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**North Dakota Eligibility Workers Association**

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## Letter from the President

This year has flown by and it is already time for the Board to start getting ready for the Annual Meeting, at the Grand Dakota Lodge in Dickinson on September 24, 2008. This year our speaker will be Kathleen Henry, Social Service Coordinator Director of Government Relations.

The NDEWA Board is going to have a free membership drawing at the annual meeting for a new NDEWA member and a renewal. You get one chance each time you attend a regional meeting and one for attending the annual meeting. If you are able to attend the regional meetings and the annual meeting you could have up to five chances.

Eligibility Professional of the Year will also be awarded at the annual meeting. The nominations forms can be found on the NDEWA website. They are to be received by Cindy Dahl by July 15, 2008 to enter any worker that you feel is deserving of this award.

Sale of the six-pack coolers and tape measure are fairly well. If anyone is interested in purchasing these items, please contact your regional board member.

The NEW PATHS National Training Conference will be held in Anaheim, CA August 19-21, 2008. They are still looking for presenters. If you are interested or know of someone, please complete the Call of Presenters form. The conference registration and Call for Presenters forms are on the website: [www.nationalnew.org](http://www.nationalnew.org). Please e-mail Susan Faye Crockett, NEW PATHS Board member, if you have any questions.

I would like to take the opportunity to welcome Wanda Guenther, CREW region board member and Catherine Howery as secretary / treasurer elect position. Deb Weigel was unable to complete her term. We are going to really miss her.

Remember to Refresh, Renew and Rejuvenate with NDEWA.

Bev Fuhrman

EW of the Year Nominations are now being accepted for the 2008 Eligibility Professional of the Year. Criteria for Eligibility Professional of the Year is:

1. Must be a current participating member of NDEWA/NEW PATHS
2. Has demonstrated outstanding job performance
3. Strives to improve job skills and does outstanding work

Nomination Process: You may download the criteria and nominee data sheet from the EW Tech Team website or at [www.ndewa.org](http://www.ndewa.org). A letter from a region, supervisor, or co-worker supporting the nominee is sufficient for nomination.

All nominations received will be presented to the NDEWA Board at the July 24th meeting and a nominee will be selected. The Eligibility Professional of the Year of 2008 will be presented at the Annual Meeting to be held in Dickinson on September 24th. The award is a plaque and \$100 cash.

Submit letters of nomination by **July 15th** to:  
Cindy Dahl  
Awards Committee Chair  
Grand Forks County Social Services  
PO Box 5846  
Grand Forks ND 58206-5846  
Phone (701) 787-8530  
FAX (701) 772-1426

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The lucky winner will be drawn during the Annual Meeting held in September. Attend all your regional meetings for more chances to win!

## **Raffle Tickets Available Now!**

The 2008 NDEWA Raffle tickets are now available for sale in your regions.

The drawing will be held October 1, 2008 and the prizes are:

- 1<sup>st</sup> prize-\$200 cash
- 2nd prize-\$100 cash
- 3rd prize-\$50 cash

Tickets will also be sold during the Annual Meeting.

## **NDEWA Annual Meeting**

**September 24, 2008**

**Dickinson  
Grand Dakota Inn**

# NDEWA Board Meeting Minutes

NDEWA Board Meeting  
Comfort Suites, Bismarck  
April 22, 2008

Present: Bev Fuhrman, Sue Satterthwaite, Cathy Howery, Cindy Dahl, Wanda Guenthner, Nancy Dukart, Ronda Nicolai, Leisha Peterson, Carolyn Schrenk

Absent: Cathy Meyer, Lois Janke

We began by working on the skit to be presented at Showcase.

Cathy Howery is the new Secretary/Treasure elect replacing Deb Weigel who was unable to fulfill the position. We all introduced ourselves for Cathy.

The minutes were presented. Leisha made a motion to accept the minutes. Carolyn seconded. Motion carried.

The financial report was presented. Ronda made a motion to accept the financial report. Leisha seconded. Motion Carried.

Bev asked that bills be presented.

West River Conference is saying that to have a booth at the Conference we would need to become a member of the conference. The cost is \$10 to be an Agency member. Nancy will not be attending the conference so would need to find someone to set up the display. Wanda will be going and would be willing to set up the display. Cathy H made a motion to pay the \$10 membership fee. Cindy seconded. Motion carried. They need a contact person, so Cathy Howery will be named for continuity.

