



## **NFI Board of Directors Conference Call FY 2025 Wednesday, July 9, 2025**

**Attending** Deborah Buehler, PhD, Fatima Clemente, MD, Mandy Daly, ACII, DLDU, Jennifer Hofherr, MS, OTR/L, Monique Oude Reimer-van Kilsdonk, RN, PhD, Jean Powlesland, MS, RN, C-NICC, Charlotte Tscherning, MD, Dorothy Vittner, PhD, RN, FAAN (joined at 14 minutes past the hour)

**Absent:** Jennifer Degl, MS, Gloria McAnulty, PhD Juzer Tyebkhan, MBBS, FRCPC

**Quorum Present:** Yes

**Executive Director of Administration and Finance:** Sandra Kosta, BA

### *Our Mission*

*To improve the future for all infants in hospitals and their families with individualized, developmental, family-centered, research-based NIDCAP\* care by providing and assuring the quality of NIDCAP education, training, and certification for professionals and hospital systems.*

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### **Highlights of the Meeting**

- The Board agreed to substitute the existing one-hour Quality Assurance Advisory Council Session at the NIDCAP Trainers Meeting with an NFI session on supporting sustainability for NIDCAP Training Centers and training.
- The Board approved Angela Gregoraci, MD as a new NIDCAP Trainer.
- The Board approved Mary O'Connor RN, CNS as a NIDCAP Trainer In Training and the development of a NIDCAP Training Centre in Dublin, Ireland.
- The Board tentatively confirmed October 13-15<sup>th</sup> 2026 for the NIDCAP Trainers Meeting in Ohio, USA.

## Board Business

### Meeting Minutes

D. Buehler will revert to M. Daly the minutes from the Mid-Year Board Meeting and they will be presented to the Board for approval in August.

### NIDCAP Trainers Meeting

The Board discussed and agreed to substitute the existing one-hour Quality Assurance Advisory Council Session at the NIDCAP Trainers Meeting with an NFI session on sustainability for NIDCAP Training Centers and training. The NFI Next Steps discussion will remain focused on the Artificial Intelligence topic. The sustainability session may focus on NIDCAP Training Centers that are successful from a sustainability viewpoint. Models will be presented that offer elements that could be replicated to support sustainability across the organization. The Rotterdam NIDCAP Training Center model was discussed by M. Oude Reimer-van Kilsdonk as an example of a center that is thriving and growing. The aim of the session would be how centers can be sustainable and thrive. J. Hofherr and M. Oude Reimer-van Kilsdonk will liaise to develop some ideas for the session (Nadine Griffiths to be consulted) and will bring their thoughts to the NTM Planning Meeting on July 17<sup>th</sup>.

## Committee Business

### Program Committee

D. Vittner, Chair, motioned to approve Angela Gregoraci, MD as a new NIDCAP Trainer. J. Powlesland seconded this motion.

***Upon motion duly made, it was unanimously***

***Voted: To certify Angela Gregoraci as a new NIDCAP Trainer.***

D. Vittner motioned to approve Mary O'Connor, RN, CNS as a NIDCAP Trainer In Training and the development of a NIDCAP Training Centre in Dublin, Ireland. J. Hoffher seconded this motion.

***Upon motion duly made, it was unanimously***

***Voted: To support Mary O'Connor as a NIDCAP Trainer In Training and the development of a NIDCAP Training Centre in Dublin, Ireland.***

D. Vittner advised that Board that she is working towards expanding the number of Training Centers and is working with individuals to attain this goal.

D. Vittner discussed the process of NIDCAP Trainers seeking to affiliate with the NFI. The Board agreed to uphold the current NFI policy in place. Individuals may request special considerations as needed.

**NFI By-Laws**

J. Powlesland has reviewed the feedback received from Board members and will send an updated document to the Board for discussion.

**NFI Strategic Plan**

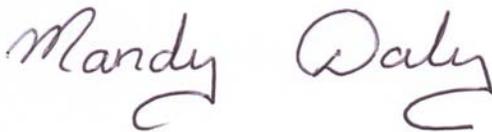
J. Powlesland reported that she had received feedback from some Board members and has forwarded the report to the Board earlier today before our Board Meeting. She will update the document as further feedback is received.

**NIDCAP Trainers Meeting 2026**

Oct 13-15<sup>th</sup> 2026 have been confirmed as the dates for the Trainers Meeting in Ohio, USA. Board members were asked to review conference dates to ensure that the proposed dates for the Trainers Meeting do not conflict with any international and national conferences.

The meeting was adjourned at 5 minutes to the hour.

Submitted by Secretary,



Mandy Daly