

## NHSLHA Meeting Minutes for 9/13/16

Members present: Anne Doyle, Bridget Powers, Kerri Miloro, Gina England, Erin Fortier, Lisa Minahan, Bernadette Quinn, Melissa Mercer

Call to order: Anne called the meeting to order.

Review of minutes: minutes from July meeting were accepted with some spelling corrections, following a motion by Bernadette and seconded by Gina.

### **Old Business:**

- Annie is getting a card to thank Cass Chapman for her service to the board
- Annie reported that she continues to attempt contact with the Medicaid Administration Bureau re: in-service planning.
- Annie reviewed strategic planning items:
  - Completed items include quarterly regional meetings and a directory of potential conference speakers and their relative areas of expertise
  - Not yet completed, with goal deadline of June 30, 2016 were members only section on website and website pages for consumers and related resources

### **Conference planning:**

Modifications to conference offering were planned and agreed upon by the group re: speakers. **Adults:** Gina- 6.0: Impact of reflux on perception of swallowing, Keri-3.0: Head and Neck cancer, swallowing, Joan-3.0: Dementia and Sensory loss relative to feeding issues

**Peds:** AAC-Practical application of AAC (Lauren Koczarski), Stuttering and ASD (Scaler-Scott), EF (Katherine Ransom)

Jon offered to pick up Kathleen Scaler-Scott on the 8<sup>th</sup>, and Anne or Bernadette will deliver her back to the airport after (flight departing at 6pm). She will need to end her program at 3:45.

Gina continues to investigate venues in the Concord Area. Group agrees that on-site lunch is desirable and Gina will explore.

Group wonders if it might be possible to make all sessions' content available to all registrants via video, webinar, etc. and available for additional CEU's...the group agreed that such options should be considered for future conferences.

Conference pricing was discussed: Group agreed to advertise for and sell memberships at the conference rather than selling membership with registration. Group agreed that there should be a discounted rate for members.

**Regular business:**

- Melissa reported that the newsletter is done and Kerry is reviewing it. More materials are needed and board member bios are still needed from some.
- Fall meet-ups should be scheduled for October or November at members' convenience. Members should plan and send Erin the dates by the end of the month. Melissa/Kerry who can post to Facebook.

**Other business:**

- Vicki made a request that the board discuss workload/caseload issues at a future meeting
- Annie requested that members make use of our paid subscription to Azendoo with an aim to minimize lengthy and confusing e-mail threads, enhance communication and express preferences using the polling feature for decisions that need to be made between meetings.
- Anne commented that her term ends June 2017. Melissa suggested that Anne extend her term.
- Gina announces that she is doing a free/open to the public presentation on 9/22 from 5:30-7:00 on simulation therapy as part of rehabilitation week.
- Vicki provided, via e-mail, NHSLHA Governmental Affairs Report, dated 9/12/2016. This was also uploaded to Azendoo.
- Kerri nominated Lisa Minahan for board position of SLP Advisor for Private Practice, seconded by Bernadette and unanimously approved.

**Next meeting: 10/11/2016 6pm**

Respectfully submitted,

Bridget Powers