

IDEC Meeting Notes
Aug. 13, 2007
Valley View Early Childhood Center, Romeoville, IL

Present: Robin Miller Young, Lynette Chandler, Donna Nylander, Mary-alayne Hughes, Mary Wonderlick, Bernie Laumann. Guests from IDTA included Melissa Alada-Yusouf and Elizabeth Benney.

I. Illinois Developmental Therapy Association (IDTA)

Discussed what IDTA is doing. Working to standardize the credential. Lynette suggested that Elizabeth and Melissa contact Mary Beth Bruder regarding a national credential for EI providers.

Discussed birth to five certification as a place to start in terms of an Early Intervention license. Discussed collaboration with SAV conference. This would be a good place to start. Bernie will email Jennifer Loncola regarding IDTA holding a board meeting, having a table, possible pre-conference at SAV in Springfield.

Discussed the possibility of IDTA being a liaison to IDEC board or a committee of IDEC that focuses on issues for 0-3 providers. Donna shared information on what membership in IDEC/DEC would provide to EI providers.

Future Plans: Melissa will be taking information back to the IDTA Board. We suggested getting together again; possibly starting with liaison to IDEC Board and getting a representative from IDTA on the Sharing A Vision Planning Committee for 2009.

II. Officer & Committee Reports

Notebooks need to be given to those who are currently in their positions. Mary-alayne distributed copies of information for officers from CEC. She will mail a copy to those who weren't at the meeting. Robin will email Julie Evans regarding submitting a report to ICEC.

IV. SAV Conference

Susan Fowler is coming to the conference; have not heard back yet from Tweety. Mary-alayne does have a copy of Susan Ferry's contract, and we will look at it at the next board meeting.

V. Membership

Donna had a conversation with national DEC regarding changing our membership form so people see the benefits that they gain from joining IDEC and then DEC, then CEC. The new form explains how IDEC is related to national DEC and CEC.

Donna will pilot the new form and see what the response will be like and then take it to national DEC.

III. Constitution & By-Laws

We continued to revise the constitution and by-laws. They will be posted on the IDEC web site for the membership to review, and will be voted on at the annual meeting at the SAV conference.

Respectfully submitted by Bernie Laumann, IDEC Secretary