

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors
of South Dakota RehabACTion
July 25, 2008 by Teleconference**

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Board President, Steve Resick.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS PRESENT:

President, Steve Resick; Past President, Cindy Ryan; President-Elect, Eric Weiss; Treasurer, Bernie Grimme; Secretary, Mary Lesselyoung; VR Member at Large, Dawn Backer. Not Present: Provider Member at Large, Cindy Kirschman.

REVIEW OF THE MINUTES/ ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:

Minutes of the meeting held 5/12/08 completed by Dawn were reviewed. Mary made a motion to approve and accept the minutes, and Bernie seconded the motion. All were in favor.

REPORTS:

Treasurer's Report: Bernie presented the Treasure report. The current checking account balance is \$33,794.08. The CDs have all expired and the money has been deposited back into the general checking account. \$733 was earned from the interest of these three CDs. Bernie will continue to compare interest rates at area banks before placing the money back into CDs. Wells Fargo is offering a 3% interest rate on CDs presently, and Bernie will check into the time factor associated with this rate. Eric made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, and this was seconded by Cindy R. All were in favor.

South Dakota RehabACTion Treasurer Report 1/1/2008 to 07/24/2008			
Category	Payment	Deposit	Difference
Aberdeen ERN *			\$0.00
Accounting & Fees	\$318.00		-\$318.00
Awards			\$0.00
Bank Charges			\$0.00
CDs		\$15,733.88	\$15,733.88
Counselor Appreciation D	\$434.10		-\$434.10
Donation - ARAN	\$3,500.00		-\$3,500.00
Donation - Other	\$537.67		-\$537.67
Fall Conference 07		\$954.00	\$954.00
Fall Conference 08	\$2,733.50		-\$2,733.50
Marketing			\$0.00
Membership	\$1,798.00	\$1,853.00	\$55.00

MidWinter 2008	\$7,308.29	\$10,725.00	\$3,416.71
Office Supplies	\$634.06		-\$634.06
Peer Support *			\$0.00
Shirts	\$552.74	\$95.00	-\$457.74
Training	\$620.54		-\$620.54
ARAN Conference			\$0.00
	\$18,436.90	\$29,360.88	\$10,923.98

Checking Account on hand at beginning of Year	\$24,033.81
Profit/Loss during Year	\$10,923.98
Checking Account Balance	\$34,957.79
Current Assets	\$33,794.08

* \$128.65 (1/1/2007) Peer Support dollars need to be credited back to SBVI

* \$2,575.06 credit to Aberdeen ERN on 1/1/2008

CDs

Dates & Rate	Expires	Amount	Earned 12/31/2008
6/8/2007 (9 Months) 5.25%	03/08/2008	ended	
8/8/2007 (10 Months) 5.22%	06/09/2008	ended	
3/10/2008 (4 Months) 3.45%	07/08/2008	ended	
Total		\$0.00	\$0.00

2008 Fall Conference: The annual fall conference will be held at the Ramkota in Rapid City, October 14-16, 2008. The main speakers have been finalized and the social entertainment has been planned. The Rapid City SHERM group will be involved with the event in the morning on the second day. The Agenda at a Glance was distributed and reviewed by Bernie. SD RehabACTION Provider Recognition Awards will again be presented at fall conference. The two award categories include: 1) Outstanding Provider in Providing Employment Opportunities and 2) Outstanding Provider in Leadership and Program Development. Bernie will be sending out instructions and applications for nominations in the near future. The Board will vote on the nominations at the next RehabACTION meeting in September.

ARAN Consortium Report: The last ARAN meeting was held 7/14/08 and Steve presented us with the update. Finances continue to be somewhat strained for ARAN. A review of their financial statement at the last meeting showed they are just getting by. ARAN is working on ways to increase memberships and especially increasing memberships in chapters where there is

no Administrative support. Texas is putting together some ideas on how to make chapters stronger. The newsletter, In the Public Interest, will soon be back in circulation. The House passed the ADA Restoration Act in late June. There hasn't been much other action in the Legislature to report due to it being an election year.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:

Coalition Summit:

Eric provided a report of the 1st. Annual SD Coalition of Citizens with Disabilities Summit which was held in Chamberlain on 7/8/08. Coalition Board members joined together with representatives from Advocacy, SBVI, DRS, DD Council, Prairie Freedom Center, and Mental Health to discuss future goals, obstacles, and concerns each group has. The most important issues to each group were identified and discussed. The ideas generated will assist the Coalition when legislative issues are being developed. The Coalition brought the ideas together and determined that their future direction will focus on increasing advocacy, maintaining funding, and strengthening equal access and civil rights for all individuals with disabilities. Eric and Steve attended this event and shared information on the focus and goals of RehabACTION. Brochures were distributed.

Electronic Votes Prior to Board Meeting:

The following requests were approved by electronic vote prior to the board meeting:

1. \$800 approved for the meal at the Coalition Summit. All were in favor.
2. \$200 approved for costs for the upcoming SBVI Transition picnic. All were in favor.
3. \$381 approved for costs for the Ryan Benefit. All were in favor.

Sponsor break for Provider Training in Aberdeen:

Cindy K. submitted and Steve brought forth a request from Kim Crossan to have RehabACTION sponsor a break at the upcoming Mental Health Provider Training in Aberdeen in mid August. Representatives from Behavior Management Systems will share ideas with local staff from the Northeastern Mental Health Center, DRS, and others regarding pre-vocational job readiness, job clubs, job keeping, supports and other strategies in job development. DRS will cover the cost of the meeting room. Kim is requesting assistance with the costs of the breaks estimated at \$120. Cindy R. made the motion to accept the request, and this was seconded by Bernie. All were in favor.

OLD BUSINESS: Cindy Ryan thanked the Board for the support provided for her husband's benefit. The DHS Benefits Committee was also thanked for a very successful benefit.

NEW BUSINESS: Cindy R. requested the Board consider offering a free SD RehabACTION membership for the summer intern who is working in the Pierre Office. Adrian is working on her bachelor's degree in Rehabilitation Counseling from a ND college and completing her internship with DRS. Currently this free membership offer is being made to all students enrolled in the Master's Program for Rehabilitation Counseling at SDSU. After discussion, the proposal was made to extend this offering to all future interns completing their undergraduate education in the Vocational Rehabilitation field. Bernie made a motion to accept this proposal, and this was seconded by Dawn. All were in favor.

Next Board Meeting: Next RehabACTion board meeting will be held Monday, September 15th at 2 pm central time via teleconference.

Adjournment:

Dawn made a motion to adjourn the meeting and this was seconded by Mary. All were in favor.