



## ITCA Board Conference Call Minutes July 1, 2008

**Board members present:** Ron Benham, Debbie Cheatham, Mary Ann Discenza, Rick Ingraham, Molly Dries Bright, Terry Harrison, Julie Curry

**Contract Staff Present:** Maureen Greer, Sharon Walsh

### Acceptance of Minutes:

Minutes were accepted as distributed

### Budget and Expenditures:

- Balance in Bank Accounts:
  - Savings: \$89,337.18
  - Checking: \$3,958.42
- Expenditures are at 33.7% of the budget

### Staff Report

- Governmental Relations:
  - Appropriations sign on letter: There were 38 organizational signatures and with an additional week there could have been more. The letter was a good first effort at a joint initiative.

### Committee Reports

- Legislative:
  - Allocations: The committee discussed the timing of the release of the allocations. The committee asked that the Board take a position requesting that OSEP use the most current census numbers available for determining state allocations at the time states submit their state plan. The committee asked that members be polled before the Board takes a position. The Board discussed the process for polling members regarding this issue and exploring whether there is a statutory barrier to this. Terry will follow up with Ruth.

- Medicaid Moratoria: Senate passed the bill that had been approved by the House and the bill has been signed by the President. There is a question about the exception in the statute regarding the definition of targeted case management. Sharon will check with her contacts to determine whether this is an issue that ITCA needs to follow.
- CAPTA Reauthorization: There was a discussion regarding the impact of CAPTA on Part C. Linda is developing a survey for members regarding this issue. CAPTA is up for reauthorization. Sharon is working with CCD on a Task Force to develop recommendations for any changes to the statute.
- Membership Services:
  - Mentorship Program: Georgia has requested a mentor to support the new Part C Coordinator. Mary Ann will help them for the next several months.
  - New Coordinator Orientation is on hold right now with the other partners.
  - The committee chairs will talk on July 10 to talk about next steps
  - TACSEI Grant: The membership services committee will make a recommendation regarding the use of the funding
- Data
  - The committee met at the data conference and will continue to revise the national survey questions.
- Family Alliance:
  - Molly met with Maureen Casey to coordinate activities between EIFA and ITCA as the official liaison.
  - They discussed the establishment of a library of pictures etc. but final details have not been decided.
- Awards Committee:
  - The nomination form for the Parent Leadership award has been distributed to Part C Coordinators, ICC Chairs, the RRCs, PTI directors, Family Voices, NECTAC, PACER, and the Federation.
  - Ron will chair the awards committee. There needs to be a committee composed of State members, a past award winner and a member of the EIFA Board.

### Old Business

- Summer retreat
  - Agenda items and materials need to be sent to Maureen by August 1. Terry, Maureen and Sharon will have a call at the beginning of August to complete the final agenda.

### New Business

- Inclusion Position Statement Work Group – Terry is representing the Association on this workgroup and will keep the Board informed..
- CONNECT URL (<http://community.fpg.unc.edu/>) – ITCA will distribute information on this web site to members.

The next call is on August 5 at 3:00 PM Eastern.