big achievement. This would be a bipartisan win should it pass the senate.
- b. AD has been working hard to advocate for this change, sending letters and calling media and members of congress.
- c. She provided statistics about the money counselors end up paying out of pocket (could be around \$35,000 per year) to care for clients who turn 65 since Medicare won't cover services and we can't abandon them.
- d. Brainstormed other people or entities to contact, such as PBS, Fox, AARP, Biden, Jill Biden, Walmart, Oprah, Drew Berrymore, churches, Sanford, Avera, governors. Anyone with contacts in any of these or other areas are encouraged to reach out. All counselors are encouraged to write letters and/or call leadership about this issue.

2. Midwest Medicare Coalition *Stephanie Lund*

- a. SL and DK serve on this together.
- b. Brainstormed how to get through to congresspeople regarding Medicare advocacy. They play to choose a day and color to ask counselors in the Midwest to make a concentrated effort to post, send letters, make calls, and wear the chosen color for awareness.

B. Financial Update *Jamie Peterson*

- a. End of year last year – we had an income of 2,090 in membership dues. Expenditures had to do with legislative action and AMCHA conference.
- b. We made made 1,300 last year

- c. Jeff Heavlin (SDCA treasurer) and JP audited the finances for the year for SDCA and SDMHCA. Going forward, treasurers of SDCA and SDMHCA will meet quarterly to do this.
- C. Membership Update *Rebecca Glover*
  - a. 96 members as of May. Meetings with school counselors and SDCA stalled due to COVID and will resume when possible.
- D. One AMHCA Update *Stephanie Lund*
  - a. Conference calls on One AMHCA are continuing to work out details.

**New Business Items**

- A. AMCHA Conference Early Bird rate
  - a. Ends September 30. SDMHCA will pay for Robin to go. Stephanie will pay for herself to go. The conference will be held June 23-25, 2021 in Las Vegas.
- B. Training Opportunities
  - a. SDCA providing is webinars.

**Future Meetings**

December 14, 8 p.m. CT

**Adjourn**

JA motions to adjourn; RG seconds. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m. CT

Respectfully Submitted,  
Joy Anderson, MA, LPC-MH, ACHT  
Secretary