

August 12, 2014
NHSLHA Board Meeting

Present: Todd Butler, Cass Chapman, Vicki Chesterly, Cara Girolimon, Melissa Mercer, Erin, Fortier, June Adinah, Barbara Ahlgren

1. CONFERENCE: SNHU is booked, insurance is set, eblast went out yesterday. Brochure has been edited. Cara will send the edited version to Todd who will get it to ASHA for approval. Todd posted info. about the conference to our Facebook page.

Todd suggests we wait to email our membership and the individuals that we sent "save the date" info. to until next week. Since the ASHA eblast just went out, we want to be careful not to saturate the folks with info.

Erin will go to Sam's Club and get snack foods after contacting Gina re: her thoughts on this.

We will need to ask Gina about what the plan is for handouts. We don't want to print them – if presenters can get their handouts to us, we'll put them up on our website. SNHU should have the capacity to help us with having this be accessible to folks who bring their devices to the conference.

Erin mentioned that it would be good for us to know if we should make signs to direct folks to the location. We might not since we are using only one room. We could put this info. on the website along with the handouts. Parking is on the other side of the street from where the conference happens. We also need to let people know where to go to purchase lunch.

2. Vicki asked if everyone got an email from our lobbyist? It was regarding Medicaid/Managed Care and authorization for payment for speech therapy. Cass shared info. Managed care has come in and is "trimming the fat". Cass feels that what is being denied are those cases where best practice isn't being followed or clients are not making progress. Managed care is looking for evidence-based practice and this is very different from what has been going on for the last 50 years or so.
3. June suggested we begin to think about the next conference!
4. There is an action alert from ASHA re: Medicare and tele-health. It appears to be a good thing in certain situations. We briefly discussed the concerns and the benefits.

Meeting adjourned. Our next meeting will be September 9, 2014.
Minutes taken by June Adinah