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Dear Members of the NFI,

Non-profit organizations are best served when they have a clear, well-defined vision of the future and how they plan to realize the goals to achieve that vision. Our NFI board holds the responsibility to create and regularly review our organization's vision and mission. The board also participates in creating and implementing the action steps necessary to achieve its goals. To work on these efforts, our board met for its mid-year board meeting in Woburn Massachusetts over the past weekend.



The 2016-2017 NFI Board of Directors

From left to right: Björn Westrup, Rita Cummings, gretchen Lawhon, Kaye Spence, Gloria McAnulty, Deborah Buehler, Heidelise Als, Jeff Alberts, Mandy Daly, and Jim Helm. Missing: Nikk Conneman.

Discussions included updating the organization's strategic plan, reviewing and projecting the NFI budget for the remainder of the 2016-2017 funding year, reviewing and finalizing 2016 membership survey findings and discussing and planning for the Program, Finance, Advancement and Governance committees/sub-committees and task forces. The following revisions of the NFI Vision and Mission statements were adopted on April 29th:

NFI Vision Statement

The NFI envisions a global society in which all hospitalized newborns and their families receive care and assessment in the evidence-based NIDCAP model. NIDCAP supports development, enhances strengths and minimizes stress for infants, family and staff who care for them. It is individualized and uses a relationship-based, family-integrated approach.

NFI Mission Statement

The NFI promotes the advancement of the philosophy and science of NIDCAP care and assures the quality of NIDCAP education, training and certification for professionals and hospital systems.

Please watch for additional membership updates and invitations to participate in unfolding NFI plans and next steps over the coming year. Also, please reach out with questions and interests.

UPDATES:

- The former UK NIDCAP Training Center at St. Mary's London opened at its new home, the *UK NIDCAP Training Centre at the University College Hospital London* under the leadership of *Professor Neil Marlow, Center Director, Inga Warren, Occupational Therapist, Senior NIDCAP Trainer, and Gillian Kennedy, Consultant Speech and Language Therapist, NIDCAP Trainer.*
- The NFI certified the *Newborn Intensive Care Nursery, Service de Néonatalogie, Centre Hospitalier Valenciennes, France* on October 20th. This NIDCAP Nursery recognition was achieved under the leadership of *Drs. Fabrice Lapeyere and Catherine Zaoui-Grattepanche* and inspires others around the world.
- The NFI's *Developmental Observer (Abstract Edition)*, 2017, Vol 10, No 1, (http://nidcap.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/Nidcap_vol_10_no1-Uploaded.pdf) was available and posted on our website. After ten years of service and with this issue *Rodd Hedlund, MEd* steps down as Senior Editor. The NFI is so very grateful for Rodd's leadership and dedication to producing our cherished and valued journal.
- The NFI posted a follow-up blog from *Nina Nikolova* entitled "When Life Gives you Lemons: A Personal Story from Bulgaria about Pregnancy, Birth, Loss & Family, Part 2" (<http://nidcap.org/blog/>). Nina is the Chairwoman and Co-Founder of *Our Premature Children Foundation* in Bulgaria and serves on the NFI's Family Advisory Council.

NEWS:

- NIDCAP Trainer in Training *Juzer Tyebkhan, MD* shared the Edmonton team publication *Implementation of the Neonatal Nurse Practitioner Role in a Community Hospital's Labor, Delivery, and Level 1 Postpartum Unit*. Follett, T., Calderon-Crossman, S., Clarke, D., Ergezinger, M., Evanochko, C., Johnson, K., Mercy, N., Taylor, B. (2017). *Advances in Neonatal Care*, 17(2), 106-113.

Your feedback, questions, comments, NFI updates, and membership news written to me personally and/or to the whole board, are welcome.

Yours in support of the NFI,

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