TASP Officers Meeting

6/5/14

Present: Susan Yuan, Ginny Cruz, Bernadette Irwin, Sue Jones, Leslie Kinney, Ellen Gilmartin.

1. The Officers discussed changes that will need to be voted on or announced tomorrow with respect to the Board of Directors. A large part of the goal with these changes is to bolster some of the committees that need help.

1. Susan Yuan is appointing Lynn Fogg-Cornelio to the board. She has been working hard on behalf of the training committee, and is willing (and has the skills to) help with the tech committee. Lynn is an employee of the DDS in CT and is working to establish their new Medicaid waiver service for parent training for their clients who have children.
2. Susan Yuan has invited Traci LaLiberte to the join the board, but so far we do not have a response.
3. Susan Yuan is appointing Denice Mock to the board. Denise has shown her dedication by jumping right on a plane and coming to this conference and meeting this week; she has been working very hard on the tech committee and is now serving as its chair. As the chair of a committee, she has to be on the board.

2. Tech Committee development:

Denice Mock is chair. Other members are: Leslie Pokras; Sylvia Long has agreed to do some limited tasks; Lynn Fogg-Cornelio; and Bernadette Irwin. Susan Yuan will have a limited role also, as the Executive Committee person on the tech committee. PJ will be informed that the following people should have authorization to change our web page:

* Susan Yuan
* Denice Mock
* Additional person, to be determined.

4. AAIDD link: Maggie Nygren hasn’t been involved, so we will ask Nicole Brisson to get reinvolved as TASP’s representative on their SIG re Parents with ID.

5. A few other names discussed for possible future involvement in TASP: Ann Cameron of the National Arc; Nancy Thaler, Executive Director of NASDDDS (Susan will talk to her).

3. Discussion of concerns about the plan to have the 2015 conference in Tennessee:

The budget doesn’t seem to be realistic. It would be very expensive for many people to come due to high plane fares and expensive food. In order to help support self advocates’ participation, TASP would have to subsidize more than we could afford. It could be a money loser not money maker for TASP. Susan Yuan will discuss these concerns with the TN people, Ashley Tennessee and Malissa Duckworth. Their enthusiasm has been admirable and hopefully we can keep them engaged either way.

4. Other possible conference venues: Minnesota; Ed Roberts Campus in Berkeley CA; Denver and Baltimore have been old standbys but Denver is not really as available as it was.

5. Research Committee:

a) Research committee includes: Chair Maurice Feldman; also, Sandy Azar, David McConnell, Liz Lightfoot, Nicole Brisson, Catherine Wade; Ella Callow; maybe Traci LaLiberte.

b) Survey work is not really happening; not much contact from Chris Smith.

c) We may soon have the capacity to recruit parents for participation in research as respondents. Robyn Powell has pointed out that this would be helpful. We need some basic research on who is already supporting these parents, paid or unpaid.

d) It was suggested that someone could get permission to use Gwenyth’s instrument. Mikaela may also be a resource. Catherine may want to take the lead on replicating her work with a US sample. Also Sandy Azar.

e) Research and practice need to inform one another, and help guide TASP’s efforts; grant priorities for the future.

f) Susan Yuan will talk with Maurice about where he sees the committee going and see if we should have smaller subgroups that have a better chance of actually connecting.

6. The Board should try to have a face to face meeting as often as possible; it is very difficult to keep momentum going when we only meet on the phone.

*Respectfully submitted by Ellen Gilmartin on 6/17/14*