Agenda
Please be prepared to discuss new information from each program area:

- new personnel – name, job title, responsibilities, brief background (ALL)
- new initiatives/projects (ALL)
- upcoming events (ALL)

Mission-Area UPDATES

- Education/Training (Andrea)
- Service (Karen)
- Research (Marc)
  - Faculty Research Interests

General Information:

- General Updates
  - HR updates (admin positions)
  - Faculty video snap shots
  - Updating the Nisonger website
  - Use of Clinical/Evaluation rooms (Gene’s NIH award for Biofeedback & 341)

Discussion:

- Online distance education modules for our Topics in Gerontology Pgm. (Havercamp)
- Neurotechnologies & ASD – collaboration between Neurological Institute and US Air Force (Tassé)
Minutes

New Personnel:

Tamara Hager has been promoted; Fiscal Officer – contracts management/NIRS etc.; attending AUCD… other portion of her time will be spent with fundraising/development, seeking out opportunities for new money. 3 main priorities = 1. $100,000 Columbus Foundation grant, 2. Development Committee, 3. 2016 50th anniversary celebration.

Nikki Johnson: Will be assisting Dr. Tassé with scheduling, will be supervising the students and assuming Office responsibilities.

David Barno: TOPS residential coordinator; will be providing independent living, social, recreation support. 4 students are here away from families living here in apartments…

Janet Hash: Career Disability Specialist; job development/job coaching; if you have any office assistant needs and could use additional support (ie. 2 hours per week etc); let Margo know (looking for 10-12 hours per week staffed based on student interest, not during breaks).

Anjanette Owens: new Program Manager in ECE. In a role similar to Deb Schenerlein previously. Andrea/Paula are assuming Director level responsibilities.

New Projects/Initiatives:

Randomized trial for Neurofeedback for ADHD (ICAN): not double-blind. NASA consultant is assisting in software design. Will start screening in a week or two – currently practicing. If you know of someone over the age of 10, let Dr. Arnold know. Subjects will be 7-10; we don’t want to practice with them. Collaborating with North Carolina. Can have other conditions provided they aren’t undergoing any treatment that would affect results. If they are taking a stimulant they can continue but need to stop for 5 days prior to the assessment. Cannot start anything new. Some would be handled on a case by case basis. No anti-psychotics. Decrease theta beta ratio for ADHD patients, this isn’t appropriate for patients with autism. Will accept children with learning disorders. Must have an IQ over 70.

Upcoming Events:

9/5: Breakfast potluck – 8:30 – 10:30, #230.
9/5: Happy Hour @ Brazenhead
9/12: Topics in DD Series – schedule has not yet been posted. Fridays 12-1 in #230. 1-2 additional discussion hour. Katie presented last week. Barry Jamieson will present 9/12 from GRC, waitlist for DD/waiver services (John Martin was previously planning to present this topic).
9/14: Sensory Friendly Screening at the Gateway Film Center; 11:00 am Despicable Me2.
9/30: Community Star Awards – FCBDD, Villa Nova on Schrock Rd. 5 tables of 8. Lasagna dinner. RSVP to Tamara.

10/7 and 10/8: 14th annual adult SIBS conference; 2 speakers – Dr. Megan Burke (Illinois) on caregiving Andrew McQuaid (Rhode Island)... on employment, also Ken Linkenhoker. County Board CEU’s for attending, let Tom know if you’re interested.

10/10: Topics in DD Series – Kelly Tanner

10/17: Topics in DD Series - Robert Schalock Quality & Improvement in services/supports across systems.

Mission Area Updates:

Education/Training: New LEND Trainees (23 total including Psych students). New posdoc, Quynh Wells starts in mid September.... Katie Walton’s last day as the Postdoc, new Faculty tomorrow.

Service: Samantha’s position (Office Associate) has been posted, reviewing applications. Can TOPS students help provide support until the position is filled, and/or provide support to the new hire??

Research: Faculty Research Interests: still missing Marilee. Will be posted. Any new RFA’s/projects to discuss?

- Dr. Ratliff-Schaub: call with Patty Manning, Jody Fisher, Tom Hess (DODD); CDC is expanding the ADDMN network. Heads up... our understanding is they are expanding the number of sites. Letter of Intent is due the 11/12 of September, the full application is due in October. Need state collaboration to gain access to data? Methodology is entirely based on records review... not physical evaluations etc. Similar to Social Security project from a few years ago? More to come.

- Research Fund Requests; next round sent today/tomorrow (must be Master’s or Doctoral students). Can apply for funds to travel for a conference, or research funds. Reviewed on a case-by-case basis. Development support and Ashman Fund through the CF.

- Dr. Lecavalier: New 4 year project with Vanderbilt and UNC Chapel Hill; repetitive behaviors. NIH funded study. Develop better measures for repetitive behaviors and treatment. Similar to anxiety project. We have multiple NIH funded instrument development studies. Includes parent focus groups and expands on current rating scales and evaluation. Need seal of approval from council next week. More to come at the next meeting...

General Updates:

- Faculty Video snap shots: Scott Nelson will be meeting with each Faculty member (60-90 second vignette) in your office or in another location of your choosing. You decide the audience. Will be added to the website to enhance Faculty bios etc. Tom participated in a Ted Talk, will be posted on the AAIDD website. Journal of autism does a ‘podcast’ – 12 minute(s).

- Updating the Nisonger website: Faculty/Staff/Trainees; common comments are ‘static, stale, stagnant’ etc. We will be working with a web specialist to help us create a format that Chris
could easily update etc. More ‘dynamic’.... We will contact each Program Area as we get to that
point in planning....

- **Use of evaluation/clinical rooms:** #341 will be used by Dr. Arnold for NIH study.... requires the
  use of fixed equipment.
- **AMCP** – biweekly letters September 18th monthly September 29th.

**Discussion:**

- **Online distance education modules for our Topics in Gerontology Program** – interested in
  having a series of topics related to intellectual disability. Please reach out to Susan; topics
  including aging, transitions from home to facility services etc. Hoping we can be involved in
development.... What about Tamar Heller, Tom has been working on some surveys. Susan will
  forward the email to the Leadership team... audience is direct care, administrators, social service
  providers, policymakers etc....

  “The trust of one generation is based on the integrity of the preceeding” Eric Ericson?

- **Neurotechnologies & ASD** – collaboration between Neurological Institute (formerly Brain &
  Spine Center); & US Air Force (Wright Pat): chronic pain, brain injury, ADHD and ASD. 2 ‘sensor’
  projects... recording daily activities and/or movement, measure, sleep activity, heart rate etc.
  Reviewing potential proposals/collaborations. If interested contact Marc. Population study
  group is adults – over the age of 18. Not deep brain stimulation but potentially ‘over the skin'
  stimulation... LENA project (Steve Warren from Kansas); environmental speech recording for
  children. Nothing currently exists for adults. More macro... generates data/analysis. Similar to
  the NSA?

*Meeting adjourned at 9:45 am.*
*Minutes respectfully submitted by Tamara Hager*