Ronda had a bill for the raffle permit.

Old Business:

Since there has been nothing on the stakeholder letter, we will take that off the agenda.

Who is next for the newsletter? Lois' bio will be in since hers missed the last deadline and Cathy Howery.

The speaker for our annual meeting will be Kathleen Henry. She is with the Social Service Coordinators (SSC). Marshall Wilmot will also be there.

New Business:

Letter to the Directors Association. Nancy had asked about this. She wrote a letter to Larry Bernhardt asking about our concerns that workers are not taking advantage of getting out of the office for meetings like NDEWA etc. He suggested that we request to be heard at the directors association. We could present NDEWA to them to let them know what we are about and encourage them to allow workers to attend the meetings. Tell them that we get speakers from different agencies etc. so they are well informed. Nancy would coordinate the meeting with Larry

so that it is at a time when there would be another meeting so that it is not time wasted for driving 2 hours for a 15-minute presentation. Nancy, Bev and Cathy M could all attend this meeting.

Leisha has spoken with Lois Reiersen as to the top three priorities for the Directors Association to present to the Legislature. They are: 1) One system for Economic Assistance Programs; 2) Increase family foster care rates; and 3) Increase Medically Needy levels.

Larry Bernhardt had also sent a letter to Senator Dorgan talking about the complexities of the programs. There are roadblocks at the federal level, which creates much of the problem for interpreting the regulations, which are very difficult. He gave a sample of how different programs look at the same issues and handle it in a very different manner.

#### Membership drawing

We had thought about doing a drawing at the showcase, but that didn't seem quite fair, as there are many who can't attend, not by their choice. There was discussion on other options for a drawing. It was decided that those who attend the regional meetings would be put into a drawing for the annual meeting. Each regional board meeting will get the attendance list from the meetings between October 1, 2007 up through the annual meetings for the drawing. Cindy will be making up the slips for the drawing. The information needs to be in the newsletter, tell at the regional meetings and at the skit at showcase. Nancy made a motion NDEWA will sponsor a new membership at the annual meeting. NDEWA Regional Reps will send an email to all regional members that those who attend the regional meeting will be entered into a drawing at the annual meeting. Leisha seconded. Motion carried.

#### Board photo for website:

Sue will send the board picture to Suzanne and Brenda Heilman and a picture of Cathy Howery and Leisha so they can use photoshop to put the board picture together and post on the website and the newsletter.

We need to change the July board meeting, as there are conflicts for some members. We will have it the 24-25 of July.

We won't be doing the 50-50 during the showcase. Bev found out that it is illegal. We will have the raffle tickets for part of the showcase and on. Ronda will be getting the raffle tickets to each board member. We will have the silent auction.

It was brought to our attention that the board needs to vote that Cathy Howery be the secretary/treasurer elect since Deb Weigel was unable to fulfill the duties. Ronda made a motion to accept Cathy. Carolyn seconded. Motion carried.

#### Committee Reports:

Audit – no report

Awards – Grace Lystad declined. Second runner up is Meroe who has not indicated yet if she will be going. Nancy is going to contact her. It is time to select the eligibility worker of the year. Cindy has made up flyers and sheets for this. The information is on the website and the regional board members also need to bring it up at regional meetings.

Historian – no report

Legislative – no report at this time

Membership – Sue handed current membership list

Newsletter/Recognition/Communications – Cindy has sent out several cards but no sunshine.  
Retirements: Jan Austjford, Celeste Perdue, Sharon Steele

Nominations – Nancy reported that she has visited with Meroe about running for President-elect. She has some concern that she would only be able to do it for the 2 years she would still be working as she plans to retire. The board discussed this and we don't see a problem. Nancy will get back to Meroe.

Program – Bev will have this ready for next meeting

Ways and Means – raffle tickets are ready. Wanda has a cooler and water for a door prize at showcase. We will also have coolers and tape measures for sale at showcase.

National – letter from Suzie Cummins, President of National. There is a contest for recruiting members and a drawing for the conference. The agenda and registration is on the web site. The information is on the website. Bev also handed out a document of benefits of attending the NEW Paths National Conference.

ETC Task Force – Nancy reported that the task force does speak up issues and encourages other to read the minutes and also speak up and let their concerns be known and results are being seen. One thing they have worked on is reclassification. The directors have been reclassified, and then will do the HSPA next, then social workers then eligibility workers. Personnel are working on this. The intranet is now available for county workers for information.

