

SCAAIDD Executive Committee

May 22, 2009

Meeting Minutes

In attendance: Deborah Walsh, Terry Schilling, Ron Lofts, Grady Evans, Bryan Jackson, Amanda Diaczenko, Hester Wannamaker, Sims Lynn, Jay Altman, Rick Magner, Dean Redd, and Heather Waddell.

Debbie welcomed committee members and called the meeting to order. Minutes from the April 24th meeting previously emailed to the committee members by Heather Waddell, Secretary, were presented for approval. Grady Evans made a motion to accept the minutes and was seconded by Terry Schilling. Motion so passed.

Committee reports were provided as follows:

- A. Membership-Terry reported that the current membership is 80. She stated that we still have officers who have not joined and encouraged everyone to do so who has not. Rick did ask Terry to send a reminder email out to all who have not joined the SCAAIDD and she agreed to do so.
- B. Education-Amanda Diaczenko did present some educational information that she had researched as potential educational opportunities. The first that she presented was *“Staying Healthy: Developing a Sustainable Life-Pace”*: *Skills for Use by Those Who Provide Care and Professional Services to Persons with Intellectual and Developmental Disability*. This training workshop is for Professionals working in the Human Services field and for Caregivers of Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities. The Presenter for this training session would be Meredith Powers, MSW, who is currently a doctoral student in social work at the University of South Carolina. Her areas of interest include: *“The Helping Professional with Chronic Pain, Spirituality and Social Work Practice, and Self-Care in the Helping Professions”*. This would be a half-day of training and would be held at the Midlands Collaborative Training Center in Columbia, S.C. It was mentioned that she could also be a good candidate to present a concurrent session at this year’s SCAAIDD conference. The committee agreed to move forward with scheduling this training. The second educational opportunity Amanda proposed was *“Performance Management” Skills for Use by Those Who Work as Administrators, Program, and Departmental Managers in Human Service Organizations*. This would be an Introduction to Performance Management Systems Training for Professionals Working in the Human Services field. This training session would be led by Aimee Sickels, M. Ed. who is a professional evaluation and training consultant to both

governmental and non-governmental agencies operating at the national, state, and local levels. She is currently a doctoral student in social work at the University of South Carolina. Jay mentioned that if Amanda would co-lead this session, who is a licensed Social Worker, that people who needed CEU's for their licenses in Social Work could do so and would possibly draw a strong number in attendance. This would be an eight hour training session. There was a discussion led regarding prices for these training sessions. Amanda will speak to Bill Barfield regarding the ability of DDSN sponsoring these sessions. Amanda inquired about when these sessions should be scheduled and the committee agreed to schedule one in August of this year and one to be scheduled in January of 2010.

- C. Historian/Website-Hester posted the logo for this year's conference theme "Back to Basics" and added the "Call for Papers" information.
- D. Direct Support Professional Development-Nikki Bramlett was not in attendance at today's meeting, there was no report available.
- E. SCAAIDD Newsletter-Ron stated that he will send another newsletter out in August or September which will hopefully continue to draw the recipient's attention to this year's conference.
- F. Nominations/Awards-Rufus was not in attendance at today's meeting, there was no report available.
- G. Conference Committee-Rick stated that there was a conference committee meeting held today and that it was productive. The dates of October 14th, 15th, and 16th have been secured and that the contract has been sent to the Crown Reef.
- H. Legislative News-Bill was not in attendance at today's meeting; there was no report available.
- I. AAIDD News/Development-Dr. David Rotholz was not in attendance at today's meeting, there was no report available.

New business- there was no new business.

Old business-Ron stated that while he did not secure the position of becoming a Board Member for the National Chapter, Dennis Keys did secure the position. Mr. Keys is a Professor of Special Education at the College of Charleston and he is also the Chairman of the Human Rights Committee and the Charleston DSN Board.

The next meeting will be held on Friday, June 26th at 11:00am. There being no other business the meeting was adjourned.

Prepared by:

Heather G. Waddell, Secretary