

MINUTES
QAAC MEETING
3 JUNE 2019
1300-1420 EDT

ZOOM Call Participants

Present: Heidelise Als, Deborah Buehler, Melissa Johnson, Dorothy Vittner, Karen Smith, James

Helm, Nikk Conneman, Joy Browne

Absent: Inga Warren, Graciela Basso, g Lawhon

Courtesy Copy: Kathleen VandenBerg

Minutes from the April 30, 2019 QAAC meeting were presented electronically. H. Als moved to accept; D. Vittner seconded. Motion to approve the minutes carried.

H. Als led a thorough discussion of the recently presented QAT on the application requirements to qualify as Trainer-in-Trainer and Master Trainer-in-Training and its revisions. Based on input from several committee members, she has created several versions. J. Browne suggested that separate versions be made available for those working toward Trainer status and those working toward Master Trainer status. H. Als agreed to do so, along with producing a version using a "list" approach as well as one presenting the requirements in paragraph form.

The committee also discussed how best to use our session at the NIDCAP Trainers' Meeting, and how to meet goals of supporting Trainers and Trainers-in-Training while also explaining and receiving input on the QAT and the integrations of the NIDCAP Nursery Program into training activities. There was extensive discussion about how to address these goals in the time available at the NTM, with consensus that these goals should guide our session. N. Conneman suggested that we formulate reflective questions to be asked in small groups at our session that address the support expectations of Trainers at different levels, and that refer to the issues currently under discussion. All QAAC members are requested to come up with a question for this purpose.

H. Als made a motion that the QAAC support the QAT "Quality Assurance of Training: Trainer and Center Development Application Ingredients. and "Quality Assurance of Training: Master Trainer in Development" The motion was seconded by D. Buehler.

Discussion of the motion began with a question from J. Helm regarding to what extent a center needed to "have its ducks in a row" prior to beginning training, and a recognition in the discussion that different systems have different timing issues. H. Also stated that by the time the application is sent in, the items listed in the QAT should be in place. D. Buehler suggested that there be flexibility in special circumstances, such as special language challenges, but that the applicant nursery should be clear that all items are to be accomplished. She also plans to present to the Board of Directors an articulation of the process by which the QAAC has participated in the development of the QAT and the reasons for the prioritization of the NIDCAP Nursery Program.

The motion to accept the QAT and to bring it to the Board of Directors was then voted on and carried. (Note: J. Browne had to leave the call prior to this vote and so did not participate.)

The specific format of the QAT namely List vs Paragraphs was still open and to be answered by email to H. Als.

Respectfully submitted, Melissa R. Johnson June 8, 2019

NOTE: Should NFI Members wish further detail or have questions related to the Minutes, please feel free to write to any of the Members who attended this meeting.