



# North Dakota Economic Security and Prosperity Alliance

## North Dakota Economic Security & Prosperity Alliance (NDESPA) Partner Meeting Thursday, March 6, 2014

### Draft Meeting Summary

#### Proposed Meeting Goals:

- To reconvene in a spirit of collegiality and cooperation;
- To complete the revised strategic plan for NDESPA; and
- To receive partner updates and news of interest.

**NDESPA Partners Participating:** Sarah Hasbargen (ND Community Action Partnership), Connie Hildebrand (AAUW ND), Janelle Moos (ND Council on Abused Women's Services), Kim Jacobson (ND County Social Service Directors – Traill County Director), Renee Stromme (ND Women's Network), Tim Mathern (State Senator), Karen Ehrens (Creating a Huger Free ND and Healthy ND), Penny Smith (ND Childcare Aware), Nancy Miller (National Association of Social Workers ND), Al Nygard (ANC/Empowerment First), Rose Stoller and Paul Griffin (Consensus Council).

**Facilitated by:** The Consensus Council, Inc.

**Welcome, Introductions & Process Review:** Partners were welcomed to the meeting and reminded of the discussion ground rules and the consensus-based decision-making process. Brief self-introductions were given and it was agreed that the group would work first on finalizing the strategic plan, followed by organizational updates, as time permits. Special welcome was given to Kim Jacobson, Traill County Social Service Director.

**NDESPA Strategic Planning:** Partners reviewed the draft goals, strategies and action steps, agreeing on the three (3) priority goals:

- To develop stronger public and political will to advance issues prioritized by NDESPA. *NOTE: This is an overarching, action-oriented goal that will support continued messaging about prosperity, poverty and the impact on people of low and moderate income through media and other avenues.*
- To continue to promote public policies that builds assets for people of low and moderate income. *NOTE: This is an action-oriented, process goal that will identify specific public policy changes needed to build assets.*
- To implement a comprehensive approach to build capacity and quality of care in early childhood settings. *NOTE: This is an action-oriented, project goal to assure attention to the needs in the early childhood sector.*

The Strategic Plan matrix will be revised per the partner discussion, with the specific strategies and action steps and sent to partners prior to the next meeting. Several smaller work groups were identified to continue to flesh out the plan and the timelines prior to the next NDESPA meeting.

#### **Other News/Activities of Interest/Partner Updates:**

- NDESPA Grant Funding: Rose provided updates regarding the status of NDESPA Funding through the Northwest Area and Otto Bremer Foundations. The Otto Bremer Foundation (OBF) grant ended 12/31/13 and the final report has been submitted and accepted. The next grant deadline for OBF is April 9, 2014 for consideration in July – Consensus Council staff members are working on that proposal now. The NWAF grant will end on 3/31/14 and the final report will be due within a month of that date. It is hoped that NDESPA will be invited to apply for continued funding. For more information about the new priorities for NWAF Grant-making, see: <http://www.nwaf.org/grants/>.
- Affordable Care Act Enrollment Event: NDESPA will partner with the ND Center for Persons With Disabilities to Co- Sponsor an Affordable Care Act (ACA) enrollment event on March 20-21 in Bismarck. Please see the **attached** flyer for details and share with your contacts. We hope to enroll as many people as possible before the March 31 deadline. *NOTE: Kim Gillan, Region VIII Director of US HHS plans to be in Bismarck to provide remarks at a press conference (tentatively scheduled for 3/20/14 at 1:00 p.m.).*
- Renee (ND Women’s Network) shared information about the Ready 2 Run program scheduled in Fargo for March 19, 2014 ([Ready to Run Campaign Training for Women](#)). She also reported that there are now seven (7) North Dakota communities hosting Feminist First Friday and providing an opportunity for conversation and collegiality regarding issues impacting women’s lives. The NDWN raised over \$12,000 through Giving Hearts Day on February 13!
- Karen (Creating a Hunger Free ND Coalition) shared information regarding the planning of a 2015 Summit, building a strategic plan, developing a coalition website and looking for funding to implement priority projects. Karen noted that [ND Compass](#) featured an article she wrote regarding food deserts in ND (<http://www.ndcompass.org/trends/ask-a-researcher/index.php#.UycWDFyHxLI>). Karen also shared information about the continuation of the Hunger Free Garden Project.
- Doreen (AARP ND) invited partners to the AARP series of Lunch and Learn events to "Get Smart on Scams" - the first event is scheduled for March 19: more information is available at [www.aarp.org/nd](http://www.aarp.org/nd) and on the **attached** flyer. In the coming months, AARP ND will be offering similar events that focus on retirement and financial security and brain health. Doreen noted a couple of resources that would be of help to NDESPA planning, particularly in the area of early childhood. These include “Too Small to Fail” (<http://toosmall.org>) and the Vision West ND Report on Childcare Needs (All reports available on this searchable site: <http://www.visionwestnd.com/researchReports.php>).
- Penny (ND Childcare Aware) noted that they continue to work on creating partnerships with employers and business interests to increase awareness and capacity.
- Janelle (ND CAWS) shared that they have job openings for a community organizer (to work primarily in the oil producing counties) and for a public relations/communications coordinator: ([ND CAWS Job Openings](#)). She also mentioned the upcoming “[Race to Zero event](#)” and encouraged partners to get involved (event is April 10).

