

Advisory Board Meeting  
6/20/05

Attendees: P.J. Rezmerski, Ken and Deb Lindberg, Tracy Koster, Pam Guerrero

\*No minutes from the last meeting.

### **Old Business**

- Brochures
  - Passed out newest brochures and showed new brochure for Senior Citizens
- Smoke Detector Project
  - Project hopefully completed this fall
  - Raised \$1200 but have goal of \$3,000 – PJ will be in contact with St. Peter fire department
  - Will have workshop this fall on fire safety and distribute visual smoke detectors to those who apply and qualify for the detector
- DeafBlind Pilot Program
  - The Pilot program has become a true ongoing program
- Consumers
  - Working with Disability Law Center and Emergency advocacy project on several cases (both medical and legal)
- Deaf Nation Expo and DeafBlind Expo
  - Tracy attended and found it valuable for several clients she serves
- Deaf/HH Awareness Day – Springfield
  - Area kids attended for pizza then watched the play “The Deaf Duckling”
  - The interpreter from that school got grant money for them to come.
- TBI Training
  - Tracy went to training to work with individuals who may have had a traumatic Brain Injury
- West Valley Deaf Club
  - Things are pretty quiet out west no big issues or concerns
- Survey for Families
  - Because Family Communication week is cancelled there will be a survey to see what interest families have for either a workshop/get away/camp
  - Exploring what topics are of interest to the families
- Interpreter Mentoring
  - Area interpreters are done for the school year – hopefully they will be taking their certification soon
  - Mentioned that we did bring up the idea of a traveling Interpreter Program but the logistics are impossible at this time
- Various trainings
  - Gave trainings at Marshall hospital, Owatonna hospital, Marshall Peer Advocates
- Intern

- Lexy Kastner has finished her internship and is back in Sioux Falls to complete the end of her schooling

## **New Business**

- Cross Cultural event
  - We are in planning process to add bowling in the Marshall area to balance out the skating event in Mankato. Working with Jill Rohman on this issue.
- Workshop/trainings with CSD
  - We are planning to join with CSD to provide workshops with the area Deaf community
  - First idea is to have a mini health fair – blood pressure, cholesterol, and so on
  - No dates have been set – thinking of possibly August
- Trainings at SCTC
  - Tentative depending on State Shutdown
- Storytelling at Barnes and Nobles
  - We have gotten the grant for next year.
  - They will be the third Saturday of the month except in December because of Christmas.
  - Have a couple of names to do storytelling but are looking for more
- MADC Conference
  - Will be coming up on June 24 & 25<sup>th</sup> in Rochester
- MRID Conference
  - Will be coming up on October 20 – 23<sup>rd</sup>
  - Will be in Mankato at the Best Western
- MCDHH
  - PJ spoke about his first meeting
  - They discussed about Interpreter Certification
  - Universal New Born Hearing Screening- majority are testing but are not reporting their findings to anyone, they would like to see it mandated
  - There is no formal organization for Teachers of the Deaf /Hard of Hearing
  - The Captioning bill passed there is \$300,000 for captioning live broadcasts (about 1 hour a day)
  - There is a bill pending of \$185 million to special education
  - MCDHH annual budget is \$90.000 including Mary's salary

No official comments from the Lindbergs – one rumor they thought they heard was that MSAD may be shutting down in 2007. We hadn't heard any news pertaining to that.

**Next meeting September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2005 at 10:30**