

RehabACTion Board Meeting Minutes

DATE	January 28, 2011
TIME	8:00- 9:00
LOCATION	DDN- SDRC DO will call state office
Participants	Dawn Backer, Bernie Grimme, Eric Weiss, Vicki Nelson, Melanie Boetel, Bev Peterson, Ronda Williams

AGENDA

1. Call to order-Dawn Backer-
2. Review and accept September 7, 2010 minutes – Eric made a motion to approve minutes, Bernie seconded.
3. Old Business-None -
4. New Business

Request from Eric for help with expenditures for Focus On Success conference in April- April 4-6 in Pierre Ramkota. JAN, low vision and blindness topics. Request RehabACTion to pay some of costs for breaks. Attracts parents, students and professionals so want to keep registration low, \$100 for professionals and \$50 for students and parents. VR to pay for VR consumers. There is some funds from past conference that will go in to RehabACTion fund. SBVI Prospectives funds of \$252 can go toward the conference. Bernie made a motion to use \$1000 maximum, use the \$252, donate \$500 for sure, and if there is a profit made by the conference, all but \$500 would get reimbursed to RehabACTion. Ronda seconded the motion.

Update of Fall conference 2011 – Sioux Falls Ramkota Inn, combined with Special Ed summer training and BRN. SpED may do pre-training track earlier that day Oct 25-27. They are funding first speaker. They will have a separate registration with some separate tracks for teachers. 2nd day luncheon to do a joint session with BRN and speaker. Could have 300+ participants at the luncheon. BRN will have a separate registration as well. Fall conference planning committee is meeting monthly for planning purposes. Social to start after the annual RehabACTion meeting and the social start at 6:30 on the first day. Grady and Shelly Pfaff to probably present on VR legislation at state and national levels. Do provider awards during social. Bev to send flyer to teachers about the VR/Special Ed Fall Conference.

Website update-Sara Kumpf set this up. Consider asking her to update it. Bernie to check into the PayPal option. He will also check into a transaction fee.

Disability Advocacy Network with the Coalition- Eric-In 3rd year of existence (DAN). SD group of advocates on policy advocating for parents and families. Two meetings this summer and DDN rest of the year. Focus during legislative session tracking bills, keeping organized, and communicating to legislators on significant topics related to persons with disabilities. Sent letters to department secretaries regarding cuts, wanting to know how cuts will affect people with disabilities. They send the summer meeting invite to the president of RehabACTion. Eric getting off the Board next fall, but could remain as a Legislative Liaison to DAN ongoing. Will add this to Old Business to bring up at next meeting.

Legislative update of bills introduced related to our department Eric-Members of Coalition of Citizens with Disabilities receive legislative updates from Shelly Pfaff. One bill HB1070 requiring school counselors to be certified. Bill that proposed changing MR to cognitive disability, according to Eric, CMS hasn't recognized changing the terminology, so don't want to risk eligibility for programs with terminology change. Feb 15 Joint Appropriations for our department.

Annual RehabACTion meeting changed to Fall Conference. Do we want to do anything for reminding members? During the annual meeting, vice president to solicit nominations for new officers, and will need to do treasury report and membership report. Could do door prize at annual meeting.

Counselor Appreciation Day- March 20, 2011-Could mention during this that there is no spring RehabACTion meeting and it will be held at the fall conference. Could have a break with pizza or cake and bring in providers, board members, rehabACTion members, etc. Could send an email closer to the date for offices to arrange something.

ADA Celebration-ILC no longer has time to be fiscal agent so looking at another agent. Could REhabaction do this? Bernie agrees this could be done. Dawn could handle this locally then send emails to Bernie if any payments need to be made.

5. Treasurers Report- Bernie- Some reconciliation still happening, but pretty close to being finalized. Balance is approximately \$33,620 for year end. Dawn thanked Bernie for his years of service as treasurer for RehabACTion. Dawn made motion to approve the annual summary of the treasurers report and Bev seconded.

6. Adjourn-Bernie made motion to adjourn, Ronda seconded.