

ICA Council of Leaders Informational Meeting  
February 28, 2011  
Via Teleconference  
Reported by Stacy Roberts

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Members Participating in Teleconference: Diana Pals (ICA President), Lori Fairgrieve (ICA Past-President), Heather Tustison (President-Elect & Conference Chair), Sue Holmes (ICA Executive Director), Stacy Roberts (ICA Secretary), Sachin Jain (ICA Treasurer), Julie Thompson (IMHCA President), Ginny Armstrong (ISCA President), Jennifer Ross (ICDA President), Larry Lutz (Bylaws Chair), Linwood Vereen (Membership Chair), Chandra Salisbury (Graduate Student Representative); Bobbie Birdsall (Professional Standards Chair); Matt Salisbury (ICA Lobbyist), Eric Pettingill (ICA PP&L)

1. Call to order:
  - a. 7:06 pm President Diana Pals called meeting to order
  
2. Report from Matt Salisbury on Lobbying Activities
  - a. Met with Senator McKenzie from district 12 regarding bill 1104
    - i. Senator Stegner introduced this shorter 8 page bill
    - ii. Discussed ICA's concern with bill 1104
    - iii. Bill prohibits any mental health provider from being on State Behavioral Health Planning Board
    - iv. Senator didn't actually have objection to a mental health provider on the board and wasn't sure why wording was in there.
    - v. Senator McKenzie said based on language, he will work with Senator Stegner and Governor's office to get language changed before it heads to the house
  - b. Today Matt met with Ann Beebe, staff member for Gov Otter, in charge of boards and committees
    - i. She felt regional mental health board and substance abuse boards will be combined
    - ii. ICA letter was mailed but not received (possibly incorrectly delivered by staff) seeking counselor representation on board
    - iii. Letter will be redelivered to Tammy Perkins
  - c. Goal is to have ICA viewed as resource or tool for the legislative members to contact regarding counseling/mental health issues
  - d. Pursuing meeting with Tammy Perkins to review bills pertinent to ICA
  - e. Opening on the state board for Marriage and Family Counselors and Marriage & Family Therapists—must be a licensed Marriage & Family Therapist
  - f. School Counselors— Matt suggests school counselors forward him list of objectives and he'll present it to lawmakers—(Bob Soloman said he would assist with this)
    - i. 2 bills are going to house this week in addition to bills at the federal level impacting school counseling programs
      - A. Dominic Holt with Public Policy & Legislation at ACA and can be a resource for ISCA
      - B. Information and resources are on ACA's website regarding federal legislation
    - ii. Matt states if there is something in particular, a certain issue, the language can sometimes be stricken from the bill on the floor

- A. Ginny suggests that it would be beneficial if there is wording that can separate counselors from teachers
- B. With cuts to Medicaid also, without school counselors, who will provide services to families?
- C. Matt will contact Linda Smyser tomorrow regarding this issue

3. Approval of Minutes

- a. **Larry Lutz makes motion to Approve Minutes from January 2011 Board Meeting**
- b. **Linwood Vereen seconds the motion**
- c. **Motion passed**

4. LDI Plans & Location

- a. David Kaplan from ACA attending
  - i. Thursday, June 16<sup>th</sup> ICA board will hold board meeting at Doubletree Hotel in Boise from 4-6 pm
  - ii. LDI will take place Friday-Saturday, June 17-18 at Trinity Pines in Cascade
  - iii. Divisions had requested more time for training of particular positions like PP&L, Treasurer as well as time for training their own boards individually
  - iv. Ginny notes that depending upon what happens with the legislature and the future of school counselors, their participation in LDI might be limited if jobs are cut
  - v. Heather will send out an agenda prior to meeting
- b. Should ICA assist with Travel Costs?
  - i. Diana will meet with treasurer to look at what ICA can afford
  - ii. Paying by the mile is suggested
  - iii. Diana will come with a proposal for the next meeting and can vote at that time
- c. Discuss whether families might be allowed if they pay their own cost, if there is space & understanding that no program will be planned for them.
  - i. Very busy schedule, so not much time for family at LDI
  - ii. Idea is to network with other members, so need time to focus upon ICA
  - iii. Allow some flexibility if some participants are unwilling to attend without bringing family

5. Legislative and Public Policy Items-Eric Pettingill & Diana Pals

- a. Medicaid
  - i. Eric Pettingill met with Janice McGeachan in January
  - ii. Working with her to keep community based services in place
- b. Federal Level the House is looking to cut all school counseling funds from budget
  - i. \$68 million cut
  - ii. Need to encourage members to write our congressmen

6. Conference Evaluations Report-Heather Tustison

- a. 305 Registrations (35% registered as students)
- b. 86 attended pre-conferences
- c. 81 attended socials
- d. 20 exhibitors
- e. Made \$15,500 in profit
- f. Survey results-120 completed
  - i. 75% female, 25% male
  - ii. 14% non-members

- iii. 84% professionals, 14% students
      - iv. 40% of attendees marked IMHCA as their division
      - v. 50% been in counseling less than 5 years
      - vi. Brochure #1 in getting out information , 28% learned from colleague
      - vii. More networking, more social times requested
    - g. Conference Chair for next year is Amy Curtis Schaeffer
    - h. Possible Keynote for 2012 Conference: Attachment & Family Center-work with narrative therapy
    - i. Keynote for Coeur d'Alene in 2013-John Hoffman from Circle of Security
      - i. Speaks on attachment and working with parents on attachment subject
      - ii. From Spokane area
7. Election-
  - a. President Elect-Dr April Schottelkorb from BSU
    - i. She is a play therapist interested in leadership
    - ii. Past President of Idaho Association of Play Therapy
  - b. Kay Webb is a possible candidate for secretary
  - c. Election will take place in third week in March
  - d. Election Procedure by Email-Larry Lutz
    - i. Votenet.com is what ACA uses and recommends. Expense would be around \$385
    - ii. Surveymonkey is free, but may not be as advanced
    - iii. Board will use Surveymonkey this election, since everyone running uncontested
    - iv. Sue Perkins is knowledgeable about Surveymonkey and may be able to assist with setup
8. Next ICA board meeting will take place in April
9. Meeting adjourned at 8:00