



Conference Call Minutes June 8, 2004

Board Members Present: Ron Benham, Andy Gomm, Mary Jones, Monica Rutkowski, Terry Harrison, Duncan Munn, Stephanie Moss

Contract Staff: Sharon Walsh, Maureen Greer

- Administrative Liaison Report
 - National Survey – The national survey is on the website and operational. Letters have gone out to Part C Coordinators asking them to update section 1 of the survey. The slow response will require some follow-up.
 - Leadership Academy – Plans will begin to develop a two day Leadership Academy
 - Newsletter- The newsletter is 12 pages this month and is focused on Reauthorization. It will be mailed this week.
 - Medicaid RFP – The discussion with Mercer continues and a new proposal will be submitted for the Board review.
 - Summer Retreat – Hotel arrangements are complete. Board members need to come in on Thursday evening for an 8:30 start of the Business meeting. Board members are responsible for their own travel arrangements. Please notify the office when travel arrangements are complete.
 - Membership Year – Discussion that have been held during the last several calls concluded with a motion by Duncan Munn and seconded by Terry Harrison to align the membership year with the Association's fiscal year. The motion was approved unanimously.
- Committee/Project Reports
 - Legislative – The legislative committee meets monthly by conference call. They are currently working on Reauthorization conference issues and appropriations
 - Mentoring – Stephanie submitted a written report indicating that one mentoring match had occurred and is progressing well.
 - CAPTA Follow-up – A conference call with our CAPTA call partners will be held to identify appropriate next steps.
 - IDEA Partnership – Maureen will serve as the contact person for this partnership on behalf of the Association.
- APR Call
 - There was a lengthy discussion regarding the APR call co-sponsored by OSEP and the Association. There remains significant concern regarding issues raised in the call. Additional concerns focus on the letters that some states are receiving regarding their APR. Mary will contact Ruth and request the Association receive copies of all APRs submitted. An email will be sent out to states requesting copies of APR response letters from OSEP. This issue needs to be part of the discussion with OSEP

at the summer Board meeting. In preparation for that visit, the Board will hold a second call in July to focus specifically on APR issues.

- Communication
 - A committee was established to provide recommendations to the Board regarding tools of communication between the Association and its members. How does the Association communicate effectively and efficiently? Members include: Andy Gomm, Monica Rutkowski, Sharon Walsh and Maureen Greer. The report is due at the July Board meeting
- Wisconsin – The Association received letters from the Wisconsin Part C office dealing with the funding methodology. Ron and Mary will stay in touch as their issue moves forward.
- Legislative Liaison Report – Sharon
 - Senate Reauthorization – The conference Committee has not been established and prospects look dim for reauthorization to be concluded prior to the November elections. If this happens, the process must start from the beginning with the new Congress in January.
 - Good News Document – Sharon provided a draft of this document that will be utilized on Capitol Hill for the appropriations discussions with congressional staffers. Board members are asked to review and provide comments to Sharon by June 14.
 - The information on proposed changes to TennCare will be distributed to members to inform them of potential parallel Medicaid changes along with the statutory language regarding catastrophic care funding language. Maureen will follow up with JoLeta about her discussions with Medicaid.
 - Maine's proposal regarding changes in Part C lead agency: Sharon has been pursuing J.C. Holmes proposal. There is no support from leading organizations in Washington and no interest to date from Congress. Sharon will continue to monitor the situation. Mary talked to JC and requested that when she was taking action related to Part C issues, that the Association be provided a courtesy copy.