

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors  
of South Dakota RehabACTion  
September 15, 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; Provider Member at Large, Cindy Kirschman.

**REVIEW OF THE MINUTES/ ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:**

Minutes of the meeting held 7/25//08 were reviewed. Bernie made a motion to approve and accept the minutes, and Cindy K. seconded the motion. All were in favor.

**REPORTS:**

**Membership Report:** Bernie provided us with the membership report. Currently there are 90 RehabACTion members in SD which includes the 4 students. This is expected to fluctuate somewhat during the fall conference and hopefully we will pick up a few new members.

**Treasurer's Report:** Bernie presented the Treasure Report. The current balance in the RehabACTion checking account is \$27,517.50 and \$5000.00 in CD's. There have been various debits and credits for fall conference so Bernie estimates our actual assets at this time to be in the area of \$33,000. There was no Excel spreadsheet available at this time.

**2008 Fall Conference:** Most of the arrangements for fall conference have been finalized and there are just a few minor details left to work out. A \$100 door prize will be given away at the RehabACTion social as was done last year. Cindy K. and Mary will select a prize for the event. The Terry Redlin clock/picture went over well last year.

**ARAN Consortium Report:** Steve reported that Catriona attended the CSAVR and noted there is some interest in RehabACTion with new VR Administrators. Texas RehabACTion (TRAN) is planning their upcoming conference for October. Steve informed us he sent thank you letters to Senators Thune and Johnson for showing their support for the ADA Restoration Act.

**ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:**

**Thank you gifts to Ancillary Support Entities:**

Eric presented the idea of showing our appreciation to entities that provide support to Rehabilitation Services. The SD Association for the Blind has made available an account for emergency maintenance funds for consumers who are in need of services on a short notice basis. These maintenance funds are reimbursed to SDAB by Rehabilitation Services at a later time. Bernie informed the board that Deb Thiry with the Aurora Clerk of Courts does all of our

criminal history checks in a timely manner for no fee. Eric and Bernie discussed how it would be nice to show our appreciation for these services by presenting them with a SD gift basket or basket of fruit. The basket to SDAB could be presented at their conference coming up in October. Bernie made the motion to purchase a \$50 gift for each of these two entities at this time. Cindy R. seconded this and suggested we include a thank you card and RehabACTion brochure in the basket. All were in favor.

**Gift basket for Program Evaluation Summit:** Ronda Williams submitted a request for RehabACTion to purchase a SD gift basket to be used as a center piece and door prize at the upcoming Program Evaluation Summit in Salt Lake City the end of September. Bernie made the motion to approve \$50 for this basket and this was seconded by Mary. All were in favor.

**Provider Awards:** Bernie distributed the nominations received for the Provider Recognition awards. Six nomination forms were received and reviewed. The two award categories and nominees include:

- 1). Outstanding Provider in Providing Employment Opportunities  
Crystal Corliss – Sturgis
- 2). Outstanding Provider in Leadership and Program Development  
Bev Petersen – Sioux Falls  
Dave Halverson – Sturgis  
Cindy Kirschman – Aberdeen (3 nomination forms for Cindy submitted)

Discussion was held and board members agreed that the 4 nominees are all worthy of recognition for their dedicated work. Bernie made a motion to accept all of the nominees for a reward to be presented at the fall conference social. This was seconded by Eric and all were in favor.

**Coalition meeting:** A follow up meeting to the first annual SD Coalition of Citizens with Disabilities Summit will be held the 26<sup>th</sup> of Sept. This meeting will again be in Chamberlain from 10:30am to 3:30pm. Steve, Eric, and Bernie all have other engagements on this day so Cindy R. has volunteered to attend to represent Rehabilitation Services.

**RehabACTion web page:** Discussion was held on the new SD RehabACTion web page which is now being updated by Lucas Stoeser. Cindy R. requested a direct link to the ARAN website be made available. Deb B. and others commented on some of the lettering/printing used in the title. This could be made more attractive and eye catching with a different lettering style. Bernie requested that Steve send the minutes right to Lucas to post from now on.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** None.

**Next Board Meeting:** Next RehabACTion board meeting will be held Monday, December 1<sup>st</sup>. at 2 pm central time via teleconference.

**Adjournment:**

Bernie made a motion to adjourn the meeting and this was seconded by Cindy R. All were in favor.