



NFI Program Committee - Quality Assurance Advisory Council

Minutes of the Conference Call Meeting, 2 April 2015

Council Chair: H. Als

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

Absent: Excused, G. Basso, D. Buehler, A. Kleberg

The Meeting Minutes from 26 February 2015 were approved.

Topic: NIDCAP Professional and Trainer Certification Renewal

Discussion: The group reviewed the revised materials and engaged in discussion via email regarding the Annual Certification Renewal process for NIDCAP Professionals, NIDCAP Trainers and NIDCAP Master Trainers. The QAAC call discussion centered on the process for NIDCAP Professionals. The group members present voiced their concerns regarding the expectation of an annual recertification process. Group members shared that most professional certification renewal processes take place on an every 3 year basis. Connection with NIDCAP Professionals has been an ongoing concern. For that reason the annual membership and NIDCAP Professional status renewal had been suggested as a way to maintain connections with NIDCAP Professionals. H. Als emphasized that she sees Certification Renewal as an impetus for those achieving NIDCAP Professional certification to maintain their NFI membership, which in turn affords NIDCAP Professionals ongoing organizational updates, as well as information regarding educational, process change and professional mentoring opportunities. The group discussed various aspects of the process and several members shared their concerns regarding adequate connection and feedback to the NIDCAP Professional NFI members. Feedback from group members not present on this call was shared as well. Connection with NIDCAP Professionals in regard to their ongoing education, practice and support was highlighted as a concern and a responsibility of the organization. The annual certification renewal process was seen as a potential opportunity for strengthening that connection and maintaining that relationship. The discussion was spirited and positive, without reaching final conclusions in the time available. The group members agreed to continue the discussion at the next conference call.

g. Lawhon stated that she will take back to the Trainers Meeting Planning Committee the QAAC members' request for an opportunity for discussion with and feedback from the membership regarding recertification and the importance of reflective process opportunities for NIDCAP Professionals and Trainers. She agreed that specific NIDCAP Trainer topics in recent years' Trainers Meetings may not have received the attention that they deserve. She stated that she was very invested in structuring the meetings to be actual Trainers Meetings. g. Lawhon will share with the QAAC members the outcome of her discussions with the Trainers Meeting Planning Committee.

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Annual Certification Renewal for NIDCAP Trainers and NIDCAP Master Trainers also remains to be more fully articulated. The group agreed that communication provided by the annual Trainers Meeting as well as ongoing communications by the Board keeps these NFI members in general well-informed regarding the organization's expectations and activities. H. Als asked whether the group agreed that the Minutes of the QAAC calls might provide an additional opportunity for NFI members at all levels to be better informed. If so the QAAC call minutes might be posted on the NFI web. The QAAC members agreed and J. Browne emphasized that transparency always was a desirable feature for all NFI activities and efforts. H. Als will bring this suggestion to the Board for its approval. The remaining topics scheduled for discussion will be rescheduled for discussion at the May conference call.

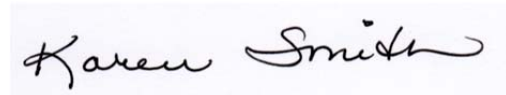
The next conference call meeting will take place 7 May 2015 at 11 am US East Coast time.

Date: 2 April 2015

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