

NDCPD

2001 - 2005

Through the years



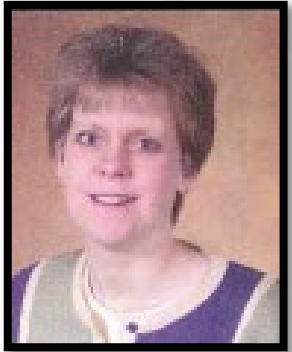
The leadership structure established in the previous years worked well for NDCPD. However, with the growth of the NDCPD in funding and staffing, it was necessary to expand the leadership structure to address the different roles of a University Center of Excellence.



- Dr. Bryce Fifield served as the Executive Director overseeing the overall operations and functions of the Center.
- Dr. Joseph Ferrara was the Associate Director for Federal Development. His role was to manage federal grant writing efforts with the NDCPD staff members.
- Dr. Brent Askvig was the Associate Director for State Development. His focus was state grants and contracts and establishing and promoting state collaborations.
- Ms. Susie Mack was NDCPD's Office Manager. She managed the operational aspects of the Center including personnel and office operations.
- Ms. Marcia Johnson was NDCPD's Finance Manager.

This team met regularly to discuss the future of NDCPD, as well as the day-to-day operations.

The NDCPD Core Coordinators' role was to assure UCEDD core functions were achieved. During this time span, various faculty members managed these roles:



PreService Training Coordinator,
Ms. JoLynn Webster, 2002 - 2006



Research Coordinators
Dr. Bryce Fifield, 2002 - 2004
Dr. Brent Askvig, 2004 - 2006



Community Support Coordinators
Dr. Brent Askvig, 2003 - 2004
Mr. Steve Peterson, 2004 - 2006



Community Training Coordinator
Ms. Mary Mercer, 2002 - 2006

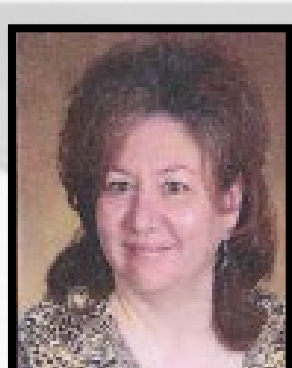


Dissemination Coordinators
Ms. Sue Garness, 2002 - 2005
Ms. Kari Schmidt, 2005 - 2006

The Consumer Advisory Committee continued to be integral to NDCPD. In addition, a Multicultural Coordinator was added to focus on diversity topics and assure all populations and races were included in NDCPD's work.



Consumer Liaison
Ms. Cathy Haarstad 2002 - 2006



Multicultural Coordinator
Ms. Maureen McCloud-Rogers 2002 - 2005



In 2004, Joe Ferrara moved from NDCPD to MSU's the Special Education department. Joe's legacy was whiteboard drawing, brainstorming and asking, "Are you with me?"



After Dr. Ferrara's departure, the role of coordinating both federal and state grant writing was managed by Dr. Askvig. Grant development diversified from technology to other technical assistance and community education grants.



NORTH DAKOTA UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

The Vital Link to a Brighter Future

August 13, 2004

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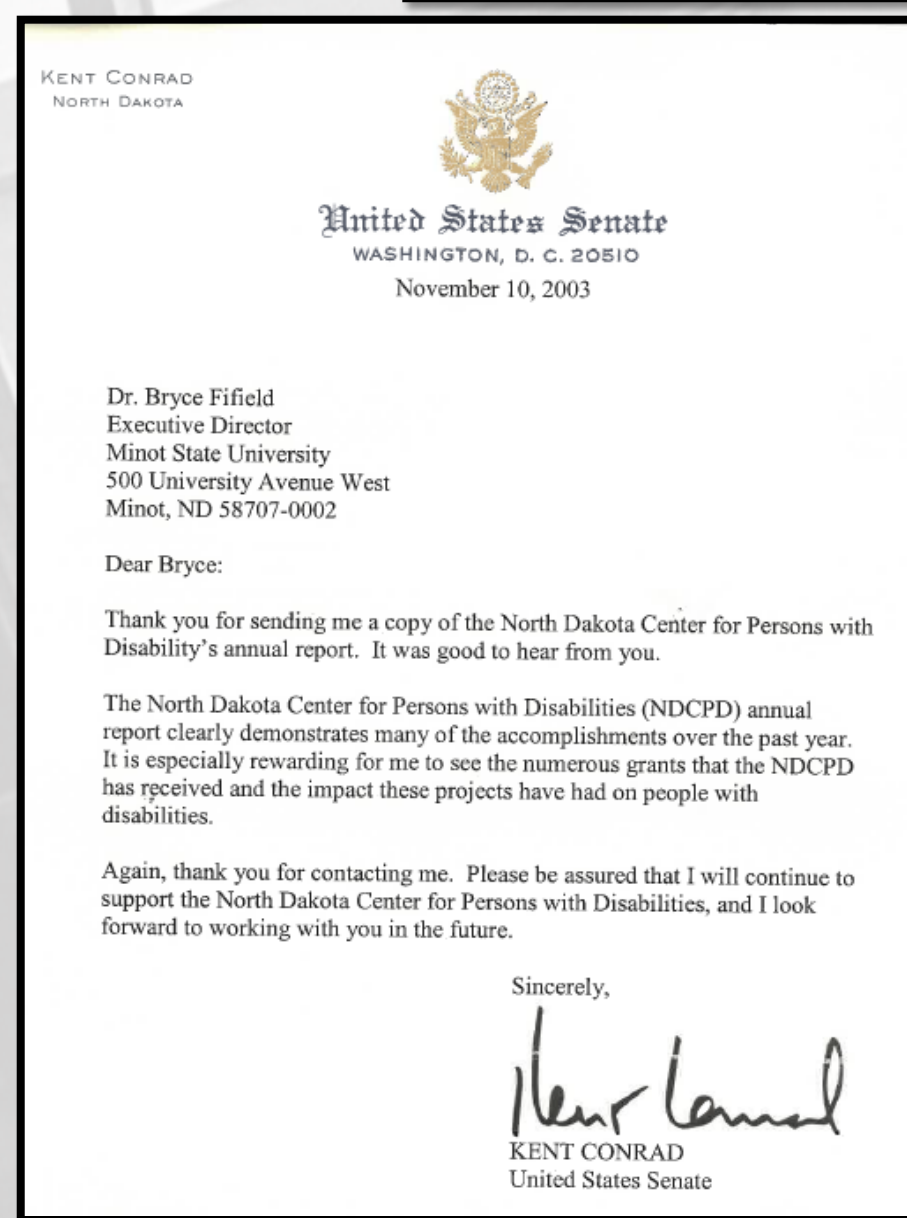
Dear Dr. Fifield:

