



NFI Program Committee - Quality Assurance Advisory Council

Minutes of the Conference Call Meeting, 27 August 2015

Council Chair: H. Als

Members of the Council Present: H. Als, K. Smith, K. VandenBerg, D. Buehler, A. Kleberg

Absent: g. Lawhon, J. Browne, G. Basso

The Meeting Minutes from 25 June 2015 were approved.

Topic: NIDCAP Professional and Trainer Certification Renewal

Discussion

Further Edits: The group engaged in discussion regarding further edits to the renewal documents. Agneta Kleberg suggested that a few inconsistencies in wording be edited, and that the term 'system-wide integration' be specified further as philosophy and care of infants, families and staff as well as of the environment.

Benefits of Certification Renewal: Benefits of NIDCAP Professionals and Trainers' annual certification renewal will be shared at the planned October 2015 NIDCAP Trainers' Meeting QAAC session. . Benefits identified, among others, include availability of information and provision of information regarding an individual's professional work, ongoing education and implementation in personal practice. This information allows NFI members to maintain a professional education and practice record regarding individualized developmental care practice as well as professional continuing education and experiences, which enrich and support their practice in their professions. The inclusion of membership information throughout the training process with nurseries will be highlighted at the forthcoming meeting as well. This point will address the Trainers and sites' responsibilities to support their trainees/staffs' ongoing connection with the NFI membership and the NFI's professional support and educational opportunities. The opportunity for members to apply for to the NFI Membership Chair for reduction/discount on their membership fees will be shared once again at the Trainers' Meeting. A. Kleberg and K. Smith agreed to present this aspect of the session at the upcoming Trainers Meeting QAAC session.

Topic: Path from NIDCAP Professional to Senior NIDCAP Master Trainer

The groups' ongoing work regarding the professional pathway of NIDCAP Professionals to NIDCAP Master Trainer was discussed. D. Buehler and H. Als presented and reviewed the graphic pathway of the NIDCAP and APiB Training Process. D. Buehler agreed to present this material at the upcoming Trainers Meeting QAAC session.

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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 from professional to NIDCAP Master Trainer. K. Smith will discuss the benefits of NIDCAP Professional and Trainer Certification Renewal in terms of enhancing one's professional practice. A. Kleberg will discuss the benefits of NIDCAP Professional and Trainer Certification Renewal in terms of enhancing one's self knowledge, growth and professional identity and confidence. TBA will lead the audience discussion period at the end of the presentation time. There will be 45 minutes of presentation and 15 minutes for discussion and Q & A.

Topic: Meeting at NIDCAP Trainers Meeting

The QAAC members plan to meet as a group at the Luncheon Networking Session time. H. Als will contact B. Hutson regarding a table to be reserved for this group.

Topic: NIDCAP Reading List

The group reviewed the Updates to the NIDCAP Reading list. Agneta Kleberg's extensive contributions were gratefully acknowledged and Kathy Vandenberg agreed to take the next steps in collaboration with Agneta Kleberg in deciding which of the old and new references should be included as required and which as recommend. The discussion of next steps will be continued at future meetings and by email.

The next QAAC Conference Call meeting is scheduled for 1100 US East Coast time on Thursday, 1 October 2015.

Future call dates will be discussed at the next meeting.

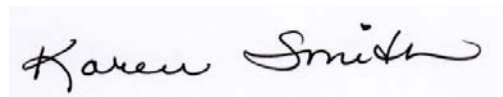
NOTE: The next conference call meeting will take place 1 October 2015 at 11 am US East Coast time.

Date: 27 August 2015

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