

**Minutes of South Dakota RehabACTion Board Meeting**  
**April 14, 2009**  
**Via Teleconference**

**Call to Order:** RehabACTion members gathered at various phone sites across the state for the RehabACTion meeting. President Elect, Eric Weiss, provided a welcome and call of sites. All Board members were present.

**Board Members Present:** President, Eric Weiss; Past-President, Steve Resick; President-Elect, Dawn Backer; Treasurer, Bernie Grimme; Secretary, Ronda Williams; Member at Large, Sara Kumpf; Provider Member at Large, Dave Halverson

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of the last meeting will be read by the new board members and an opportunity to approve them will be done at the next meeting. All were in favor.

**Membership Report:** Bernie presented the membership report. There are currently 96 SD RehabACTion members. People weren't able to renew memberships at the MidWinter this year and there are 11 people who haven't renewed, this may have been the reason. Steve mentioned Lifequest staff were considering joining RehabACTion, and wondering if there is a cut-rate from some of these bigger organizations to draw in more members. Sara mentioned possibility of a membership drive, if members can get a certain amount of new members, consider giving a free shirt or free membership to that person. Eric would like to see more providers involved. Steve made a motion to approve membership report, Sara seconded. All approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer's report from Jan-Apr 3, 2009 have been sent out to us. ERN Project REhabaction has been the fiscal agent for the ERN Project, and has been approved as fiscal agent for ERN in Aberdeen, Brookings, Sioux Falls and Yankton. Bernie has itemized expenses in Quicken if anyone wants to see it. Bernie reviewed payments, deposits, account balance and 18 month CD Values. Bernie would like to consider moving \$5,000 funds into another CD. Steve made a motion to approve report, Sara seconded. All approved.

**Old Business:** We planned at previous board meeting to recognize Counselor Appreciation Day with RehabACTion sponsoring breaks throughout the state in recognition of that day. We received notification too late to coordinate things and was also held on a weekend day, Saturday March 21<sup>st</sup>. Will consider this again next year.

**History of RehabACTion:** Bernie updated new members on history of RehabACTion being created in SD in 1999. Built up treasury as result of sponsorships in trainings, funding with CTAT. It was agreed at Midwinter conferences, RehabACTion would keep money from the conferences in our account, with the understanding that we would fund additional things for taking the fiscal responsibility of these conferences. About \$5,800 between fall and midwinter conferences that divisions put in that went into the treasury of Rehabaction. Helped with about \$1000 in these events.

Voting on door prizes or gifts can be time consuming. Bernie recommended perhaps a pot of money can be set aside to cover these for smaller cost items. A lot of discussion about state not being able to cover certain expenses, and this option allows RehabACTion members and others associated with RehabACTion and VR to benefit from this funding that wouldn't benefit otherwise. Bernie could address this as line items in the Treasury report. During events in 2008, Gaye & Grady allowed these additional funds into the account with the understanding that this would go toward other events. No line item was added at that time. If the Board decides to move forward, will need board vote to approve this new process. A few people on the board could put together a recommendation of guidelines for this process, and address it at the next board meeting. Eric is willing to put together some guidelines and share them with Gaye and Grady.

**New Business:** Eric brought forward a request to Sponsor a public meeting in Pine Ridge on behalf of Gaye Mattke. Suggested doing a public meeting on the reservation to include food would result in a better turnout. It is intended to bring out tribal government, tribal members, and people with disabilities living on the reservation. SBVI can't pay for food. Eric seeks board approval to use these funds to sponsor a public meeting, scheduled for May 21 at 11:00 in Pine Ridge. The cost will be approximately \$14 per person for lunch at Prairie Winds Casino, and anticipating 30-40 people. This cost to not exceed \$600. Consider this outreach to our Native American friends on the reservation and to enlist a potentially underserved area. Dave moved to approve and Bernie seconded the motion. No discussion. All approved.

**Region 8 Field Mgrs Meeting:** States take turns hosting these annual meetings to showcase their state, which include field staff and Directors. South Dakota has arranged for Keystone SD in June. TACE is covering the conference room cost during this meeting. No registration. Approximately 25 people from other states, 10 from SD. Asking for assistance with visitor packets at \$35 each, Mt. Rushmore passes, gift for speaker, and cost for breaks and the social the first night. RehabAction paid \$200 for deposit. Want to provide South Dakota-made products in visitor packet. Cost of breaks is unknown yet. Need consensus from board. Hoping part of breaks can be brought in to save some money. Bernie recommends about \$2000 for this event. RehabACTion banner will be displayed. Eric made a motion to approve an amount up to \$2000 for the meetings. Sara seconded. No further discussion. All approved.

Steve Resick's ARAN Board position topic will be moved to next board meeting due to time constraints.

Dave Halverson's FYI on SPED stimulus money topic will be moved to next board meeting due to time constraints.

Bev Peterson would like to request RehabACTion to sponsor a break at the Summer Transition Institute to be held in July. This will be added to the agenda for the next meeting.

**Adjournment:**

Ronda Williams made the motion to adjourn the meeting, and this was seconded by Dawn Backer. All were in favor.