

NHSLHA BOARD MEETING
June 10, 2014

Present: Todd, June, Gina, Carolyn, Cara, Barbara, Cass, Kelsey Hall (visitor), Melissa Mercer (visitor), Annie

- I. Minutes from last month's meeting. No comments/questions. The minutes were passed without discussion.
- II. SPEAKERS for 9/26/14: Patty Prelock is locked in and confirmed for our one hour keynote speaker. For the keynote, the topic is "Advocacy, leadership and volunteerism: Strategies for Member Success." She will do a 90 min. to up to a 3 hour presentation for \$1250.00!! She suggested: theory of mind and assessment; parent training for ASD; best practice in intervention; and recreation and leisure for ASD. Gina suggests the professional topic and targeting strategies. Many of us agreed. Jared could do a 2 hour presentation. Jared Skowron is a naturopathic physician who uses diet, OT, SLP, Nutritional/herbal supplements to treat his patient's with ASD. He works exclusively with people on the spectrum. He is available on 9/26. He sent Gina samples of videos of his past presentations – he is a dynamic speaker, easy to listen to and has a nice presence. Part of his mission is to empower the parents.

Now we have to solidify the venue. Granite State College only seats 100 people and would limit us in terms of audience. Our last conference was just shy of 100. The Tech in Concord and Southern NH University seat more than 100 people. We'd like a place between 150-200 that is not costly. Carolyn also suggested we look at Saint Anselms. Antioch and Keene State College offer degrees that focus on ASD and may be interested in hosting. Manchester CC could also be a possibility. Gina wonders about looking at non-profits in the area and whether or not they have space. Kelsey got onto the internet and did some browsing as we spoke.

Todd suggested we form a small group to look into space. Annie will call the Concord Public Library. Gina and Annie will coordinate who calls whom and Todd would like to know what is decided and if they need help.

We discussed the fee for the conference. The group appeared to feel that around \$150 would be fair and below the going rate for CEUs. We could have a professional rate and then a non-professional rate. CEUs would be available for those who pay the professional rate....Todd thinks it would be a good idea to have just one rate. We need to think about this a bit more, see what our venue will be a how much (if anything) we will pay for the place, and then decide this. Carolyn made a motion that "we charge \$149 if things go the way we

hope they will go". The group voted 4 in favor of this and 3 against with the motion passing.

Gina suggested we look at marketing: who will we contact, how will we contact, when will we contact. We should brainstorm a list –

NH Listserve

NH OT Assoc. for website advertising/ listserve

Easter Seals Autism page on Facebook

Elizabeth Webster, Julie Cyr

SERESC, ABLE NH, IOD at UNH, Strafford Learning Center

Keene and Antioch, UNH, Crotched Mt.

SpED directors

Autism Bridges (Bedford), Northstar (Bedford), Autism Intervention

Specialists in Nashua

Swing for the stars, Northeast Rehab in Londonderry

NH Council on Autism Spectrum Directors

Northern Human Services

RISE, Early Intervention Services

Community Bridges, Moore Center, Gateways, Community Partners,

One Sky, Northeast Passage

Vt./Maine/Mass SLHA

Birchtree Center in Newington

CHAD in Lebanon and Manchester

Dartmouth-Hitchcock around state

Naturopaths around the state

Autism Speaks

WIDEKO School, Contoocook School, New England Center for Children

Spaulding Youth Center, NH Family Voices, Parent Info. Center

SpEd Pack in Bedford & Londonderry, Green Guard Center for Autism

Greenwood School in Putney, Vt., Landmark College in Putney, Vt.

Create in Manchester

Please send additional places/people to Gina and June.

Brochure: Vicki and Erin did the last one. Vicki designed it online and electronic notification was done, not snail mail. Cara has offered to take the brochure on (her father does this for his work!!!).

We need to get the presenter's info. for learner objectives and financial/non-financial disclosures. Gina and Cass will do this. Cass will have Patty send the info. directly to Gina.

Gina would like to offer to Jared that he be allowed to sell his book at the conference since he is not being paid for his presentation.

Gina will not be able to attend the conference as she'll be in PA that week.

- III. Treasurer's report from Carolyn. \$3316.59 in our account and another ~\$300 coming in the mail. Our main expenses are our lobbying firm and Erin's salary. Our CE administrator fee will be up for renewal via ASHA in the fall of 2014.
- IV. We discussed the importance of having a July meeting this summer instead of skipping it as we often do. We will need to do work for the conference in July. The date would be July 8th at 6:00 pm.
- V. Carolyn said that our Board meetings are supposed to be open to the public and dates for meetings are supposed to be posted in a timely manner. Gina doesn't think we are a public board like governmental boards.

Important points: we can't vote on anything via email. We can discuss issues and share opinions via email.

We need to find out what kind of a board we are and if there are guidelines that we should be aware of. 501-C3 is something we are. How do you find this out? Cass will ask Debra Snow Major re: are there different kinds of designations for boards in the state of NH. Are there protocols that we should be following? Are we a private board?

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm. See you in July on the 8th at 6:00 at HealthSouth.

Minutes taken by June Adinah