

IMHCA Board Minutes 8-24-07

Attending: Diana Pals, Dana Unruh, Nichole Jordan, Dan Hardin, Charmagn Westcott, Chantel Jones, Laurie Green, Dean Allen (via phone), Blake Hunsaker (via phone)

Minutes from past meetings reviewed and approved.

Laurie Green appointed as president elect starting January 2008.

Report given on LDI conference.

Reports given on information received from membership surveys. Members appreciate the contact from IMHCA, but no specific requests for change were noted.

Discussion took place about need for website change. Motion was made to switch to new webserver. Motion was granted. Dan Hardin will seek information on new webserver options.

Treasurer's report presented. Financially IMHCA is in good standing, Currently have \$30, 000 in savings. Motion made to pay for travel expenses at .48 cents per mile for one car pool of members who live in each region of the state to be able to travel four times per year to Boise for meetings. Motion passed. It was also noted that IMHCA will pay for travel expenses at .48 cents per mile for one car pool of members who live in each region of the state to be able to travel to ethics training.

Laurie Green gave report on attending AMHCA leadership training in New Orleans as an IMHCA representative. Laurie felt it was a very positive and worthwhile experience and recommended IMHCA continue to support sending IMCHA representatives in coming years.

Diana reported on decline in IMHCA membership. Discussion on what can be done to improve membership numbers and retention. It was recognized that workshops and conferences continue to bring on members. It was also suggested to develop online membership forms for greater ease of joining. It was further recommended promoting and further developing online "select a counselor" listings. It was discussed that IMHCA have a representative go to colleges and present to counseling students as has been done in the past.

Discussed IMHCA's involvement with October 18 CPI conference where IMHCA will have a break out workshop and a booth.

Ethics committee report presented. IMHCA ethics workshops are scheduled for 10 sites around the state. Plans for spring workshops are still in development. There will be two train the trainers workshops held this fall, one in Boise on September 15 and the other in Coeur d Alene on September 22.

Public Relations report given. IMHCA and Positive Connections in Twin Falls are partnering again this year to provide National Depression Screening day in Twin Falls on October 4. Jennifer Higbee from Cedar Health Center in Pocatello has expressed an interest in partnering to provide screenings in Pocatello. Boise will not hold National Depression Screening Day screenings this year as it conflicts with the Scott Miller workshop. However, in lieu of doing screenings, Nichole will investigate feasibility of doing public service announcements and offer an online version of NDSD linked through IMHCA website.

Suggestion was made for David Johns to present on “Spiritual Healing and Recovery from Child Abuse” for IMHCA’s speaker slotted at ICA conference. Will follow up to see about David’s availability and interest.

IMHCA’s co-sponsored workshop on October 4th with Scott Miller presenting on “Psychotherapy with Impossible Cases” is scheduled and is taking the place of Boise’s fall regional conference. Plans were made to hold IMHCA meeting luncheon during the lunch break at the workshop.

Dean Allen gave report on proposed changes to mental health commitment laws in Idaho.

Next newsletter deadline for submissions due October 22 and will go out by November 12. Following newsletter submission deadline January 28, 2008 and out by February 11, 2008.

Next IMHCA board meeting October 5 at Chantel Jone’s house 9:00 – 11:00 A.M.