



MINUTES
QAAC MEETING
MARCH 13, 2019
1500-1610 EDT

ZOOM Call Participants

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

Absent: g Lawhon, Joy Browne, Inga Warren, Nikk Conneman, Graciela Basso

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Minutes from the February 12, 2019 QAAC meeting were presented electronically. H. Als moved to accept; D. Buehler seconded. Motion to approve the minutes carried.

Update of Reading List Suggestions: Discussion led by J. Helm. He has set up categories for organizing articles (sent electronically prior to this meeting) and is developing a “grid” reflecting the categories as well as the priority level for each article. There was a brief discussion about the best descriptors to use for each level; J. Helm will refine this grid and share with the group; articles will then be categorized. J. Helm has received several lists of articles, some derived from the existing list of required or recommended articles and other lists focusing on new articles. D. Vittner and M. Johnson will assist with the organization process.

Follow-up of discussion of communication regarding NIDCAP Nursery Program: Discussion led by D. Buehler and H. Als. A new initiative was shared, which will involve Board members reaching out to trainers, trainers-in-training and center directors to offer regular ZOOM discussions about ongoing training issues, including the incorporation of NIDCAP Nursery activities. D. Buehler noted that the hope is to open up and enhance ongoing dialog between the Board and membership. A lengthy and positive discussion ensued focused on the importance of such two-way communication, especially as the NFI clarifies short- and long- term goals for the organization as well as the role of the use of NIDCAP Nursery resources in enhancing the care of infants and families regardless of whether a nursery plans to pursue formal certification. The mid-year Board meeting as well as the next NIDCAP Trainers Meeting will provide opportunities for these conversations. Strategies for making the best use of these opportunities were discussed. Members of the QAAC, who are also members of the NIDCAP Nursery Steering Committee (D.B., D. V., and HA) will bring these ideas to the Steering Committee and continue to determine how best to use the available times. The upcoming training and lecture trip to Sweden by D. Buehler and H. Als will provide additional opportunities to further NIDCAP Nursery Program discussions.

Review of social media efforts around World NIDCAP Day: The discussion was led by D. Buehler. The celebration of NIDCAP and the NFI's work and of highlighting NIDCAP progress is going very well. D. B. reviewed a wide range of activities ranging from M. Daley's successful effort to post frequent messages about the meaning of NIDCAP on Facebook and Twitter, to the production of a NIDCAP cake by the Arizona training center, and others. H. A. suggested that some of the supporters of the NFI, including foundations and business entities, might be interested in this World NIDCAP month and day effort.; J. Helm and D. Buehler will contact a range of organizations.

Parent resource video plans: Discussion led by J. Helm. This project envisions the production of short, informative videos designed primarily for parents, to be posted on the website, about different aspects of NIDCAP. J. Degl is assisting with seeking support from Draeger, which has expressed interest; a cost estimate for producing the videos (probably in North Carolina) is in development. In a related public communication opportunity, H. Als was interviewed by a Belgian author, who is writing a novel that centers on the experience with NIDCAP by a NICU nurse. This and other resources, which in order to be translated into English, may benefit from support from those with experience in the publishing industry; J. Helm will discuss with J. Degl.

Summary of Action Items:

Action Item 1: J. Helm to continue to organize suggested readings according to the grid he presented, with assistance from D. Vittner and M. Johnson.

Action Item 2: D. Buehler, D. Vittner and H. Als will communicate with the NIDCAP Nursery Program Steering Committee regarding plans for sessions at the 2019 NIDCAP Trainers Meeting in order to address short- and long-term goals for the role of the NIDCAP Nursery Program.

Action Item 3: J. Helm and D. Buehler will reach out to corporate and foundation supporters to update them about World NIDCAP Day activities.

Action Item 4: J. Helm will follow up with J. Degl for suggestions about publishers with potential interest in translating and publishing NIDCAP-related books for wider audiences.

The next QAAC meeting date was determined to be **APRIL 30, 2019, TUESDAY from 1500-1600 Eastern Daylight Time.**

Respectfully submitted, March 19, 2019
Melissa R. Johnson

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.
