



## Conference Call Minutes February 3, 2004

Participants: Mary Jones, Andy Gomm, Ron Benham, Stephanie Moss, Monica Rutkowski, Sharon Walsh, Sarah Killion (for Maureen Greer).

### **Government Relations – Sharon Walsh**

President Bush released the FY2005 budget on February 2 and proposed \$466.6 million in funding for Part C, a 5% increase over 2004's \$444.4 million. The Board articulated its position in response to questions about the budget. This is, while the Association appreciates the funding, it is totally inadequate to meet the needs. Some states have been forced to increase family cost share, while others have had to restrict eligibility, because of limited increases in federal funding and while the Association supports Part B funding, it is short-sighted not to put funds into the birth to three programs. From 12/1/01 to 12/01/02 there was a 8.5% increase in children served but only a 5% increase in funding.

A legislative committee conference call has been scheduled for February 13, 2004 at 2:00 pm. Monica Rutkowski, Sharon Walsh, Linda Goodman, Ron Benham, and David Steele will be participating. Maureen will set up the call and contact participants with the information. The committee will work to develop a 2-page legislative briefing paper/document that will be suitable for sharing with Congress.

Sharon and Maureen have started outlining the "good news" document for Congress. It will be a maximum of two pages and will be designed for major impact. They will email it to the Board for approval and/or additions.

Sharon reported that she had been approached regarding appropriations and the Board approved her request to support a \$45 million increase each year for a five-year period. \$590 million is recommended this year.

Reauthorization – This is still on schedule for March and although staffers are meeting, there has been no major movement. This is likely to be a big election issue.

Sharon attended the first New IDEA Partnerships Project meeting on February 2. There were approximately 65 associations represented but ITCA was not included. It was her understanding that the Association is supposed to be a partner. Mary will contact Duncan to determine what ITCA's role is supposed to be and she will follow up with Joann Cashman, Project Director. . There is \$2 million available to be spent by associations and members on implementation of IDEA.

CAPTA - There was discussion about what kind of work product needs to be developed, and how and with whom it should be shared. It was determined that at this time the Association should continue to collect information from states and it will be shared with member states. The Child Find Community of Practice has identified CAPTA as an initial task/focus. Maureen Greer, Sharon Walsh, and Mary Jones will participate in a

conference call to discuss next steps with them. At a later date there might need to be an off-the-record conversation with Ruth Ryder regarding the fact that states are struggling with this and it would be helpful for OSEP to clarify some of the issues surrounding CAPTA.

### **Administrative Liaison Report**

Because of a lack of a quorum, the following items will be placed on the March agenda:

- Membership cycle for payment of dues
- Fiscal Policies
- Email/Electronic Needs
- Directors & Officers Insurance – Does the Association have coverage?

The Board expressed their appreciation to Maureen for all the work she did to develop policies and appropriate forms.

### **Newsletter**

The February issue should be sent to Association members. In addition, it should be sent to non-member states along with a cover letter containing a “This is Your Last Issue” message and encouraging them to join so they will continue to receive this one of many quality products produced by the Association.

Before the May issue, the Board will determine whether to send the newsletter to other associations or keep it as a member only benefit.

### **Leadership Academy**

Josef Reum has agreed to continue with the Leadership Academy. The interest and application forms have been updated and are ready to be distributed. Maureen is to select and email some dates to the Board for their consideration. Following selection of dates, forms will be sent to prospective participants.

### **Board Meeting**

The meeting will be held in Washington. The first choice of dates is June 25-27, 2004 but Maureen is to email the full board with some other options for dates.

### **Balance Sheet**

There were no questions. It was noted that there is a substantial balance and it was questioned whether the Association should engage in some additional activities. This will be discussed at a future meeting.

### **RFP Review**

The request for comments has been distributed to the board. Maureen is to make a final call for comments by February 10. After that date, the RFPs will be distributed as written.

### **Nomination**

Two nominations have been received for Treasurer – Terry Harrison and Lanier DeGrella upon consent from both individuals to be listed on the ballot. Maureen is to send out the ballot for voting.

### **Mentorship Update**

Some edits have been made to the interest form that Stephanie drafted. The board approved the form and Stephanie is to confirm with Maureen where the responses should be returned. Upon determination of where responses are to be sent, forms will be sent to all member states to determine who is willing to be a mentor and who is interested in having a mentor assigned to them.

### **Child Mental Health Workgroup Status**

Place on March agenda.

### **Early Childhood Outcomes (ECO) Project & Part C Workgroup**

Stephanie represents ITCA and Part C on the ECO Advisory Committee. Stephanie was directed to advise SRI International that Georgia, Donna Noyes (New York), Roseanne Griff-Cabelli (Delaware), Lanier DeGrella (Indiana), Linda Goodman (Connecticut), Diana Allen (Oregon), Sue Brown (Hawaii), Sandy Loerch Morris (Washington) and Andy Gomm (New Mexico) are being recommended for the Part C Workgroup. . In addition, Mary Jones (Idaho), Duncan Munn (North Carolina) and Monica Rutkowski (Florida) have volunteered to participate if additional representation is needed. The first meeting of the Part C workgroup will be March 29-31, 2004 in Albuquerque.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.