

Nisonger Center – UCEDD
Leadership Meeting – 7/6/11

Attending:

Dr. Aman, Dr. Rabidoux, Dr. Benson, Dr. Ratliff-Schaub, Dr. Lecavalier, Dr. Tassé, Dr. Henzel, Dr. Havercamp, Dr. Witwer, Sara Thiessen, Vicki Graff, Ashley Lefeld, Karel Smith, Dr. Fish, Pat Cloppert

Meeting convened at 8:36 a.m. - #243 McCampbell Hall

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 (Paula)
- Service (Karen)
- Research (Mike)

General Information: (Tassé)

Discussion:

- Research Registry
- NIRS/Annual Report
- CAC Representation
- e-timekeeping/e-leave
Minutes

New Personnel:

- **Maggie Mehling** – new IDD/Psych grad student starting September 1.
- **ECE Summer Staff** – 6 weeks/3 days/week, 4 will be here for the summer only. (ends August 4th)

New Projects:

- **Health Status and Access to Health Services of Adults with DS** – Betsey Benson, Dawn Allain, Murugu Manikam, Matt Grover, Susan Havercamp & Marc Tassé. Columbus Foundation Grant for one-year study for health survey of 300 adults with Downs Syndrome; SF36. 75 of those will be invited to have a physical exam.

Upcoming Events:

- **FCBDD Community Star Awards**: October 5th 5:30 – 8:30 p.m.
- **Ohio Adult SIBS Conference** – November 11th, Dr. Mary Morningstar will be speaking. Could plan a brown bag presentation?
- **September 19/20 – NADD Ohio.** Nisonger is a co-sponsor for 2011 conference. (National Association for Dually Diagnosed).
- **Autism Institute** (rescheduled) date is yet to be determined.
- **Kathleen Kraft’s** retirement party is this evening.

Mission Area Updates:

- **Education/Training:**
  - LEND Application accepted; not sure at what level we will be funded. All requests were cut 15%, were not able to expand the network as originally anticipated due to federal/state budget issues.

- **Service**: No update.

- **Research:**
  - **ACE Awards (Autism Center for Excellence)**: TOSCA would not be reapproved. Funded by multiple NIH institutes.
  - **At least 5 Ingram applications submitted from Nisonger.** 15-20 total submitted, steering committee to meet August 19th for reviews.
    - Oversight committee (Allen, Gabbe, Acterberg....) will also review steering committee’s recommendations. Should be able to set project start dates for September 1.
General Information (Tassé):

- **HR Updates:**
  - ECE – Offer to Kathy Lawton with verbal acceptance, working on the letter of offer with EHE. Assistant Professor (tenure track) in EHE – start date of August 22nd.
  - Psychiatrist – Hellings portfolio under review by P & T committee. Still awaiting a few letters before a recommendation can be made to generate a letter of offer. Hoping for October 1st start date.

- **Budget Update:** none. $732,000 received last year in general funds. We will not receive the same this year, not sure at what level. Do not yet know about pay raises etc.

- **MedCenter Expansion** – visit Sharepoint.
- **Administrative Support** review of document provided.
  - JED’s/PET’s – Ashley will work with Julie.
  - Communicate new awards immediately to Ashley.

Discussion:

- **Research Registry:**
  - 25 received so far. Only one family so far hasn’t been willing to sign.
  - ECE will be taking research registry forms on home visits at the beginning of the year.
  - If someone approaches you requesting research data – we should refer them to the Director of Research (Mike Aman). What we normally do is accept materials and put them up on our walls, similar to what we do to advertise our own research. Would need a proposal and IRB approval.
  - Training/Coaching script to assist in explanation of research registry form?
  - Should present at the next All-Staff meeting to gauge ability to present (ie. Role play and/or script etc.) – August 30th.
  - Mike is willing to meet with anyone for assistance.

- **NIRS/Annual report** – data entry deadline. Report is being finalized now....

- **CAC Representation** – looking for other parents/self-advocates and EI/ECE parents etc.
  Please send recommendations to Margo.
  - Commitment is one meeting every quarter; generally on Friday afternoons. Can provide a stipend if necessary.

Please complete online surveys at Marc’s request re: service received.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 a.m.
Minutes respectfully submitted by Tamara J. Hager