Regional Reports:

CREW – report attached

Jam/Far – report attached

SWIM – Lois will send minutes

TOWER - report attached

TWIN – meeting was cancelled

Next meeting is July 24-25.

Leisha made a motion to adjourn, Cindy seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Satterthwaite  
Secretary/Treasurer

## Regional Reports

### **TWIN REGION**

Walsh, Benson and Nelson Counties hosted the TWIN region eligibility professionals meeting on Monday, June 16, 2008 at the Nelson County Courthouse in Lakota, ND. 17 members were present and there was 1 guest.

Present: Carolyn Solseth, Robyn Huggins, Pat Fix and Cindy Quam, Ramsey County; Mary Dvorak and Josie Lopez, Walsh County; Barbara Arndt, Benson County; Suzanne Kilichowski and Cindy Dahl, Grand Forks County; Donna Jones and Steven Starr, Rolette County; Emily Tumeay and Cyndy Thomas, Pierce County; Susan Fay Crockett, Cavalier County; Charity Stegman, Pembina; Lenore Houdek and Edy Lorena, Nelson County. Guest was Cyndi Bennington of Towner County who has now joined NEW.

We met at 9:00 at the Nelson County Courthouse at 210 B Ave West for coffee and rolls.

9:30 Speaker: Kristi Matejcek with Restorative Justice was our morning speaker.

This is a program where the victim and offender come face to face as a vital step in healing for all parties involved. The offender is referred by Juvenile Court and there is a moderator present from the Restorative Justice program. This program has been implemented since 1998 and is a statewide program. This offers the offender a way to understand how their behavior affected other human beings and acknowledge that their behavior resulted from a choice that could have been made differently. The offender can then take action to repair the harm when possible. They are very careful through this program not to revictimize the victim and both parties must agree to the meetings.

The Restorative Justice program has given 2,148 juvenile offenders and almost 2,400 victims the opportunity to participate in Juvenile Accountability Conferencing. The primary offenses involved are criminal mischief, theft, disorderly conduct, simple assault, shoplifting and burglary. Most are 1<sup>st</sup> time offenders.

Lunch was at the Sunlac Inn.

The afternoon speaker was Tammy Bouluc, EMT. She gave us very useful tips on how to help with choking victims. Her son Levi was used to demonstrate for us. Tammy gave us the A-B-C's – they are Airway, Breathing and CPR. CPR doubles a person's chance of survival from sudden cardiac arrest. If CPR is started within 4 minutes of collapse and defibrillation provided within 10 minutes a person has a 40% chance of survival. Tammy also talked about lacerations and stated that most bleeding can be stopped with direct pressure and it's best to elevation the wound above the heart if possible.

Tammy talked about her bloodhound and how she is involved with search and rescue efforts. She said there is a way to help rescue efforts if we have young children or an elderly person who may be vulnerable or inclined to get lost. We should take sterile 4x4 gauze and place this next to the persons skin. She demonstrated on Levi by placing the gauze next to his skin inside the back of his pants. She said to leave it there for several hours to absorb the scent as well as sweat. Be sure to wear gloves while you're doing this so as not to contaminate the gauze with your own scent. Then when the gauze is removed it is to be placed in a Ziploc bag and placed in the freezer. This can then be used by the bloodhound as a way to finding these individuals if rescue is needed.

### **BUSINESS MEETING**

## **Call To order**

Steve Starr called the business meeting to order.

## **Secretary Report**

The secretary's report was presented and read by Cindy Dahl. The minutes were approved by Susan Fay and motioned with a second by Suzanne. All voted to accept the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

## **Treasurer Report**

Cindy Dahl presented a treasurer's report. The balance in checking is \$27.30 and the savings balance is \$305.47. The treasurer's report was approved by Barb and motioned with a second by Edy. All voted to accept the report as read. Motion carried.

## **- Other Reports**

**NDEWA State Board Report**--Cindy Dahl presented this report.

- NDEWA Executive Board met on April 21<sup>st</sup>.
- New members are: Catherine Howery took the place of Deb Weigel as secretary/Treasurer Elect as Deb stepped down from the position because of other commitments.

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**NDEWA items for sale** - - Items for sale as a fund raiser for the board are: 6 pack coolers (red, blue and lime green) \$5 each; 6' Tape measures with belt clip, level, pen and post it note pad \$4 each or 3 for \$10; and NDEWA Lapel Pins \$3 each.