- Nancy (NASW ND) reported that their organization will be conducting “Social Worker Safety Training” across North Dakota in April and May (one training in each region) with the target audience being Social Workers and other service providers: <http://www.nasw-heartland.org/displaycommon.cfm?an=1&subarticlenbr=217>
- Sarah (Community Action Partnership) noted that the film “Inequality for All” would be shown in Fargo on April 17<sup>th</sup>. The film showing is a partnership effort involving the ND CAP, NDESPA, the ND Human Rights Coalition, The ND AFL/CIO, The ACLU of ND and the Fargo Human Rights Commission. Also, the Biannual CAP Conference will be convened in Jamestown April 22-24, 2014: <http://www.capnd.org>.

Since the NDESPA Meeting: Since we met, there has been a request from the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (ACSCAN), the American Lung Association (ALA) and Tobacco Free ND (TFND) Coalition to consider “signing on” to raising current tobacco taxes through legislative action in 2015. I will have more information about the “Raise it for Health ND” campaign (<https://www.facebook.com/RaiseltForHealthND>) at the next meeting.

**Next Meeting:**

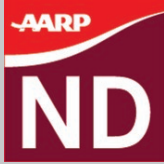
Wednesday, April 16 from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (including lunch)

**Location:**

The Consensus Council office or by conference call.

Special guest will be Rep. Josh Boschee from District 44 in Fargo who will discuss prosperity and poverty issues with NDESPA partners.

***NDESPA Mission:** The North Dakota Economic Security & Prosperity Alliance works to build and sustain a system of economic security for all through poverty awareness and education, grassroots and community capacity building, research and data development, and promotion of policies and practices to eliminate disparities and obstacles for achieving economic security.*



# AARP in Your Community: Want to Get Smart on Scams?

## MINOT

March 19, 2014  
Sleep Inn  
2400 10th Street SW

## BISMARCK

March 20, 2014  
Ramada Hotel  
1400 Interchange Ave.  
(former Doublewood Inn)

## FARGO

March 26, 2014  
Ramada Plaza Suites  
1635 42nd Street S.

## GRAND FORKS

March 27, 2014  
Hilton Garden Inn  
4301 James Ray Drive

We invite you to bring a non-perishable food item that will be donated to the Great Plains Food Bank.

If you have questions, please contact: Doreen Riedman, Associate State Director of Community Outreach at 701-355-3643 or [driedman@aarp.org](mailto:driedman@aarp.org).



**“Get Smart on Scams” Lunch and Learns**  
AARP North Dakota is hosting a “Get Smart on Scams” Lunch and Learn in the four locations to the left. Learn how to protect yourself and your family from identity theft and fraud.

The Lunch and Learn is from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. There is no cost to attend, but registration is required. Call 1-877-926-8300 or register online at [aarp.org/nd](http://aarp.org/nd).



### Community Conversations After each Lunch and Learn

Join us for coffee from 1:30-2:30 p.m. at one of the four locations listed on the left. Please join us for this initial conversation, and feel free to bring a friend. No registration required.

Millions of Americans, including many North Dakotans, fall victim to fraudulent schemes every year, resulting in billions of dollars landing in the pockets of con artists.

The North Dakota Attorney General’s Office and the Better Business Bureau will lead the sessions. They will provide information on current trends, telemarketing fraud, Jamaican scams, cell phone scams, computer error problems, and credit/debit cards.

They’ll discuss the methods scam artists are using to get money from consumers, and you’ll learn more about how scammers gain entry into consumers’ homes.

Hear about what has happened to some North Dakotans, and learn how to avoid becoming the next victim. The presentation will include information about identity theft, how to protect yourself, and what to do if you are a victim.

