

VSHA Executive Board Meeting

March 26, 2008

VITV Sites

WHITE RIVER JUNCTION, WILLISTON, WATERBURY, BENNINGTON & LYNDON

Meeting Called to Order: 5:10

Executive Officers Present: Kari Fabrizio, Paula Gervia, Liz Adams, June Golato, Gayle Belin, Dinah Smith, Lisa Moore, Susan Kimmerly, Jessie Graham & Carrie Ross

MEETING AGENDA:

Medicaid: Sue Mason

AAC & Medicaid- Sue would like to hear from SLPs and audiologists in state. Issues that Sue is aware of:

1. inability of private practitioners to receive medicaid
2. availability of AAC devices
3. issue of Facilitated Communication and its impact

Sue: Working toward coverage of FM systems in the home & community setting. Make sure you make a good case. For example, need to make medical necessity case (e.g. to help generalization of speech skills to home). Things that don't really demonstrate medical necessity (e.g. hearing over a dishwasher). Definitions are different for children & adults. Liz's concern: audiologists are not physicians, so can audiologist make the call for a medical necessity. Sue: make sure your case stresses the importance of a medical point (e.g. Patient needs it when going to doctor's in order to understand doctor). Paula: Does physician have to sign off? Sue: yes, but SLP/Aud report is important; make case to doctor. Sue will write up step-by-step *How to Sheet*. Will get step-by-step to Kari. Lisa- Are kids still covered for evals/services that are not seen in the schools? Sue: As long as kids have a medical condition that clearly impacts their speech/language.

January meeting minutes-approved as corrected

Encroachment: Kari

ASHA INVESTIGATING ENCOACHMENT ISSUES. IN VT LANGUAGE/LEARNING DISABILITY PROGRAM THROUGH HIGHER ED COLLABORATIVE. JESSIE-THERE REALLY ISN'T ANYTHING GOING ON WITH THE PROGRAM RIGHT NOW BECAUSE THEY HAVEN'T ANYBODY TO STAFF IT. THE SEQUENCE WAS OFFERED TO ADVANCE TEACHERS AND SLPs IN WORKING WITH ADOLESCENTS WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES. IF IT GOES FORTH, JESSIE THINKS VSHA SHOULD BE INVOLVED AT SOME LEVEL IN THE PROCESS PARTICULARLY IF THESE FOLKS GET WRITTEN IN IEPs. JESSIE THINKS VSHA SHOULD MAKE SURE THERE IS SOMEONE WITH SPEECH & LANGUAGE EXPERIENCE ON THE BOARD.

FCC & Speech to Speech telephone relay service

BOB SPEIGLEMAN FROM SPEECH TO SPEECH- ASKED VSHA TO FILE ON OUR BEHALF TO FCC. VERMONT CENTER FOR DEAF & HARD OF HEARING WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH SOMEONE FROM VSHA TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO BETTER MEET THE NEEDS OF FOLKS (SPEECH DISABLED) AROUND THE STATE. GAYLE & JESSIE

WILL MEET WITH VERMONT CENTER FOR DEAF & HARD OF HEARING.

Programs-Carrie

Barbara Moore Brown-May 2, 2008

Conference at Lake Morey- 5 rooms for board members May 1, 2008

Gayle will poll the UVM students to assist at conference

Fall 08 -Terry Bellis October 17th, 2008

Board thought the Sheraton was a better choice than the Hampton

Spring '09- topic AAC; will survey members at conference to determine what in AAC folks are interested in. Discussion of having Sue Mason come in from medicaid to talk about how to get medicaid to cover it. Gayle-questions if UVM students can put up posters at conference in May '08.

Is there a student rate for conference? Not on brochure for May conference. Gayle will offer student rate (\$55.00).

Student who received undergraduate award will be invited as a guest to May conference and lunch.

Regional networking groups/advocacy meeting-Dinah

Dinah is stalled right now. There is a page on the website. Dinah need to figure out a general email blast. Has four people (Burlington area & central Vt) that agreed to regional coordinators. Still working on things. Will continue.

School Affairs/SLP-A Committee-Susan

SLP jobs are listed on SchoolSpring (Paula thinks she saw 14 jobs listed)

1 SCHOOL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE- 4 ADDITIONAL MEMBERS (DONNA FIALKOFF, ART FARNUM, DARLEEN & MOIRA MULLIGAN)

*BREATH OF SLPs ARE EXPECTED TO DO IN THE SCHOOLS

*MENTORING SLP-As SOMETIMES AN ISSUE WITH ADMINISTRATION

*CASE LOAD DEMANDS

2. SLP-A TASK FORCE

*GAYLE & SUSAN WORKING ON REPORT-L(PERCEPTION OF SLPs THAT THEY WOULD BE REPLACED BY

SLP-As, SLP-A IS TRAINING IS DIFFERENT IN SYSTEMS, AMBIVALENCE AMONG SLPs)

