Nisonger Center - UCEDD
Executive Committee 2/14/11

Attending: Dr. Tassé, Dr. Ratliff-Schaub, Dr. Rabidoux, Dr. Aman, Dr. Izzo, Maureen Meck
Meeting convened at 12:02 p.m. - 357B McCampbell Hall

Agenda

Informational: 10 min.

Mission-Area UPDATES: 15 min.
- Education/Training (Rabidoux)
- Service (Ratliff-Schaub)
- Research (Aman)

Discussion: 65 min.

- ADD Budget Continuation
- Administrator Position Description/Overlap
- Leadership Retreat Preparation
- Research Funding Requests
Informational:

- **LEND Application** submitted. Paula worked with Amanda Gibbs. Current salaries were kept flat (projected for FY12).
- **New Nisonger webpage**—Steve/Vicki; based on feedback (ie. cold, static, poor organization). Paula will be working with LEND Trainees to review and get a feel of trainee needs/feedback, what kind of presence should they have? Send feedback to Steve.

**Search Updates**

- **ECE Director:**
  - 5 applicants. Will be meeting to schedule interviews and review applicants within the first few weeks of March. Many applicants are local.
  - ECE paraprofessionals are confused, didn’t understand they were expected to work over the summer or over Christmas (42/52 weeks like 81% FTE). Need help understanding their HR status. They are non-exempt (eligible for overtime).
  - A few kids have dental needs; ECE is working with Jessica Foster, Paula will double-check.

- **Dental Director:**
  - No decision has been made.
  - Dr. Bohaty will be visiting on 2/23 (dental program review); and will also meet with:
    - Casamassimo
    - Johnstown Rd. Dental
    - A group of patients?
  - Our Dental Program Support is at risk if the Adult Medicaid Program is reduced/cut in Governor’s state budget; as our clinic services 80%-85% adults.

- **Psychiatrist:**
  - 2 candidates.
    - Jessica Hellings’ 2nd visit on 3/11.
    - Craig Erickson’s third visit 3/18.
      - Dr. Aman spoke with Dr. Erickson following a verbal offer.
      - Dr. Erickson is considering and has not yet made a decision.
  - Candidate presentations could be videotaped.

- **Nisonger Center Grants Manager:** position posted 2/7.
  - Marc has been in touch with Margie Crawford.
  - encourage anyone to apply; they will be trained.
- Prefer someone who’s familiar with OSU software etc.

- **Disability Counselor to be hired** in Transitions; ½ time support – also running the student learning community this summer.

- **Ingram Autism Research Center**: oversight committee; steering committee (proposed by oversight committee; basic to applied sciences).

- **Royal Shakespeare Visit**: interested in raising funding for a 3-year research with non-verbal children with ASD.

**Mission Area Updates:**

**Education/Training:**
- LEND Director’s Meeting; provided an AUCD Legislative Update.
- Combating Autism Reauthorization Act; needs to be reproposed in congress in an alternate form to include a sunset clause. Since LEND has been rolled into the Act, the programs funding may be in jeopardy if not reauthorized.

**Service:**
- Credentialing:
  - Dr. Williams has indicated that he has completed paperwork.
  - Dr. Ramadan has indicated that he has completed his paperwork/drug-test.
  - Dr. Johnson has not yet completed paperwork.
  - Maureen will clarify and ask for policy related to the necessity of credentialing.
  - Do Allied Health Professionals need to be credentialed? Are we able to collect more than the cost of credentialing?
  - Karen will check with BCMH if they will pay if insurance denies the claim.
  - Karen will double check with Johnnie about being on a panel.

**Research:**
- HIPPA approved.
- Dental surveys will be placed in a prominent location for now, program participation is mandatory.
- Abbeduto meeting re: IDDRC;
  - We should go out and ‘find’ the players.
  - We must have at least 3 research cores with at least 3 funded projects and need to be operating like a research center before we can be funded as a research center.
  - Waisman has 4 cores; research participation, rodent, cellular and molecular and brain imaging. Administrative is a given.
  - Spoke about Children’s National Medical Center (D.C.). Melissa Parisi @ Washington University.
  - How can we make ourselves attractive to others?
- Goal is to have a proposal ready to submit in 2 to 3 years.
  - NSF Research grant – a brainstorm on sciences and autism and postsecondary education alliances might help make the IDDRC more competitive.

**Discussion:**

- **ADD Budget Continuation:**
  - Guidance has not yet been released
  - Last year we received $542,000; $14,000 was a supplemental.
  - We cannot expect to receive the supplement again this year.
  - Due March 25th; we should know sometime next week.
  - ADD Grant ends June 30th, 2010; will begin planning for the new application one year from now to include a needs survey; constituent surveys framed with strategic plan.
  - There is potential for a small savings through faculty appointments in Psychiatry/Psychology.

- **Administrator Position Description/Overlap:**
  - next EC review of handout provided by Marc.
  - Hope to have someone hired by June 1 to include a 4 week overlap, someone needs to be identified by May 10th, position should be posted by April 1st.

- **Strategic Planning Retreat:**
  - handout by Jessica Backer; tables transposed into objectives by goals, strategies and action items. To be reviewed at next EC.
  - What do we need to finalize in the document prior to the Retreat; focusing on your sections; fill in gaps etc.
  - 3/7/11; Fawcett Center. Continental bfast/coffee and lunch provided. Begins @ 9:00 a.m.

- **Research Funding Requests:**
  - Received one so far; Daisha Seyfer.
  - Deadline is 2/25; final applicants will be reviewed at 2/28 EC meeting.

**Next meeting (2/28):** Administrator Position Description/Overlap; Retreat Prep; Research Funding Requests.

FLIP Agenda for next meeting; discussion items first.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:35 p.m.
Minutes respectfully submitted by Tamara J. Hager