

AUSAP Minutes for October 21, 2016

Meeting started at 3:05 pm

In person: Michael Odom, Kristi Versteeg, Rodney Symes, Jeff Smart

Phone: Shawn McMillen, Chassidy Edwards, Angie Graff, Allison Howells, Debi Prisbrey, Theresa Burton.

Excused: C. J. Jones, Jeff Smart.

Absent: Rodney Symes, Kristine Malters, Ann Coburn.

Shawn opened the meeting asking if the board had had a chance to review August meeting minutes and if there were any changes we could accept them, Debi made a motion to accept Michael second the motion, the motion was carried unanimously.

Next discussion was the September meeting minutes, had we had a chance to review them as well, we all said yes. Debi made a motion to accept and Michael second the motion, the motion was carried unanimously.

The board had a discussion concerning the Fall Conference member scholarships, two of the allocated scholarships, the recipients failed to attend. The discussion aimed at ways we as a board can avoid this from happening next year. Last year the board had stated if this was to happen we would exclude those individuals from being eligible for future scholarships for 12 months. Rhonda reached out the holders of these two scholarships, Allie Kieman and Dennis Bentley. Rhonda was able to converse with Allie, Allie informed Rhonda that a family member had given birth and she was unable to attend. Rhonda has not heard from Dennis Bentley. It was decided to look at creating some language on next year's scholarship announcement, prior to presenting them to individuals.

Because of the movement within the board our organization needs to update the signature cards at the bank. Presently we are utilizing the services of Wells Fargo Bank, for convenience it was discussed to move banking institutions to Mountain America Credit Union. Chassidy made a motion to accept the move Allison second the motion the motion carried unanimously. Michael will notify Ann so she can handle the paperwork.

There was discussion concerning the draft presented in an email attachment provided by the Human Services Licensing Committee. The discussion included the changing of specific language concerning Psychologist with mental health and SUDC interns, but overall the board felt the draft was acceptable. Chassidy made a motion to reply to the department in a favorable manner, Kristy second the motion, the motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was held concerning the Annual NAADAC Report which was in an email attachment. Board members had reviewed the report. One item of note was the fact that in the

last four-years, the state has only 10 more licensed SUD Counselors this year, as compared to 4 years ago. Shawn stated that he has been involved in discussion that included comments stating that there is a shortage of mental health and SUDC providers in the workforce. Shawn pointed out he felt if we could increase the scope of practice for SUDC, they would be able to bill for their services the field might become more attractive for individuals. At present there are only two locations individuals can receive SUDC training, the University of Utah and Utah Valley University, we discussed approaches to increase awareness, so more programs could be accessible and the concentration could become amplified.

Shawn stated the only political concern he has at present is the legalization of Cannabis. At the state level there has been discussion concerning medical cannabis, bills have and are being discussed. There were be slots created to address the concerns, and for ongoing research. Shawn felt that some form of medical cannabinoid may become legal in Utah but not in smoking form, perhaps oil forms and such. This will be an item of great interest in the next legislative session.

Shawn asked for a motion to adjourn Kristy made a motion Debi second the motion.

Meeting ended 3:45 pm.

Next meeting: November 18, 2016