

AUSAP Minutes for 3/20/2015

Meeting started at 3:15 pm

In person: Mike Odom, Kristi Versteeg and Jeff Smart

Phone: Scott Young, Debi Prsbrey, Ann Coburn, Teresa Burton, Shawn McMillen and Vern Karr

Excused: Rodney Symes and Scott Young

Unexcused: Lindsay Titus, Bridger Ogden, Chasity Edwards, Lisa Bounds and JeanAnne Talbert

The meeting was opened and began with a review of the February Board Minutes. The minutes were motioned to be accepted by Jeff Smart, seconded by Kristi Versteeg. Motion carried, minutes approved.

Discussion was held concerning the Preliminary 2014 financial statement. We compared the actual amounts with the 2014 budget. Highlights of the discussion were that less than \$1,000 of the designated funds was used for operations. Exam fees were down which seemed to be the result of students moving from Bachelor level programs directly to Master level programs, rather than licensing to work at a Bachelor level. There was no significant variance in expenses vs. budget.

Discussion was held concerning 2015 budget issues. The numbers are down for individuals taking the SUDC exam, and Shawn will discuss this with the UofU representatives. Student numbers have not declined.

Shawn discussed legislative issues at the state level, he stated no new developments, he mentioned that the Medicaid expansion is still not completed but hopefully a draft could be available as soon as June or July and the final decision by September.

The Board discussed the need to offer some Ethics Classes in April and May as many licensed counselors will need CEU's prior to May 31<sup>st</sup> Licensing renewals. Ann volunteered to examine her schedule for available times. Mike will consult with other Board Members to see if we can expand the number of classes offered. Mike will contact DOPL to obtain a list of Licensed Substance Abuse Professionals.

The Nominations and Elections committee will need to recruit a chair person and committee. Michael asked for a volunteer for this committee but no one was available to commit at this time. We are need of five new board members and the Secretary and Treasure positions will be open to elections this summer.

Discussion was help concerning the March Membership drive. Michael discussed with the Board, new members are important and that our mission is to represent our membership politically. Our political significance is dependent upon our membership numbers. It is important to advocate for what we do to support our field and we need the support of all professionals who work in conjunction with SUDC. Michael encouraged each Board member to discuss, with other professionals, the importance of membership.

Mike asked to adjourn the meeting, Debi made the motion, seconded by Ann. Motion to close the meeting carried.

Meeting ended 3:51 pm

Next meeting April 17, 2015