

NFI Board meeting notes

Date: September 3, 2024

Format: Online

Participants: There were 5 NFI Board members present: Crista McCandless, Johanna Fajardo, Darci Asche, Ricot Aladin and Aimable Magaju.

NFI members absent 7

CE unit staff: Luisa Hoyos

Meeting minutes:

- 1. Welcome**
- 2. Members** provide updates for local events, like the Doulas project in Fargo,
- 3. Luisa** informs that the in-person meeting in Bismarck at the Capitol will be on October 10th and 11th.
- 4. Johanna** informs that the previous Mini-Grant idea (allocating \$1,500 for each member to use the money in their communities)) was rejected due to Leadership restrictions: budget and time constraints. However, they received positive feedback on mental health and interpretation training.
- 5. Johanna** explains medical interpreter training options as another idea to allocate the funding:
[Behavioral Health Interpreter Bridge](#), [The Professional Medical Interpreter](#), [Bridging The Gap in Mental Health Interpreting](#) and [Language of Justice](#).
- 6. Members** express the need and challenges for interpreters in their cities and towns.
- 7. Luisa** will share the Interpreter training ideas with Leadership and seek their feedback.
- 8. Luisa** informs that she will send a Doodle poll asking for preferences for 2 or 3-day in-person meeting.
- 9. Members** wait for further instructions from Luisa.
- 10. The meeting has been adjourned. Luisa** informs the group that the next meeting will be held on October 10th and 11th at the Capitol in Bismarck.