

RehabACTion Board Meeting

DATE	June 25, 2009
TIME	12:00 pm to 1:30 pm
LOCATION	Conference Call 605-773-2303. The password is 6306#
Participants	Eric Weiss, Bernie Grimme, Dave Halverson, Ronda Williams, Steve Resick, Sara Kumpf, Dawn Backer

AGENDA

<p>Call to order- Eric Weiss</p> <p>Review and accept Feb 23rd and April 14th minutes</p> <p>Reports:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Membership report- Bernie 2. Treasurer's report- Bernie 3. ARAN report- Steve 4. Report out on old business- Eric <p>New Business</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Request for financial assistance for the 2nd Annual Disability Summit 2. Annual payment to ARAN- Steve 3. ARAN board term- Steve 4. RehabACTion door prize for the Fall Conference 5. FYI on SPED stimulus funds- Dave 6. Guidelines & Criteria for minor items- RehabACTion fund for DRS/SBVI <p>Other discussion</p> <p>Schedule next meeting</p> <p>Adjourn</p>

Meeting Minutes

<p>Eric Weiss called the meeting to order.</p> <p>Steve Resick made a motion to accept Feb 9th and April 14th minutes and Dave Halverson seconded the Motion. All agreed, motion carried.</p> <p><u>Membership report- Bernie</u></p> <p>There are 94 South Dakota RehabACTion members currently and Bernie will be updating the list at the end of June.</p> <p><u>Treasurer's report- Bernie</u></p> <p>Bernie provided a handout with the breakdown of payments and deposits. RehabACTion is handling all ERN transactions for Aberdeen, Brookings, Sioux Falls and Yankton. This year, Bernie intends to complete the IRS 990 form himself instead hiring it to be done. Payments in the treasurer's report include purchases of awards for counselor certification, Presidents award, DRS/SBVI Board awards, Coalition, SBVI and door prize donations. Training costs include sponsored breaks at Case File Reviews, Catch the Wave, and Region 8 Field Managers meetings. Not all payments have been processed for the Region 8 meeting yet. There has been a down payment for the conference room and presenter paid by RehabACTion for fall conference 2009.</p> <p>Discussion was held regarding RehabACTion shirts. Will plan to give some shirts away to presenters at the fall conference and try to get the inventory down. Will consider purchasing a different style of shirt by fall 2010. Currently, there is an estimated 15 denim shirts and 25 polo shirts in the inventory.</p> <p><u>ARAN report- Steve</u></p> <p>In a May 4 meeting, John Olivera's term is up and Audrey Buttersworth is talking to Elmer Bartels (previous Massachusetts VR Director) about stepping in as the Interim President. They are struggling to continue funding Catriona to lobby for ARAN. Texas has agreed to subsidize for her cost to continue lobbying for three months. South Dakota is the second largest RehabACTion chapter in membership and in contributions, in the past paying \$3,500 per year. ARAN is trying to find ways to raise funds to continue to pay Catriona for her services. There are 718 ARAN members. John Olivera met with Catriona to discuss trying to reduce costs. She charges between \$20,000-\$30,000 annually for her service. Discussion was held about South Dakota continuing to pay for ARAN for other purposes, to include funds to Catriona for</p>

her service, but question if reauthorization will be happening any time soon and with financial difficulties ARAN is facing, if ARAN should continue to fund for her services.

Old business- Eric

SBVI public meeting spent most of the \$600 RehabACTion approved for the luncheon. About 20 people attended and it was located at the casino, outside of Pine Ridge. During the SBVI Case File Review, they had a "dinner in the dark" with some funds for this provided by SD RehabACTion. This dinner included VR Counselors, Rehab Teachers, and staff and students from the Rehab. Center. The Region 8 Field Manager expenditures have not been resolved yet, but purchases included gift bags and breaks.

Sara Kumpf made a motion to approve the reports on old business, Ronda Williams seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

New Business

Steve Resick brought up topic of turning his representation on the ARAN Board to someone else, as he has been on there for 2-3 years. It was suggested that the President-Elect Dawn Backer get more information from Steve about the responsibilities of being on the ARAN Board and bring it back to the board at the next meeting if she is interested in taking over that representation. A nomination would have to be submitted to ARAN for change of representation.

Bernie Grimme recommended procedures for certain RehabACTion actions that occur on a regular basis to be added to a document so those new board members that come in or other RehabACTion members can refer to information on the website on how procedures are done. Examples of this are ARAN board term updates and procedures to recognize RehabACTion retirees.

Eric Weiss requested on behalf of SD Coalition of Citizens with Disabilities financial assistance with the Second Annual Disability Summit. The total cost is \$1,350 for this year. Last year RehabACTion assisted with \$800. Bernie made a motion to approve RehabACTion to pay for approximately half of the cost, or \$750.00. Dave Halverson seconded the motion. All approved, motion carried.

Bernie Grimme requested RehabACTion pay for fall conference social door prize at \$100 and two booth door prizes at \$25 each, totaling \$150. Discussion was held and Eric agreed to contact Laurie Wehlander or another RehabACTion member that lives in the Huron area and recommend they purchase the \$100 door prize for the social that is "hunting" theme, and has a Huron flavor. Bernie made a motion to approve the request, Steve Resick seconded the motion. All approved, motion carried.

Bernie has requested financial assistance from the DD Council to contribute funds to the fall conference so that registration could be decreased from \$125 to \$100. He is waiting for the DD Council to meet to approve his request.

Dave Halverson updated the board on Stimulus funds given to Special Education. Suggestions are to use the funds for transition students, assistive technology for students and professional development for continuing education for Special Ed. Teachers (potential to hire substitute teachers for students so they can attend trainings, for example). Stimulus funds go directly to the school, who determine how the money is spent.

Eric Weiss sent out to the board members guidelines that could be considered when RehabACTion funding is allowed without prior approval from the board. Bernie suggested that these circumstances are approved only when either Division Directors are the ones making the request. Eric asked board members to take the document, make any suggestions and return it to Eric. A final document would be shared with Grady and Gaye.

Next meeting will be scheduled sometime in August or September.
Meeting adjourned.