



To: NADE Board of Directors
From: Marjorie E Garcia
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Subject: Past President

It has been my pleasure to serve in the capacity of the immediate Past President. These last few months I had the honor of mentoring Jennifer Nottingham, the NADE President.

Since the National Training Conference, I made myself available to the current president, and provided information and materials as needed to support her duties. I represented NADE by invitation, via Teams, at chapter events.

The first half of the fiscal year I participated in two quarterly meetings with John Owen, Associate Commissioner Office of Disability Determinations. I also attended virtual sessions related to Disability topics. 1) Social Security Advisory Board's *Racial Equity Research, Statistics, and Data Resources* (8/25/22) hearing. 2) The National Disability Forum's *Homelessness: Working with Stakeholders to Improve Access to SSA Benefits* (9/21/22 and 10/19/22). And at the request of the NDF, I prepared and submitted comments on behalf of NADE for the following issues:

- Privacy and improving medical records of people experiencing homelessness.
- Access to benefits applications for the sheltered and unsheltered.
- Addressing how SSA can better maintain contact with individuals experiencing housing insecurity.

As the Immediate Past President, I joined the President at regular meetings with the Montana NTC committee in preparation for the 2023 Helena, MT conference. Including, but not limited to:

- Review of the hotel contract and 2023 pricing.
- Meetings with the Helms Briscoe Representative to reestablish contact with the hotel liaison.
- Providing guidance to the MT NTC committee on conference planning timelines, expectations and protocol.

I am proud to work on behalf of NADE.

Respectfully Submitted,

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