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June 2018 Member Meeting – June 14 & 15 **June 14, 9 am - 5:00 pm, social hour 5:00 – 6:00 pm** PierB, Duluth MN

As a courtesy to presenters and guests we ask you to please keep all electronic devices out of the meeting.
You are encouraged to respond to urgent communications by stepping into the lobby.

Thursday June 14

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| 8:30 – 9:00 | Registration & Light Breakfast |
| 9:00 – 9:15 | Welcome & Introductions , Stephanie Combey (Board President) |
| 9:15 – 10:00 | National Snapshots: data and children’s services , (<i>via zoom</i>)
Daniel Webster, Director CA Child Welfare Indicators Project |
| 10:00 – 10:35 | Baseline – your use of data today , Kristy Piescher facilitating |
| 10:35 – 10:45 | Break |
| 10:45 – 12:00 | Examine the Possibilities: your association history, an example, a dashboard, and a screenshot , Dick Wolleat of Northwood Children’s Services, Traci LaLiberte and Kristy Piescher, CASCW |
| 12:00 – 1:00 | Lunch Presentation – Our Children’s Mental Health Continuum: Hopes and Expectations , Sue Abderholden NAMI-MN |
| 1:00 – 2:30 | Deep dive: fit to order – design for AspireMN , Discussion of data criteria and design needs within service areas |
| 2:30 – 2:45 | Break & vote to name the system |
| 2:45 – 4:00 | What will it take? Set our plan , Kirsten Anderson facilitating |
| 4:00 – 5:00 | Trends, Expectations, State-Level Outcomes Discussions –
Rep. Ron Kresha (<i>video msg</i>) & Sen. Tony Lourey (<i>arriving at 4:30</i>) |
| 5:00 - 6:00 | SOCIAL HOUR on the deck! Network, have a sip and a bite, enjoy! |
| 6:30 | Duluth Dinner Outings, (<i>optional</i>) Rachel Peterson coordinating |

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Friday June 15

7:30 – 9:00

AspireMN Board of Directors Meeting (all are welcome)

9:00 – 11:00

2018 State Legislative Update & 2019 Agenda Planning, June 18 a retreat will be held with the Mental Health Division and key stakeholders for the 2019 legislative session, this planning time will prepare AspireMN to outline 2019 priorities.

11:00 – 1:00

Residential Committee – review of impact of IMD designation, recommendation development for Children’s Residential next steps for funding design and continuum enhancement. Matt Burdick will represent the MN Department of Human Services (DHS) and provide updates on their internal processes

Speaker Bios

Sue Abderholden, MPH, Executive Director – Sue became NAMI Minnesota’s executive director in October 2001. She is responsible for providing direction and leadership toward the achievement of the organization’s mission and leads NAMI’s public policy efforts. Sue is well respected in the community and has received over twenty awards for her advocacy and leadership. She brings over 30 years of experience in nonprofit and advocacy work having held top management positions at Arc Minnesota, the Minnesota office of Senator Paul D. Wellstone and PACER Center. She received her B.A. from Macalester College and a Master’s degree in Public Health Administration from the University of Minnesota. Her passion for NAMI’s mission stems from her having family members who live with depression and anxiety.

Matt Burdick is the Legislative Director for Health Care and Behavioral Health at the Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS). Matt serves as a liaison between DHS, the legislature, and other stakeholders regarding public policy issues impacting the areas of mental health, substance use, housing, and health care. Prior to coming to DHS, Matt worked as a grassroots organizer and Public Policy Director at NAMI Minnesota

Traci LaLiberte, Ph.D., is the Executive Director of the Center for Advanced Studies in Child Welfare (CASCW), in the School of Social Work at the University of Minnesota. Dr. LaLiberte manages this large research and training center while focusing her research on child welfare practice and policy with special interests in child and parent disabilities. She has served as principal investigator (PI) on studies of the intersection of child welfare and disability, child welfare and educational experiences of high risk youth, comprehensive assessment, evidence-based practice in treatment foster care settings, and child welfare leadership. Dr. LaLiberte is the PI on a multi-year, multi-million dollar federal child welfare training grant. She provides broad oversight to the statewide longitudinal integrated data project, Minnesota Linking Information for Kids (Minn-LInK) and in recent years has worked with local counties to evaluate practice, including the implementation of the Children’s Bureau Comprehensive Family Assessment Guidelines, a \$2,000,000 federally funded, five-year project in Ramsey county. Dr. LaLiberte has worked in the fields of child welfare and developmental disabilities for more than 25 years. She has extensive supervisory

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experience in child protection. Dr. LaLiberte has developed curriculum and facilitated training (local to international levels) on a wide variety of topics related to child welfare. In addition to her consultation and her talks at conferences, Dr. LaLiberte has numerous publications in peer-reviewed research journals. She received her M.S.W. from the University of Connecticut and her doctorate from the University of Minnesota.

Kristine N. Piescher, Ph.D., holds a doctoral degree from the Department of Family Social Science at the University of Minnesota. Dr. Piescher serves as the Director for Research and Evaluation at the Center for Advanced Studies in Child Welfare (CASCW) where she manages a number of large-scale and locally-based research and evaluation projects including the Minn-LInK project. Minn-LInK integrates over a decade of statewide, administrative data from multiple agencies to answer questions about the effects of policies, programs, and practice on the well-being of children in Minnesota. Dr. Piescher's research focuses on child well-being and educational success and stability for at-risk youth, child welfare workforce development and system change, housing and homelessness, interpersonal and sibling relationships, and utilizing cross-systems data for research and evaluation, with implications for practice and policy.

Daniel Webster, Ph.D., is a research specialist at Berkeley Social Welfare's Center for Social Services Research (CSSR), where he serves as principal investigator of the California Child Welfare Indicators Project (CCWIP). The project carries out quarterly production and statewide dissemination of federally and state-mandated performance measures that support the California Outcomes and Accountability System at the state and county level. Dr. Webster has provided technical assistance for the past decade in the understanding and use of longitudinal data to promote system improvement to public child welfare agencies in the states of Alaska, California, Florida, Nevada, Oregon and Washington. He is also currently the evaluation liaison for the California grantee (California Partners for Permanency) of the Federal Permanency Innovations Initiative to reduce long-term foster care and he regularly co-instructs courses through the Regional Training Academies on the application of advanced analytics for public child welfare administrators from state and county agencies.

Senator Tony Lourey is a Minnesota politician and member of the Minnesota Senate. A member of the Minnesota Democratic–Farmer–Labor Party (DFL), he represents District 11, which includes portions of Carlton, Kanabec, Pine and St. Louis counties in the northeastern part of the state. Lourey received a B.A. from the University of Minnesota, and is currently attending Hamline University School of Law. Prior to his election to the Senate, he was a township supervisor in Kerrick.

Representative Ron Kresha (R) represents district 09B and serves as Majority Whip in the Minnesota House of Representatives. He is from Little Falls and received his BA from St. Cloud State University and his MBA from Bellevue University.