3. LICENSURE

CALLED ASHA -REVIEWED WITH ASHA REP (REND-WHO IS ALSO A LAWYER) VIA TELEPHONE

*IDENTIFIED LANGUAGE THAT REND THOUGHT WAS WEAK

*EXEMPTIONS SHOULD BE MORE PRESCRIPTIVE

4. SCHOOL CONTRACT ISSUE

* REND SENT SUSAN A BOOK WORKING FOR CHANGE-ASHA HAS BOOK

Membership-Liz

MEMBERSHIP IS DOING WELL THIS YEAR. 124 OR 125 MEMBERS AT THIS POINT IN 2008. LIZ DID A MORE RIGOROUS MEMBERSHIP DRIVE THIS YEAR. DISCUSSION OF 2 FOR 1 MEMBERSHIP DEAL. LIZ IS NOT IN FAVOR OF IT. JESSIE THINKING THAT THE 2 FOR 1 DEAL WOULD BE FOR 1 YEAR. IF WE DO IT, WE WOULD HAVE TO MONITOR. CONSENSUS TO PUT ON HOLD FOR NOW.

Public Relations-Lisa

ORDERING MATERIALS-DID THAT AND HAS SOME DOOR PRIZES AND BROCHURES FOR CONFERENCE. GAYLE, MOIRA & CHRISTI WILL DO DISABILITY DAY (HAVE BROCHURES). LISA DURSTEN HAS BEEN WORKING ON VSHA BROCHURE-HOPEFULLY TO BE READY BY APRIL. PAULA WILL TRY TO JOIN CHRISTI IN THE MORNING. JESSIE MAY GO IN THE AFTERNOON. BOARD NEEDS TO DECIDE WHO SHOULD GET THE BROCHURE BESIDES THE DISABILITY DAY. VSHA AWARDS ARE TAKEN CARE OF-CHRISTI WILL BE GETTING AWARDS FOR BOARD. PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT FOR BETTER SPEECH & HEARING MONTH-LISA IS NOT SURE IF STATIONS AIRED IT LAST YEAR.

50th Anniversary Party-Jessie

JESSIE- CHRISTI WASN'T TOTALLY EXCITED TO TAKE THE LEAD ON THIS. GAYLE WONDERED IF POSSIBLE TO HAVE GET-TOGETHER TO HAVE "PARTY" AT THE STATE HOUSE. SUSAN, JESSIE ARE ON COMMITTEE. GAYLE SUGGESTED HAVING PAST PRESIDENTS ON COMMITTEE. SUSAN OFFERED HER COMPANY TO HELP WITH SOME OF THE LEG WORK.

Website-

KARI WONDERS IF BOARD CAN USE FORUMS TO COMMUNICATE TO HELP TRACK OUR DISCUSSIONS.

Plan for update bylaws & policies/procedures:

BYLAWS & POLICIES/PROCEDURES NEED TO BE UPDATED. WILL REVIEW AT MAY BOARD MEETING.

May Board Meeting:

DINAH WON'T BE ABLE TO MAKE MEETING OR CONFERENCE. FINALIZE POLICIES/PROCEDURES AND BYLAWS.

RETREAT IS SCHEDULED JULY 12TH 2008

VSHA Phone for Gayle- all approved.

REBECCA'S GOING PARTY IS MAY 7TH, 200 WEDNESDAY EVENING

TO DO LIST:

JESSIE

- /* CONTACT MEG TO JOIN JESSIE & GAYLE TO MEET WITH VT CENTER FOR DEAF & HARD OF HEARING
- /* SEND EMAIL TO CHRISTI TO SEE IF PAST PRESIDENTS ARE INTERESTED.

LIZ-

- /* FIND OUT UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT WHO RECEIVED AWARD

KARI-

- /* EMAIL VT CENTER FOR DEAF & HARD OF HEARING TO FIND OUT EXACTLY WHAT THEY WANT. FORWARD ANSWER TO GAYLE AND JESSIE
- /* EMAIL TO BOARD TO REMIND US TO LOOK AT BYLAWS, ETC. BEFORE MAY BOARD MEETING

GAYLE-

- POLL UVM STUDENTS WHO PLAN TO GO TO CONFERENCE.
- LOOK OVER THE FAQs-REGARDING LICENSURE
- CALL SHEILA SMITH REGARDING DISABILITY DAY

LISA

- EMAIL BOARD TO BRAINSTORM WHO TO MAIL VSHA BROCHURE TO
- CONTACT VPR FOR PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

Meeting Adjourned: 7:03

Respectfully Submitted by,

JUNE GOLATO, VSHA SECRETARY