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**Position available on the NDEWA Executive Board** -- An eligibility professional is needed from one of the following counties in the TWIN Region: Bottineau, Rolette, Towner, Pierce, Benson, Ramsey or Eddy counties. The term on the board is a three-year commitment. The Board meets four times per year plus the annual meeting.

The next NDEWA board meeting will be held in Bismarck on July 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>  
The annual meeting will be held in Dickinson on September 24<sup>th</sup>

**National Board Report** This report was presented by Susan Fay Crockett

- Thirty-five new members were added to the membership rolls for NDEWA through the incentive contest recently held by NEW PATHS. Everyone had the chance to win a free Anaheim Conference Registration and \$723 in spending money by recruiting new or re-newed members. Melody Hodges from New Mexico was the winner of the contest.

- Anaheim Conference – at the bottom of the minutes there is a lost rec'd from Susan Fay regarding the benefits of attending conference.

- Susan Fay's term on the National Board expires fiscal this year and she has not submitted for reelection so her position is open on the board. She states it has been a joy to serve.

**ETC Task Force Report** -- Cindy Dahl presented this report in Deb Goodman's absence.

- The EW group discussed the many restriction that workers have in the system, which prohibits them from doing their jobs well.

- The group will be looking at various program notices that they would like to see changes made to the contents of the notices to help clarify information in some notices that currently are very confusing to households.

- EW's want to impose a penalty against HH's that are reporting late every month for TANF.

- CCA workers would like to be able to change their review dates to match other programs.

- Foster Care workers are concerned that there has been infrequent training regarding foster care and yet workers are now being held responsible.

- There continues to be confusion regarding the policies of child support vs. MA regarding cooperation/non cooperation, absent parent information.

- Counties are still having trouble accessing "Vision Lotus Notices and narratives" from other counties before the case is owned by the county trying to access the information.

### **Old Business**

\* **We still need to have a volunteer from the Devils Lake area to take Robyn's position on the State Board as her term has expired.** A second position for the Grand Forks area of TWIN will be open in November.

### **New Business**

\*Set date for next meeting. Cavalier & Pembina Counties will be our hosts.  
Meeting will be in August.

\* EW of the Year nominations are now being accepted

\* Earn chances to win a free NDEWA membership from the board by attending your

regional meetings

\* New members who have joined TWIN. Since our last meeting Lisa Sidles, Vicki Lovell and Katie Boespflug from Grand Forks County have become NEW members. And today Cyndi Bennington of Towner County has joined. Josie Lopez also re-newed her membership as did Joan Fering.

\* Raffle tickets were distributed for the 2008 NDEWA raffle to be held October 1st. Given to Steve Starr-2, Cyndy Thomas-2, Cyndi Bennington-1, Susan Fay Crockett-3, Robyn Huggins-8, Charity Stegman-1, Mary Dvorak-1, Josie Lopez-1, Edy Lorenz-1, Cindy Dahl-10, Barb Arndt-2. Please sell your tickets and return the stubs and funds to Cindy Dahl by

\* TWIN region has been asked to donate \$50 toward the raffle prize drawings at the Annual Meeting. The donation was approved by Suzanne and motioned with a second by Susan Fay. All voted to approve the donation. Motion carried.

\* 33rd Annual NEW PATHS training in Anaheim, CA from August 17-20. Early bird registration rates still apply if you register by August 1st.

Suzanne discussed a Directors letter regarding Regional Reps. Many issues were discussed but the group felt that not enough information was available but the consensus was that the Regional Reps are very respected and have an invested interest in us and we would like things to remain the same. More to come...

\* **Other**

Membership Dues / Expiration Dates – passed around the list so everyone could check their expiration dates.

- Amount received for morning refreshments was \$30. Of that amount \$15 was reimbursed to Barb Arndt.

- Emily Tumey and Cindy Dahl won door prizes.

- Adjournment - A motion to adjourn was made by Edy Lorenz and seconded by Lenore Houdek. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cindy Dahl  
Twin Secretary/Treasurer

## **JAM-FAR REGION**

The JAM-FAR Chapter of ND NEW PATHS met at the Anne Carlsen Center on May 29, 2008. There were 31 persons present representing the 12 counties of: Barnes, Cass, Dickey, Foster, Griggs, Kidder, LaMoure, Ransom, Sargent, Stutsman, Traill, and Wells

Registration was from 12:45 – 1:00 PM. The shorter meeting time was due to Mandatory Medicaid Training on Continuous Eligibility.

