The Executive Committee met on Friday, April 24th at 11:16 a.m. at SCDDSN and the following people were present: John Hitchman, Terry Schilling, Laura Cooper-Davis, Renee Staggs, Jay Altman, Sloan Todd, Crystal Wright, Lois Park Mole and Nikki Bramlett.

Sloan welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

The minutes from the January 23, 2015 and March 27, 2015 meetings were reviewed. Jay Altman made a motion to approve the January 23, 2015 minutes. Terry Schilling provided the second. Motion carried. Jay Altman made a motion to approve the March 27, 2015 minutes. Terry Schilling provided the second. Motion carried.

Treasurer’s Report: Lois reported that the current balance is $33,200.68.

Committee Assignments
Membership: Terry Schilling reported that there are currently 69 members.

Education: The Committee previously decided to table the topic of education due to the amount of training that is going to be happening with Therap and other issues.

Historian/Website/Newsletter: Ron Lofts had previously been handling this. In a prior meeting he suggested one of the staff at his agency to replace him. Laura Cooper Davis will invite her to the next meeting. Jay Altman is going to contact Aaron Craven on the advertisement of the conference.

Direct Support Professional Development: Laura Cooper Davis will have a session at the conference dedicated to Direct Support Professionals.

Conference Committee: Crystal Wright is head of the Conference Committee. Conference planning is well underway. The Committee has leads on at least one keynote speaker. Concurrent sessions are being explore and confirmed. Sponsor and exhibitor sales have the potential to exceed last year’s amount.

Legislative News: Lois Park Mole reported on the DDSN Budget. An update is scheduled to be sent out by Dr. Buscemi today. The budget was adopted by the Senate Finance Committee. The budget includes $6.4 million to sever consumers on the waiting list, $2 million for an increase in rates to providers, $1 million for an increase in the hourly rate for respite, $500,000 for
work force issues, $850,000 for continued transition from regional centers to the community, $500,000 for additional post acute rehabilitation services and $500,000 for expansion and maintaining genetic services.

There are currently two bills that could impact the DDSN system. The first was introduced by Senator John Scott and would abolish the DDSN Commission and DDSN. It would establish a new division in DHHS to take DDSN’s place. The second bill was introduced by Senator Joel Lowry and would establish a different saving account for persons with disabilities.

New Business
Following several attempts to find someone to attend the National Conference Jay Altman made a motion the due to scheduling conflicts we will not send anyone to the National Conference this year. Renee Staggs seconded. Motion carried.

Old Business
Nikki Bramlett has completed the renewal form for the Secretary of State Public Charities Division Registration. This was signed by Sloan Todd, Chairman and Lois Park Mole, Treasurer. Lois will submit the form along with the $50 registration and 990 once the 990 is completed. The deadline for this is May 15, 2015.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned.

NEXT MEETING: Friday, May 22nd
11:00 a.m.
SCDDSN

Respectfully Submitted By:

Nikki Bramlett, Secretary