

DHHS-East Central Advisory Board Meeting

MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 8, 2008

4:30 – 6:00 P.M

DHHS Conference Room, St. Cloud

MEETING CALLED BY	Diane Leonard
TYPE OF MEETING	Advisory Board Meeting
FACILITATOR	Beth Schultz
NOTE TAKER	Deb Rasmussen
GUESTS/SPEAKER	Emily Lundberg with Dreams & Inspirations Camp & Retreat and Marty Barum with CSD
SPEAKER	Rebecca Crowell
SPEAKER	Bruce Hodek, Program Director
SPEAKER	Alison Aubrecht, Mental Health Specialist
ATTENDEES	Ernie Watson, Linda Hendrickson, Laura Schmit, Beth Schultz, Jody Gertken-Teter, Brenda Hommerding, Rebecca Crowell and Michele Isham.
ABSENTEES	Mark Stiegel
STAFF PRESENT	Diane Leonard, Lisa Hennen, Rich Diedrichsen, Jenny Robinson –interpreting and Judy Leach – interpreting and Deb Rasmussen –minutes.

MEETING BEGAN AT 4:35 PM

BETH SCHULTZ

DISCUSSION	Beth asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes from the May 13, 2008 meeting. With no revisions a motion was made to accept minutes as written. –First and seconded was made to accept the minutes as written. With many guests and speakers present, Beth asked that we all introduce ourselves.
CONCLUSION	NA

REGIONAL UPDATE

RICH DIEDRICHSEN & DIANE LEONARD

DISCUSSION	Rich began with updates on the various activities that are happening within the East/West Central region. He spoke briefly about the deaf mentor program and the seminar coming up on Oct. 14, 2008 in the Brainerd area. Rich asked Diane to continue with the updates in her region. Diane explained update of the all day training on Oct. 14 th in the Brainerd region. She does two of these per year. This fall she will also do a fall outreach to senior groups in the further eastern towns in her region. Diane also explained about the distribution to the deaf groups a new CD on Emergency Preparedness. Next year the MADC Conference will be held here in St. Cloud the coming summer of 2009.
CONCLUSION	

HANDS AND VOICES

BRENDA HOMMERDING

DISCUSSION	Brenda shared about upcoming events. An EHDI training. A grant received from the Dept. of Health, there will be 4 regions on try out from the grant.
CONCLUSION	

DEAF & HARD OF HEARING SERVICE DIVISION

BRUCE HODEK

DISCUSSION	Bruce Hodek shared a bit of DHHS history and the legislation. A new program, Mental Health, is housed in our department. The program supervisor, John Gournaris, has 5 new counselors who are housed in St. Paul, Minneapolis, Rochester, Mankato and St. Cloud. Bruce introduced Alison Aubrecht, the counselor in the St. Cloud office. Alison shared a brief outline of the program and the boundaries that she will be serving. Bruce continued to describe the senior program and the PTE program. The State of Minnesota's
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	<p>fiscal year begins July 1st and this fiscal year we have received cuts in our budget, gave up 2 positions (which were vacant), decision on less, but keep the work at an A+ status. He encouraged the committee to contact their legislators to express their disappointment on cuts in service. It has been decided, there will be no community forum this fiscal year. Grant contracts, a total of 2.2 million dollars, increased from the 401,000 when they first started. The mentor program received 40,000/year serving a total of 13 families with more on the waiting list. Bruce emphasized again the importance of contacting your legislator, asking them to increase funding. Interpreter referral and interpreter related projects served 19,468 clients during fiscal year 08. Live captioning for TV, the TV station in Austin, MN applied for and received from a real time captioning grant for live captioning, when an emergency is happening, the station will broadcast with real time captioning for up to the minute coverage, there must be a 95% accuracy in the captioning. It was hoped the station in Alexandria would also be interested in applying but it was not interested. MADC will be in St. Cloud this coming spring (?). Bruce asked for questions/comments, there was a question about the deaf mentor program. One hundred percent (100%) of the funding for the deaf mentor program is for greater Minnesota, we serve 6 in our region. In the West region there is 1 family waiting and in the East region there are 2 families still waiting. Discussion continued. Question was asked regarding PTE (Pathway to Employment). Rich explained collaboration with DRS, the open captioning in emergency situations, and the CapTel phone. Bruce talked about the test pilot that will begin in July 2009 with a limit of 200 people receiving pagers and other types of phones. There will be an update later in the year.</p>
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CONCLUSION	Diane and Rich will follow up with members to talk about the legislators and how they can help.
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GENERAL QUESTIONS