At 1:15 Dean & Maria gave a tour of the Center and a video was show regarding a new Satellite home base Services and Outreach Program.

At 2:45 we took a break to do our White Elephant Exchange and draw for door prizes. \$95 was donated for the White Elephant Exchange. Val Burchill, Tammy Geiger and Norma Howes won the door prizes.

President Cindy Timm has had to resign her presidency due to finding a new position. Our former Vice President – now President, Donette Klever, called the meeting to order at 3:20 PM. She asked for corrections or additions to the minutes received electronically. Carol Wolkenhauer made a motion seconded by Carolyn Schrenk to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Julie Ell gave the Treasurer's report in the absence of Dora Colton, with a beginning balance of \$129.12; income of \$335.35, expenses of \$155.00 and an ending balance of \$309.47. Cathy Meyer made a motion seconded by Char Glynn to approve the Treasurer's report. Motion carried.

There were no bills presented for this meeting.

Carolyn Schrenk reported on the State NDEWA Meeting. There are still cooler bags and tape measures for sale. Eligibility Worker of the Year nominations are due by July 15<sup>th</sup>. ND currently has 195 members. Raffle tickets were given to the counties to distribute to each worker. The annual meeting is in Dickinson this year. Membership is still down. Someone from the state board wants to meet with County Directors to see if more workers can be allowed to belong to NEW and attend the meetings. The reason behind this is because many of the County Directors are new and not familiar with what NEW is. The hope is to convince them that NEW is a good thing for workers to be a part of. When the free memberships are drawn this year – there will be one name drawn from EW's who do not belong and there will be one name drawn from ALL EW workers who currently belong. A new twist is that those EW's who attend meetings will get their name entered again for each meeting they attend.

There were no reports from the National Board or the Task Force. It was mentioned that EW's need to be aware that there is no longer 30 days of grace for renewing memberships.

The group wanted to make a donation to Anne Carlsen for the use of the meeting room today. Cathy Meyer made a motion seconded by Katherine Strandberg to give the \$95 income from the White Elephant donations and add \$5 more to it for a \$100 donation to Anne Carlsen. Motion carried.

Donette thanked Stutsman for the great meeting. The next host counties are: Dickey, LaMoure, Ransom & Sargent

With no further business, Carolyn Schrenk made a motion seconded by Norma Howes to adjourn the meeting at 3:40 PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted:  
Julie Ell – For -  
Dora Colton, Secretary

## **CREW REGION**

No report at this time

## TOWER REGION

The Tower Region's 2<sup>nd</sup> quarterly meeting was held in Williston on May 9, 2008 with 13 members present. Prior to the meeting an audit was conducted by Lana Linde and Camille Routh. The audit was conducted from August 2007 to May 9, 2008, as the books will be passed to Catherine Howery effective today.

### BUSINESS MEETING

Beverly Fuhrman, NDEWA Board president, called the meeting to order. A motion was made and passed to accept the secretary and treasurer's reports as written.

### OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

### NEW BUSINESS

- It was made known that our general fund was in need of money. All the funds in the checking account at the present time belong to the membership fund. A motion was made and carried that each county hosting a NEW meeting hold some type of fund raiser with the funds going to the general fund. Suggestions were a 50/50 drawing or grab bag sales. Coffee money funds can be designated to whichever fund the hosting county wishes or split between the two. Beverly Fuhrman will check to see if it would be possible for us to have a raffle at the annual meeting in Dickinson for a piece of hardanger done by Janine Jensen with these funds going to our general fund.
- NDEWA Board stated that one new membership and one renewal will be given away at the annual meeting. Your name will be put in for the drawing according to how many Regional New Meetings you attend. If you make all your regional meetings, your name would be in four times.
- It was explained that per national regulations there would no longer be a 30-day window for expired memberships. Membership has to be paid before its expiration date.
- Per a request by Cindy Dahl, information was given and forms were available for anyone to pick up to nominate someone for Eligibility Worker of the Year. The deadline is July 15<sup>th</sup>.
- A motion was made and carried to move the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter meeting from Watford in McKenzie County to Mohall in Renville County. Burke, Divide, and Renville will host. Watford declined to have the meeting due to declining membership.
- Beverly Fuhrman announced that Catherine Howery had been seated as the State NEW Secretary/Treasurer as Deb Weigel has stepped down.
- Motion made and carried for meeting to adjourn.

