



SCAAIDD

Executive Committee Meeting September 24th, 2010

- I. Call to Order-Chair, Rick called the meeting to order. In attendance at today's meeting were: Rick Magner, Renee Staggs, Dean Redd, Ron Lofts, Jay Altman, Rufus Britt III, Terry Schilling, Nikki Bramlett, John Hitchman, David Rotholz and Heather Waddell.
- II. Review/Approval of Minutes- Review of Minutes from our August 27th meeting occurred. There was a motion made by Terry Schilling to approve the minutes and was seconded by Renee Staggs. The minutes were approved and motion so passed.
- III. Treasurer's Report-Jason Tavenner, Treasurer, was not in attendance at today's meeting.
- IV. Committee Reports:
 - a. Membership-Committee Chair is Terry Schilling
Terry stated that we have 71 SCAAIDD members.
 - b. Education and Training- Committee Co-Chairs are John Hitchman and Nikki Bramlett
Nikki stated that there is going to be training for direct support professionals on September 28th. The training will be held in Room 251 at Central Office. There was an overwhelming response and Nikki stated that she had to deny people attendance due to space limitations. Anita Linder will be presenting the training session and the charge is \$25 for conference participation. Nikki did state that she was excited to see so much response and hopes to have an additional training session later in the year and to hold the training at a venue that will accommodate more people.
 - c. Historian/Website Development-Committee Chair is Hester Wannamaker
Hester was not in attendance at today's meeting. Hester did state that she has updated the website to include the upcoming direct support professional training session and the latest information about our October 19th conference.
 - d. Direct Support Activities-Committee Chair is Nikki Bramlett
Nikki stated that Anita Linder will be presenting a daylong training session for direct support professionals on September 28th. The location of the training session will in Room 251 at Central Office.
 - e. SCAAIDD Newsletter- Committee Chair is Ron Lofts
Ron will send another newsletter out electronically after our conference in October.
 - f. Nominations/Awards-Committee Chair is Deborah Walsh
Deb sent out information for nominations/awards last week. Deb did state that we are lacking award nominations and that we still need nominations for Secretary, Treasurer, and a member-at-large. *Renee did seek the input from Jason about his ability to serve as*

Treasurer for next year and due to other obligations, Jason is unable to fulfill the role of Treasurer for next year. The committee did ask Terry if she was willing to serve as Secretary and Terry agreed that she would serve as Secretary. John is currently a member-at-large and did agree to serve as First Vice Chair for next year. Lois Park Mole did send Renee an email stating that she would be willing to serve as our chapter's Treasurer. The committee did discuss getting new participants to serve on our executive committee for next year. Kevin Wright, USC, and Crystal Wright, CHESCO, were mentioned as possible members-at-large candidates. We did receive additional response and will send out a revised ballot.

g. Conference Committee-Committee Chair is Renee Staggs

Renee chaired the conference committee meeting today and let the committee know that we will have our conference on October 19th. Renee stated that the following concurrent sessions are confirmed: Mary Poole-“Team building for Front Line Supervisors”, Dr. Mary Tepper-“Practical Approaches to Dental Treatment for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities and Special Needs”, Angela Salisbury- “Making the Change: The New Day Services”, Dr. Linda Leech- “Addressing Grief and Loss with People with Developmental Disabilities”, and we will also have a panel discussion lead by Dr. Green to also include Brook Hartig, parent of a child in the EI program from the Charleston area and helped restore \$1.6 million in the DDSN budget to continue to provide services for those children served “At-Risk”, Carolyn Myers, serves at the lead spokeswoman for “Voice of the Voiceless” an advocacy group in S.C. and Judy Weathers from the Orangeburg area will speak on the “Impact of Intellectual Disabilities on the Family Panel Discussion”.

h. Legislative News-Committee Chair is Rufus Britt, III

Rufus discussed “Rosa’s Law”. “Rosa’s Law,” was named after a Maryland girl with Down Syndrome and passed the Senate last month and now goes to President Barack Obama for his signature. “Rosa’s Law,” eliminates the term “mental retardation” from federal laws. Rufus also stated that Samuel Baginostos, first in his class from Harvard University and an attorney with the Department of Justice, came to speak to a number of individuals on September 23rd in the Coastal Region in celebration of the 20th Anniversary of the ADA. He gave a strong speech to attendees and stated that the Department of Justice is focusing their attention on the rights and roles of people with disabilities. He also stated that the Department of Justice has hired a number of attorneys who will have a sole role of advocating for the rights and roles of those with disabilities. It was stated that the “recession in Washington, D.C. appears to have ended”. The Department of Justice’s mission is to ensure that the Housing Authority is in compliance for people with disabilities and that they have access to integrated housing opportunities. Dr. Buscemi continues to hold meetings with representatives from around the state to study and look at ways in which future budget cuts can be made while their direct impact on the population we support are minimal. Rick is asking all

committee members to submit any suggestions etc. to his attention so that he can share with the committee. Rick is also serving as Chairman of the *Human Service Provider Association* and he stated that this is a key topic with the HSP and would like to have a wide range of response from all stakeholders to share with the group.

- i. AAIDD News/Development- Committee Chair is Dr. David Rotholz

David stated that Ana Montoulieu's position with AAIDD is being eliminated as of October 8th. Ana had worked with AAIDD for 36 years at AAIDD, AAMR and AAMD. David did state that there could be other potential changes since there is a new CEO of AAIDD however, we will just have to wait and see what develops with the organization.

V. Old Business: There was no old business to discuss.

VI. New Business: Rick stated that we will hold our Annual Business meeting at our October 19th SCAAIDD conference.

VII. Adjourn: A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Rufus Britt III and seconded by Jay Altman. Our SCAAIDD conference will be held on October 19th at the Brookland Conference Center in West Columbia, S.C.

Prepared by Heather G. Waddell, Secretary