I want to thank you and Mary Mercer for your wonderful presentation about your Center and its work. You are indeed to be commended for the return you are bringing on state dollars and the hard and good work that you and your staff do in the area of policy and practice for disabled persons.

Again, thanks for your hospitality when we were on the Minot State campus on August 4.

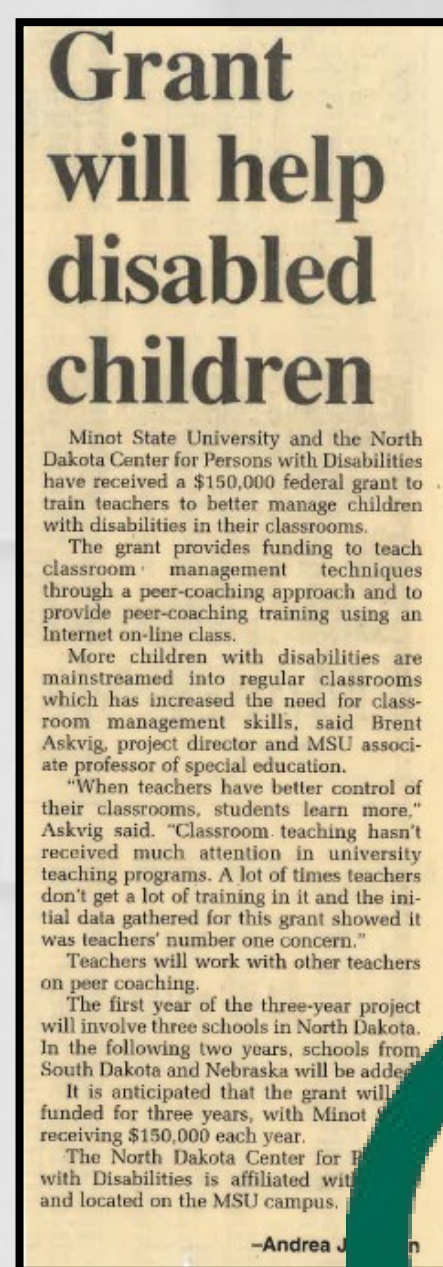
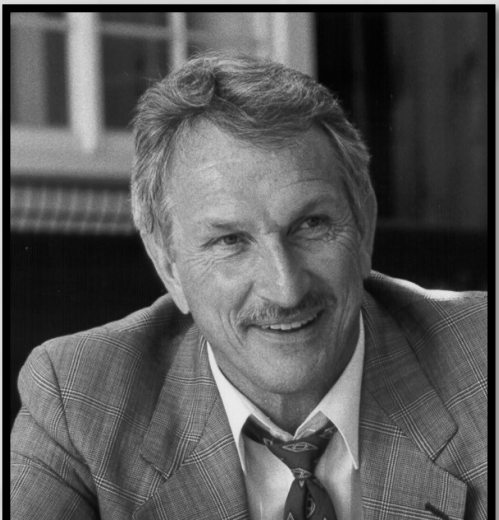
Best regards,

Robert L. Potts
Robert L. Potts
Chancellor



2001 - 2005
185 Funded
Grants
& Contracts
\$19,679,226

In April of 2003, NDCPD had their 4th federal site visit. The site reviewers came from other UCEDDs and included Dr. Hill Walker (Oregon UCEDD) and Dr. Sarah Rule (Utah UCEDD). The site visitors noted that "NDCPD fulfills the expectations of a UCEDD in an exemplary fashion."



Mission Statement: To provide leadership and innovation that advances the state-of-the-art and to empower people with disabilities to challenge expectations, achieve personal goals and be included in all aspects of community life. Adopted by NDCPD Consumer Advisory Council, 2001.



In 2000, a national change was implemented in the UAP network. University Affiliated Programs (UAP) were renamed to University Centers of Excellence on Developmental Disabilities (UCEDD).



In 2003, efforts towards fundraising were initiated by NDCPD leadership to support their mission and vision. Donations were deposited into one of two MSU foundation accounts: Endowment and Access. Interest income from these accounts were used in a variety of ways that assisted the Center. From this, the ACCESS Scholarship was created. Scholarships were awarded to MSU students with significant disabilities. The first scholarship was given to Sherry Brook-Sanderson in 2005 for \$150. Later the scholarship was renamed to the Bryce M. Fifield Access Scholarship.