### PRESENTATIONS

- Kerry Raghieb, RN, MS, CNM gave a presentation on women's heart health.
- Deb Wahus, LPC, MS, NDGC gave a presentation on gambling addiction.
- The Creative Elements Salon and Day Spa gave a free facial, chair massage, and hand waxing away. Kacie Hoffaman, Licensed Esthetician and Nicole M. Kitzman, Licensed Massage Therapist gave the presentations at their facilities.

The next meeting will be July 11, at Mohall.

## SWIM REGION

No report at this time.

### Special Recognition from NDEWA Executive Board

#### Retirement

Blaine Nordwall, State Office  
Michon Sax, McKenzie Co  
Marlys Sagvold, Ransom Co  
Jan Austfjord, Pembina Co.  
Celeste Perdue, Ward Co.  
Delores Brown, Mountrail Co.  
Pam Jund, Help Desk,

#### Get Well & Sympathy

Betty Strecker  
Deloris Brown  
Shari Snider  
Cindy Kritzberger  
Arlene Holtz  
Jan Austfjord  
Janelle Dockter

#### Sunshine Awards

Cindy Quam, Ramsey County  
Connie Pederson, Regional Rep  
Sue Satterthwaite, Regional Rep  
Diane Knauf, Regional Rep  
Deb Huus-Petersen, Regional Rep  
Janice Luidahl, Regional Rep  
Linda Martinson, Regional Rep

### NDEWA Past President's Silent Auction

A very special thanks extended to everyone who participated in the North Dakota Eligibility Worker's Association (NDEWA) Past President's Silent Auction. A grand sum total of \$269.05 was gained!

This annual fundraising event provides the opportunity for a two (2) members of NDEWA to receive \$100 to be used for "individual pampering" of their choice.

One (1) drawing is held at the Food Assistance Spring Showcase and the other drawing is conducted at the annual NDEWA meeting held in conjunction with the ND Conference of Social Welfare.

Congratulations to **Linda Stevens** of Williams County who is the recipient of the Food Assistance Spring Showcase drawing!

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received a \$500 scholarship from the Board and will be attending the  
conference.

Reminder note to all members of North Dakota Eligibility Worker's Association (NDEWA)/National Eligibility Worker: Professionals Associated Through Human Services (NEW: PATHS): The Annual Training Conference will be held August 17 through August 20, 2008 in Anaheim, CA.

Information regarding this training conference may be obtained at the NEW: PATHS website ([www.nationalnew.org](http://www.nationalnew.org)), by contacting a NDEWA Board Member or Susan Fay Crockett, NEW: PATHS Board Member.

Excellent training is scheduled for this training conference and an evening in Disneyland is also planned to provide an opportunity to become better acquainted with members of our grand organization. "NEW: PATHS in Anaheim: Something for Everyone!"

### **Refer someone for Sunshine Recognition today!**

This program allows any NDEWA member to support and acknowledge a co-worker by referring them for a Sunshine Award. Referral forms and related information are found at [www.ndewa.org](http://www.ndewa.org). By supporting each other we enhance our own lives as well as position ourselves to better serve our clients. Please take this on-going opportunity to recognize a co-worker for their hard work and dedication. We want to thank Keli Olson for her time and effort in coordinating this program for the last two years and now as her term on the NDEWA Board is about to expire the duties have been passed on to Cindy M. Dahl.



Please send all referrals, questions or comments to Cindy M. Dahl/LOC/NoDak

Submitted by Cindy Dahl

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Contact: NDEWA Board Members

Adapted from the Wyoming State Chapter of NEW PATHS newsletter

## **Only You**

No one of Earth  
Exists quite like you  
And no one is able  
To do what you do

The person you are  
The talents you bear  
Gifts that only  
You can share

Only you have learned  
From the things you've done  
Gaining perspective  
From the battles you've won

Times when you've lost  
Have been priceless too  
The lessons contribute  
To what make you you

The rest of the world  
Can't see through your eyes  
Which is why your insight  
Is such a prize

Because you are you  
There are lives you affect  
Much more than you  
Would ever expect

The things you do  
The things you say  
Send ripples throughout  
The Milky Way

You're unique, amazing  
Like no one else  
You have the exclusive  
On being yourself.

--Dan Coppersmith