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DISCUSSION	<p>Ernie Watson - handouts were given for the 2009 Communications Contest for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing students. The St. Cloud Optimist Club is interested in conducting a communication contest for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing this season. Last year there were no interested participants which resulted in no contest being held. If there are interested students, the club would need to know by February 1, 2009, with the stipulation of 3 or more students who would be interested in participating. Question regarding iPods resulted in a discussion on hearing loss and the cost of hearing loss due to new technology and the music.</p>
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CONCLUSION	If there is an interest in the Optimist Club, they can contact Ernie Watson at Apollo H.S., 253-1600 or the chairperson for the Optimist Club, Ginny Bisek at 253-1462 or gbisek@charter.net
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CSD INTERPRETER REFERRAL

MARTY BARUM

DISCUSSION	<p>At the present there are 160 interpreters state wide working for CSD Interpreter Referral Center and they are recruiting for more emergency interpreters, those who have interest in medical and legal. There are medical units who have video for interpreter online, it's great to use until and interpreter can get to the emergency post. IO you need a videophone, an internet and a TV/monitor and CSDIO can provide you with a video interpreter. IO is more cost effective, no 2 hour minimum fee, no mileage; it's a win/win situation. IO is now located at airports. Handouts were given.</p>
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MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM

ALISON AUBRECHT

DISCUSSION	<p>Alison introduced herself and explained about her program. Question asked on how she gets clients. Word of mouth, consultant referrals, letters of introduction. Her client list has grown steadily and she has a full load both here and in Duluth, where she drives to once a week to meet with her clients in that area. The age stipulation of clients is 18 and older. The program is studying children's mental health issues with a possibility, at a later date, to include student age clients.</p>
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CONCLUSION	NA
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PRESENTATION

SCSU –COMMUNICATION SCIENCES & DISORDERS DEPT.

REBECCA CROWELL

DISCUSSION	<p>Rebecca began her presentation by explaining there are 9 full faculty staff, Rebecca is the only audiologist. The program has Undergraduate Degrees; B.S. Communication Sciences & Disorders, B.E.S. and 2 minors, SLP emphasis or Deaf education. Rebecca explained, under the minor with an emphasis through ASL, a second ASL class was added, looking at D/Hard of Hearing licensure with the Department of Education working toward a teacher doctrine. CSD (Communication Sciences & Disorders) has recently hired a new person with autism. Audiology, 3 undergraduate courses, means we have more undergraduate programs than the region.</p>
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	Speech pathology (teacher level), new consultation, more on sensitivity, working with families, Audiology doctrine, Audiology clinic with hearing evaluations with multi programs, birth through 3 hearing screening, music –noise induced project, CIs -child, adolescent & adults. Research areas; counseling teens with hearing loss using the SAC-A and the SOAC-A, using narrative therapy, functional auditory assessments, auditory processing/speech perception –SCAN-3.
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CONCLUSION	NA
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CLOSURE

BETH SCHULTZ

Beth asked Diane if she would like to talk with those members who's term are finished in December. Would they like to do a re-term? Would members like to discuss now or contact them via email? A question was asked –will there need to be paperwork involved? The answer is no, unless they are finishing their second term and would like to go for a third term. If it is a third term, the member would need to wait a year before being re-termed.

Diane inquired of the members who would like to be the chair person for the upcoming year? Beth was asked by members, would she be willing to continue as the chairperson? Beth agreed - yes, she will do a second year as the chairperson. Vote taken, seconded, accepted.

Linda Hendrickson shared, a friend who has a hearing dog for the deaf, would like to present at one of their meetings. Diane will follow up. Beth thanked the speakers for their time and to the others who shared updated avenues with their programs.

NEXT MEETING	January 13, 2009
AJOURNMENT	6:00 PM
SPECIAL NOTES	Rich reminded the members and the guests, to remember Nov. 4 th and to get out to vote.