

# Missouri Association on Higher Education and Disability Board Meeting June 18, 2009

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Present: Adam Meyer, Kim Fernandes, Jan Eudaley, Sue Matthews, Jennifer Argo, Amy Frieling, Maureen Ottenlips, Tabitha Haynes, Julie Bunch

Absent: Karen Blessman

Meeting began at 10:28AM

## **1. Discussion of Previous Minutes**

- a. Minutes have been posted on the website
- b. Minutes from Tall Oaks will be posted on website

## **2. Budget Updates**

- a. \$11,647.92 currently in account
- b. Member can contact Amy Frieling for more detailed budget information

## **3. Website**

- a. Nothing to report
- b. Adam mentioned that the website/Guidebook had increased hits. It was noted that this was most likely in relation to the transition trainings.

## **4. Jane Jarrow Audio Conferences**

- a. Three audio conference options were given
  - i. Distance Education
  - ii. ADA AAA
  - iii. Extended Time as an Accommodation
- b. The first two were preferred.
- c. The Board thought that the two preferred conference options would appeal to a larger population of people, as opposed to just service providers.
- d. Because of DOJ proposals in the future, it was decided that the ADA AAA conference should be second.
- e. The presentations would be approximately 90 minutes: 60 for the presentation and 30 for questions.
- f. Tentative dates/times for the conferences:
  - i. Early November 2009 – Distance Education
  - ii. Early February 2010 – ADA AAA
  - iii. Will try to schedule for Thursdays, 1:30PM – 3:00PM
- g. We need to be sure to promote accessibility on advertisements.
- h. Adam will communicate with Jane to work out scheduling.
- i. We need to start collecting registration fees by October 2009 but no date was set to start advertising.

## **5. National AHEAD Conference**

- a. Adam and Julie will be attending
- b. Amy will cover a presentation for Julie in Springfield. The board approved travel for Amy.

## **6. Board Meetings**

- a. We will have 3-4 phone meetings per year, or as needed, to take care of business that doesn't require formal board meetings.
- b. We will plan for 1 over-night meeting and 1 one day meeting, with our January meeting done via phone due to weather concerns.

## **7. Transition Training Updates**

- a. Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) trainings have been done in the following locations:
  - i. Jefferson City
  - ii. Kansas City x2
  - iii. Springfield
  - iv. St. Louis
- b. A parent training was done on June 11 with about 30 parents in attendance.
- c. No other trainings are scheduled at this time.
- d. VR would like to schedule this training for every other year.
- e. There has been a lot of positive feedback about the trainings.

## **8. Establishing a Transition Training Budget**

- a. 2008-2009 \$700 spent for trainings
- b. Beginning July 1, 2009, a budget of \$1,000 will be available for transition trainings.

## **9. Project shIFT**

- a. Adam has been selected as a participant for Project shIFT. He explained what the grant was and how it will impact higher ed.
- b. Adam is representing St. Louis University, not MO-AHEAD during this project.

## **10. Newsletter**

- a. Jennifer is looking for info for the next newsletter.
  - i. Project shIFT
  - ii. Save the Date for Jane Jarrow once dates have been set
  - iii. VR Transition Trainings
  - iv. Highlight a new provider

## **11. Miscellaneous**

- a. Yearly award to recognize outstanding DS member
  - i. need further discussion to work out details
  - ii. one idea was to present/announce award at Tall Oaks
- b. New providers audio sessions
  - i. Q & A for new DS providers, with experienced providers
  - ii. This will be great for networking and recruiting future board members
  - iii. Check with general membership to see if anyone is interested in participating or if experienced members are interested in facilitating. Board members will facilitate.

- iv. First audio session will be scheduled for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday in September from 1:30PM-3:00PM.
- v. Facilitators will depend on where the participants are from – someone from a community college should facilitate for participants from the same setting and the same for 4-year and private institutions.

**c. Mentorship**

- i. Adam has a list of names of experienced providers to contact to see if they are interested in being a mentor for a newer provider. Board members are also on this list.

**A special THANK YOU to Steve Bunch for the wonderful lunch he catered for us! We so appreciate your time and culinary skills!**