



To: NADE Board of Directors
From: Gina Schwartz, Great Plains Regional Director
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Subject: NADE Great Plains Regional Director's 2021 Midyear Report

Since the Midyear Board meeting in 2020 in Baltimore, Maryland, NADE activities have significantly declined due to COVID-19. I was able to keep in communication with my region as per my charges as Regional Director.

Here are the highlights of the Great Plains Chapters' activities.

Colorado

CADE has been having monthly teleconference meetings since October 2020. They are focusing on adapting our meetings/activities to the teleworking environment and encouraging involvement in CADE/NADE.

CADE organized a donation drive for the Salvation Army Adopt-a-family program in December 2020 resulting in an approximate value of \$2240.00 donated gifts being given to a family of 6. They also organized a toy drive for the Toys for Tots program resulting in approximately 60 toys being donated.

CADE held a New Membership Virtual Coffee Break in late January in addition to emailing a newsletter with information regarding CADE/NADE and reasons that current members joined CADE/NADE. Current members answered any questions from the DDS staff regarding CADE/NADE during the coffee break. This resulted in 4 new members joining. CADE, in conjunction with DDS, organized a virtual Lunch and Learn for all DDS staff in February by inviting a speaker to discuss Dementia & Disability: Understanding the Intersection of Neurological Disorders and the Disability Adjudication Process.

They have the following plans for the future:

Continuing bimonthly Lunch and Learns for DDS staff

Participating in Monthly Moral Boosters with DDS staff starting in May 2021

Sending out Quarterly Newsletters to DDS staff w/CADE updates

Missouri

Cape Girardeau

This Chapter held a school supply drive in August 2020 with the proceeds going to a local school. They hosted a virtual Halloween costume contest, and a virtual fall decorating contest. They also participated in the Big Brothers/Big Sisters Christmas Adoption, where they provided Christmas presents to a family of eight.

Kansas City

This Chapter held a fundraiser for Henson's Heroes, an organization that provides toys and gift cards for families with children hospitalized at Children's Mercy during the holidays and raised \$360. They also provided welcome bags for new hires.

Jefferson City

No activities

Springfield

No activities

St. Louis

No activities

Montana

The Montana Chapter was in the midst of planning for the 2020 NTC. Unfortunately, they had to stop their planning efforts when the decision was made to cancel this conference. Their parent agency has made the determination to not have any in-person meetings. Until just recently, this Chapter did not have laptops. Therefore, no meetings have taken place.

The Montana Chapter has since gotten laptops so TEAMS meetings will begin for this chapter. The goal is to have monthly virtual meetings.

This Chapter may host either the 2022 or 2023 NTC. Details to follow.

Montana's Chapter President, Stephani Sanford, departed the DDS at the end of November 2021. President Elect, Jessica Cook, has stepped in to the President role.

Utah

The Utah Chapter signed up two new members through a membership drive with the new hires. No fundraising has been done in this Chapter this fiscal year.

Iowa

No report received

Wyoming

No report received

