



## **NFI Program Committee - Quality Assurance Advisory Council**

### **Minutes of the Conference Call Meeting, 1 October 2015**

Council Chair: H. Als

Members of the Council Present: H. Als, K. Smith, K. VandenBerg, g. Lawhon

Absent: D. Buehler, A. Kleberg, J. Browne, G. Basso

**The Meeting Minutes from 27 August 2015 were approved.**

#### **Topic: NIDCAP Professional and Trainer Certification Renewal**

##### **Discussion**

The group engaged in a brief discussion regarding the renewal documents. Input from the group had been solicited prior to this meeting. A vote by the group took place and the documents were approved. Plans for presentation of the NIDCAP Certification Renewal Documents to the membership at the upcoming Annual NIDCAP Trainers Meeting and the NFI Membership Meeting in Phoenix were reviewed.

#### **Topic: Path from NIDCAP Professional to Senior NIDCAP Master Trainer**

##### **Discussion**

The groups' ongoing work regarding the professional pathway of NIDCAP Professional to NIDCAP Trainer etc. was reviewed and discussed. The new title for the pathway and a revision of the chart were also reviewed. g. Lawhon suggested a separation into separate boxes of the NIDCAP Foundation Education from NIDCAP Training, and the same separation for APIB Foundation Education from and APIB Training. The group agreed to this change.

#### **Topic: QAAC Session**

##### **Discussion:**

There was further discussion of what will be presented in the session allocated to the QAAC at the Trainers Meeting. The plan at this time includes the following: H. Als will give a brief overview. D. Buehler will present the pathway. K. Smith will present on the advantages of annual Certification Renewal in professional practice. A. Kleberg will present the conceptual professional growth

opportunities inherent the Certification Renewal. K. Vandenberg and Gloria McAnulty will lead the discussion with the audience during the question and answer period at the end of the session. The session will consist of 45 minutes of presentations and 15 minutes for discussion and Q & A. The anticipation is for this presentation to be very positive and supportive as well as open to all questions from the membership. The documents will be available to the membership on the web; additionally they will be available in the NIDCAP Trainers Meeting Binders.

H. Als proposed continuation of an earlier column in the Developmental Observer with the goal to review and explain the NFI Quality Assurance Policies for Training. g. Lawhon agreed to continue this project. K. Smith will contact the DO editor R. Hedlund regarding this proposed feature for the DO.

**Topic: QAAC Face-to-Face Membership Meeting at the Annual NIDCAP Trainers Meeting, October 2015**

**Discussion**

The topic of a QAAC Membership Meeting in person at the upcoming Trainers Meeting was discussed. The group will plan to meet at the Luncheon Networking Session time. H. Als will contact B. Hutson and ask for a table to be reserved for the group.

**Topic: NIDCAP and APIB Reading List**

**Discussion**

The group will review the Updates to the NIDCAP Reading list. Kathy Vandenberg and Agneta Kleberg will continue their work and report back to the QAAC at the upcoming Trainers Meeting and future QAAC calls. A brief discussion ensued regarding articles which can be challenging for new NIDCAP Professionals-in-Training as well as for Non-English speaking NIDCAP Professionals-in-Training. A recommendation was made to offer an Article Review column in the Developmental Observer. Karen Smith will contact Rodd Hedlund, DO Editor about this possibility. The author and moderator roles of this potential column were discussed. Further discussion and recommendation will be shared at the upcoming Trainers Meeting QAAC Networking Session.

**The next conference call meeting will take place on the 29 October 2015 at 11 am US East Coast time.**

Date: 2 October 2015

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