

5 MINUTES	ADVISORY MINUTES FROM SEPT. 19, 2006 MEETING	ERNIE WATSON
	The acceptance/corrections of the September 19, 2006 minutes were over looked. Ernie asked members to review the minutes. The minutes were approved; Beth Schultz made a motion to accept the minutes as written and Deb Riehl second the motion.	
CONCLUSIONS	Minutes were approved as written.	



[TIME ALLOTTED] DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING REGIONAL REPORT DIANE LEONARD AND RICH DIEDRICHSEN

DISCUSSION	<p>Diane began with an announcement for those who travel a distance to come to our Advisory Board meeting. There are reimbursement forms that members can request for mileage. Please ask Diane or one of the staff members to give a copy to you. Diane gave a brief update on the trainings she and Lisa have been presenting to the medical field in her region.</p> <p>On January 27, 2007, SNO (Silent Night Out) sponsored a "come to skate, sign and socialize" event at the Skating Place here in St. Cloud. Handouts were given to members.</p> <p>Diane gave an update on the parents survey that been sent out. There were expressions of interest in monthly family time. The first event that will be planned is a cross cultural skating event on Feb. 7, 2007, at Redwood Falls, MN, from 10 AM to 1:00 PM. This will be a joint venture between the Mankato and St. Cloud regions. Handouts were given to members. Another swim/socialization time for families with children who are deaf or hard of hearing will be at the Becker Community Center in Becker, MN on February 22 from 5:30 to 7:30 PM. Handouts were given to each member. For March, they are planning on a movie and for spring, a picnic will be planned. Beth S. expressed interest in combining the family events with SNO group. Beth and Lisa will join the next Socialization Committee meeting to discuss the possibilities.</p> <p>April 28th will be a Disaster Preparedness Workshop. A committee of different response members have been meeting to plan this event for those who are deaf, deaf/blind or hard of hearing. The committee will mail out flyers to the community.</p> <p>VP (video phone) has been set up in our space for staff use. The number to call is the same as our main voice number, 320-255-3502 or IP NUMBER 66.191.75.50.</p> <p>Diane shared that an all day seminar on "Displacing the Myths" has been set for March. The first seminar that she had in December here in St. Cloud was successful. The next seminar for March has yet to be determined where. She is checking into space in Hutchinson, Brainerd or Cambridge.</p> <p>Rich shared that he will be hiring for the consultant position for the Western region. Interviews are being set up at this time.</p>
CONCLUSIONS	<p>Beth and Lisa will meet with Diane and Socialization Committee members to discuss a collaboration of cross cultural events for families with children who are deaf, deafblind, or hard of hearing.</p> <p>Disaster Preparedness Workshop is set for April 28th.</p> <p>A consultant for the West Central region will be hired.</p>

1 HOUR MENTAL HEALTH DEB OLSON

DISCUSSION	<p>Ernie introduced Deb Olson and thanked her for coming. Deb Olson began by discussing the roles that each planner has within Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services Division (DHHSD). In mental health, Deb is the planner who oversees the grant. Amy McQuaid oversees the grant of interpreter related issues and Jan Radatz oversees the grants for the deaf/blind related issues. Deb gave a summary of the grant contracts.</p> <p>Deb O. began with explaining how children with Lifetrack Resources and the greater Minnesota assessment service, Lifetrack Resources provides communication appropriate specialized psychological and social assessments, follow-up, school and family consultation and training to benefit children who are deaf, deafblind or hard of hearing in the 0 to 21 ages who live in greater Minnesota, outside the seven-county metro area. She also explained when there is no licensed psychologist in Minnesota who specializes in a unique assessment, they will fly in a specialist. Deb gave handouts and shared websites that will give pertinent information and schedules.</p> <p>Ms. Olson shared training/workshops that Kim Opatz coordinates, St. Cloud has both. Metro base 2005 Fiscal year 06 Volunteers of America has explained to St. Cloud due to popular needs. A licensed psychologist can work one on one under the contract. MSAD receives satellite sessions, it began for 6 students and now there are 15 students being seen. St. Cloud schools have expressed that they do not want sessions onsite, a neutral site was needed. As of to date there have been no issues with this arrangement, its working smoothly. Another form of contact is through Tele-Med. That is the use of a secure video site to site. VP (video phone) is not a secure site. The psychologist has been seeing MSAD</p>
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Community Forum feedback and what it has produced for the future.

30 MINUTES

NEW BUSINESS

MEMBERS

DISCUSSION Regional Camp March 1 and 2, 2007. Will St. Cloud be going? No word as yet. The ages?? K-12

Optimism Club –it is a public speaking contest for deaf or hard of hearing students. The prize is \$1,000 scholarship. Judges are needed, those who can be impartial, three judges are needed. Discussion followed.

CONCLUSIONS N/A

NEXT MEETING The next Advisory meeting will be on **May 15, 2007** from **4:30 to 6:00 PM**

AJOURNMENT Meeting adjourned at 6:18 PM

SPECIAL NOTES Brenda promised to send the websites she spoke of, it has been attached to the minutes.

New at the University of Minnesota:

1. The deadline for applications to the Professional Rural Education Program (PREP) is March 1st. For information go to: <http://education.umn.edu/EdPsych/SpecialEd/dhh>
2. If you have anyone interested in the different D/HH teacher preparation programs around the country, visit: www.deafed.net/diversity/main.htm
3. Dr. Rose and Dr. Hooper have successfully started an on-line ASL tutorial. For information visit: <http://education.umn.edu/Ci/Faculty/research/> For a demonstration of the software visit: <http://avenueasl.education.umn.edu/info/>
4. State Resource Center D/HH conference: Vendor opportunity: Thursday the 26th of April.
5. www.Prepite.org is the site you might want to visit if you are interested in learning from the rural d/hh teacher modules. (ever increasing it's resources)
6. Progress Monitoring is a 'hot-topic' at the U of MN. visit the national website at: studentprogress@air.org