



ITCA Board Conference Call
May 6, 2008

Board Members Present: Julie Curry, Debbie Cheatham, Terry Harrison, Rick Ingraham

Contract Staff: Maureen Greer, Sharon Walsh

Acceptance of Minutes

The minutes were accepted as presented.

Budget and Expenditures

- Savings Account balance: \$97,967.21
- Checking Account balance: \$3,427.49
- Expenditures through April 30 are at 27% of the 2008 Budget

Staff Reports

- Administrative Liaison:
 - Membership: Memberships were received from Michigan, Louisiana and Maine. Oklahoma and Tennessee have submitted their invoice for payment. Kansas has a new Part C Coordinator, Tiffany Smith-Birk, and a welcome letter was sent to her. Mary Ann will be following up with her regarding a mentor.
 - Hill Packets: Sharon and I prepared materials for 25 packets for the OSERS/OSEP meeting and for Sharon's hill visits. We have established a process for routine updating materials and re-supply.
 - Newsletter: The newsletter was distributed April 8. The newsletter is distributed to all members, NECTAC, RRCs, Ruth Ryder and the EI Family Alliance Board. If there are additional people or organizations that should receive the newsletter, send the email addresses to the office.
 - Committees: Minutes were processed for the Data, Legislative and Membership Services Committee. The finance section of the national survey was revised for the Data Committee's review. Once that is completed, the national survey will have gone through the necessary revisions and will be ready for re-formatting.
 - TACSEI: I represented ITCA on a call for the Technical assistance Center for Social Emotional Intervention (TACSEI). ITCA is a partner in this project along with DEC, NAEYC, National Head Start Association, Pacer Center, NASDSE, National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors.

The 2008 work plan was reviewed. The project is interested in supporting issues for member organizations that relate to social emotional well being.

- Governmental Relations:
 - Hill Packets have been developed
 - FERPA – comments were received from members and a final document will be submitted this week.
 - Medicaid:
 - Medicaid Update was distributed today to members. Updates regarding Medicaid will be sent as they occur because of the changing status and its potential impact.
 - The moratoria legislation has moved to the Senate for action.
 - There is the possibility that the language will be placed in the Iraq continuation funding legislation.
 - As it is currently written, the language would cover all seven packages of proposed regulatory changes. ITCA is most interested in the following three:
 - Administrative Claiming;
 - Rehabilitative Services; and
 - Targeted Case Management.

Committee Reports

- Legislative:
 - Committee discussion focused on the FERPA NPRM.
 - EHDI Legislation (1198): Debbie has reviewed this legislation for potential impact on Part C. There is a potential of a perception of impact because of the proposed definition of early intervention. Sharon will follow up on the likelihood of this legislation moving forward. The legislation will be sent to several Board members who have Health as a Lead Agency to obtain additional perspectives regarding potential impact.
- Membership Services: No report
- Data:
 - The Data committee met to finalize the proposed revisions to the national survey
- Family Alliance: No report

Old Business

- OSERS Meeting:
 - Terry, Ron and Sharon met with OSERS Leadership and discussed the following issues:

- Regulations: Concern whether regulations will be available at the end of the summer as originally stated. The discussion focused on their hope to have them out by the end of the year.
- Allocations for State Grants: The Board raised the concern that the allocations may change again in June and that the changes create problems for states' budgets. The Board made it clear that there was not an ITCA position regarding this issue at this point.
- There was a discussion regarding the "tipping point" that states are facing regarding funding and the potential for states to drop out of Part C. States are turning to the following to deal with their financial crisis:
 - Narrowing of Eligibility
 - Use of Private Insurance
 - Family Fees
- Summer retreat
 - OSEP Meeting: Ruth will contact Terry with a potential time for a meeting with Staff in Baltimore.
 - Parameters for Influencing Legislation: Sharon has material related to this issue and will distribute the material to the Board. Julie requested that there be some orientation to this issue for new Board members. It will be important to understand this in light of the upcoming reauthorization of IDEA

New Business

- National Professional Development Center on Inclusion (NPDCI):
 - Terry has been invited to participate on a small work group regarding inclusion with DEC. Terry has requested that ITCA be invited to participate as a partner organization.
 - ITCA Position Statement: Sharon will draft a response that will be forwarded to Terry for her review and approval to respond to the email that was received. Sharon reviewed the process that is used by DEC regarding position statements. The Board recommended that this issue be placed on the agenda for the summer retreat. ITCA should develop a process by which position statements are developed and reviewed.
- ACT Early: Sharon has not connected yet with George Jessien but will continue to try.
- Maureen will follow up with members to check on accuracy of email addresses to ensure that all members are receiving all communications.

Next Board call: June 3, 2008 at 3:00 Eastern.