



ITCA Board of Directors Conference Call  
December 1, 2003

Board Members Present: Duncan Munn, Andy Gomm, Stephanie Moss, Ron Benham, Linda Goodman

Board members absent: Mark Sharp, Monica Rutkowski, Mary Jones

Contract Staff: Maureen Greer, Sharon Walsh

Administrative Report

The annual business meeting proceedings have been drafted and are out for review by the Board. Meeting packets have been distributed to member states that were not at the meeting. Additional newsletters are being printed for New York to utilize in recognition of the inaugural award presented to Margaret Sampson.

A current membership list has been distributed. Final notices will be sent after the first of the year. Follow up calls will be made to identify any issues related to continued membership.

The Zero to Three data book has not been received as of yet. They will be distributed to all states including non members with a specific cover letter that speaks to the benefits of membership, encouraging them to join.

Bill Payment Policy

Ron Benham moved that check writing be moved to the Association office with staff processing bills. Prepared checks will be sent to either the President or the Treasurer for signature. Staff will research the movement of the checking account to Indianapolis and utilizing electronic funds transfer for greater efficiency.

Legislative Update

The House/Senate Conference Agreement provides a \$13 M increase in the Part C appropriation. However, final passage of the funding levels for the year starting 10/1/03 is delayed until Congress convenes in mid January 2004. We are currently under a Continuing resolution at last years' appropriation levels. The question was raised of whether the Association should support the new Birth to Six option in the Senate bill as reported because of the potential loss of funding for all states to fund the new option. IN addition, there is no additional funding related to the Birth to Six option. There will be an opportunity to influence this issue during the conference. Based on the discussion,

The Association will withhold support for the Birth to Six option until the financial issues have been resolved

The Senate bill has resolved an important transition issue proposing to remove the requirement for Part C systems to provide FAPE for children who stay in Part C for the summer after their third birthday prior to initiation of their IEP.

The implications of CAPTA and its effect on state Part C systems - send e-mail survey to members to solicit input to be used by Sharon in her work with Congress. The survey should include questions related to:

- Reduction in Part C eligibility
- Have you begun to work with your CPS agency?
- Impact on At Risk states
- Projection of numbers of substantiated abuse and neglect cases below the age of three
- Implication of continued participation in Part C
- Potential Costs for evaluation
- Potential Costs for services
- APR Financial page
- Are you interested in an ongoing discussion of this issue through a listserv?

Information request will go out to member states by the end of the week with a 2 week turn around.

#### Follow-Up Issues from National Meeting:

- Sharon will approach the National Association of Social Workers, the Child Welfare League and Zero to Three about their interest in developing a resource document related to children with substantiated abuse and neglect.
- Child/Family Outcomes Center - Duncan will work with the Center to identify a representative to serve on the Advisory Board

#### Resource Paper RFP

Staff will provide listing of agreed upon resources paper RFPs. At least two topic areas will be prepared for the January Board call.

Next Conference call: January 5, 2004 - 3:00 PM EST

#### Agenda:

- Leadership Academy
- Mentoring Program
- Abuse and Neglect Survey responses