

Colorado Therapeutic Recreation Society

Annual Meeting

Ft. Logan

Thursday October 15, 2009, 11 am

Attendance

Stephanie Deml – Craig Hospital
Megan Schoenbein – South Suburban
April Rosenthal – Lakewood RISE
Gloria Vargo – Ft. Logan
Pat Welch – Developmental Pathways
Jenna Van Fossan – Ft. Collins
Ashley Perillo – CPRA
Robin Lofton – Wheat Ridge
Kelly Stevenson – Denver Parks & Rec (DPR)
Matt Miller – DPR
Sarah Swain – DPR
Aspen DeField – DPR
Catherine Glimes – Student @ Metro
Dinah Pollard – no affiliation
Rachel Wysuph – Wheat Ridge
Brian – Student @ Metro

Review of Past Board and Goals (2008-09)

Stephanie Deml – Professional Development

- Grand Rounds/Workshops recaps – more than 5 opportunities throughout the year to earn CEUs on different topics (Paralympics, difficult situations, community approach, Spring workshop, Fall conference, etc.)
- This year would like to target community and clinical professionals and topics

Autumn Boyer(abs) – Clinical Representative (update given by Sarah Swain)

- Working on outreach in clinical setting and creating a database of TR professionals in clinical settings
- Trying to include a clinical section in TR Times

Shane Wright(abs) – Legislative (update given by Sarah Swain)

- Goal was to meet with 3 legislators, which he did
- Recently met with Romanoff about the state of legislation for people with disabilities
- Has expressed interest in staying on as legislative chair

Kelly Stevenson – PR & Marketing

- More efforts reaching out to students at High School and College level
- Attended a panel for Intro to TR course at Metro
- Jenna used partnerships with Local High Schools for volunteers/decoration/as needed
- Keep reaching out to students to inform them about the TR profession!

Carol Huserik(abs) – Secretary (update given by Sarah Swain)

- Forum on internships between agencies and increased networking between interns
- Carol will likely continue to move forward with these efforts while not on the board
- Possibility of creating a board position specifically for internship forum/networking?

Lori Goldman(abs) – Treasurer

Carey Overstreet(abs) – Vice President

Jenna Van Fossan – President Elect

Spring Workshop

- Started Spring Workshop training in December for location
 - Jan/Feb recruiting speakers and ideas
 - March finalizing schedule and plans
 - Feedback: biggest con was having it in Ft. Collins
- The board is always looking for ideas and speakers for workshops and grand rounds!!!

Sarah Swain – President

- ARG (Accessibility Resource Guide) was initially presented by Dinah Pollard to the '08-'09 CTRS board, and is complete (YAY!!!). It will be available after final edits
- Goal for the ARG is to have it up on the CPRA website for all recreation professionals and facilities to access and implement
- Brainstorming ways to get the ARG out and used. Suggestions?

Rachel Wysuph – Past President

- Sits on CPRA board: Very important to support CPRA!! Good job to the CTRS board this year as far as budget.
- Organized TR of the Year award (presented to Jen Heilveil @ EXPAND)

Introduction of 2009/10 Board Members

Professional Development – Stephanie Deml, Craig Hospital

Clinical Representative – Gloria Vargo, Ft. Logan

Legislative Representative – vacant

PR & Marketing – Robin Lofton, Wheat Ridge

Secretary – Aspen DeField, DPR

Treasurer – Matt Miller, DPR

Vice President – Jane Broida, Metro

President Elect – Kelly Stevenson, DPR

President – Jenna Van Fossan, Ft. Collins

Past President – Sarah Swain, DPR

Brainstorming for 2009/10 Goals

Grand Rounds/Workshops

Ideas:

- Funding/ Fundraisers: 3rd party funding cut/fundraiser idea swap/speaker

- Programming idea exchange
- Education/role play about how a bill is passed and legislative process

Considerations:

- Budget for speakers at workshops and conferences? No. Try to recruit on a volunteer basis. If any of us do one, we're donating our time!!
- Prefer bigger sessions (for more CEUs) less frequently or smaller sessions (for less CEUs) spread across the board?
- CPRA is looking into different professional development options and opportunities (online, other agencies, technology, etc.)

Possible Board Goals

- Increased/improved/varied training opportunities
- ARG promotion and awareness
- Come up with a concrete way to support CPRA
- Legislative awareness and support (especially with funding cuts)
- Resource day to make connections among agencies, students, opportunities, and professionals
- Recruitment of CTRS's to join CPRA
 - Why join? Provide benefits of CPRA prior to joining
 - Include benefit packet on CPRA website
 - Have at least one board member present at TR network meetings
- Continue building upon advocacy and awareness connections and partnerships throughout community
- Provide support and partnerships to students – help them to promote TR, network and gain experience

Additional Items

- CPRA is in the process of implementing new software, which will mean greater abilities for communication and connection among CPRA and CTRS members. Keep an eye out on website for advancements, or contact Ashley with questions.
- Ideas and/or questions can be distributed to different groups or selected users through the CPRA website
- Next TR networking meeting will be held at 9:00 am on Thursday, November 12th at Lakewood RISE. These meetings are open to all TR professionals, interns and students.

If you have any questions, suggestions or ideas for Grand Rounds, goals, workshops, speakers, etc. please contact any board member!