

VTMHCA Board Meeting September 11, 2009

Attending: Don, Scott, Heather, Deb, Krave, Diane

Minutes: Reviewed the minutes from **June 14** board meeting and accepted them with addition that Scott Earisman is the new legislative chair. with Don Rhoades stepping down, thanks Don.

Conference committee: Caryn

The committee met several times and brainstormed ideas. Next conference date **November 20, 2009 on Grieving Across the Life Span with Virginia Fry, at the Capital Plaza**. In the future, while making arrangements for workshop presenters, Caryn will be providing the board with a proposal before finalizing the agreement.

June 4 is the date of the 2010 Annual Meeting with the workshop on Ethics.

Caryn brought in all of the boxes containing VTMHCA documents and papers that have been archived. Deb has agreed to go through them and consolidate.

Deb Sargent will also be gathering information about hiring a professional shredding service and perhaps sharing that service with other organizations. It was mentioned that other organizations were offering “shredding” for a fee and this might be a way to raise funds.

President’s Report:

Heather discussed some of her experiences from the national conference:

- Consider offering a workshop for clinicians studying for the licensure exam (Heather will gather information about the course, who the prospective licensees might be, etc.)
- Other chapters are doing 2 years at a discount AND they take the first year for the years budget and the second years’ dues into a savings for the next year, a bookkeeping strategy.
- Next year’s conference will be in Boston, Heather proposes that Caryn join Diane at that conference.

Annual Retreat: November 6. From 9 – 4 Location to be determined.

Creating action plans from the ideas generated at the Annual Meeting.

Perhaps we’d use this time to explore **Membership Committee** issues in larger group.

Website updates: Heather

Heather wants to include more information ie. Ombudsman, BISHCA information, Provider satisfaction surveys the website. Krave will help Heather with this.

Dates for 2010 board meetings: Jan. 15, March 12, May 14, June 4

Legislative Rep: Scott: brought in ideas from the legislative council. Alex and Scott came up with a list of proposals for Legislative initiatives for the upcoming year. They are proposing hiring Steve Kappell to update the comparison of CPT codes and updating the Wrich report to reflect current financial, cost/ratio data. We agreed to support these projects but need more information about the cost of these projects.

We also discussed how to continue to have a legislative presence in the absence of hiring Pam Sweeney to do lobbying. The VPA has stated they have no funds for lobbying and as there are no bills planned we may be able to have our legislative needs met by other means. Scott will talk to Don about having him do some paid work. (Since this writing, Don has declined the offer.)