OCCDHE Fall Conference
Business Meeting Minutes
October 27, 2006


Action Items:

1. Gena Gechter from CSU Fresno will obtain wording of 7-year Record Retention Policy previously adopted and forward to Emil/Brian for posting to OCCDHE website.
2. Debra Kotler at UC Merced volunteered to take responsibility for obtaining CEs for future conference sessions for psychologists, MFTs and LCSWs.
3. Spring Director’s Conference at La Casa in Montecito, April 25 – 27, 2007. Contact Rick Rogers by e-mail with ideas at rogersr@ulv.edu.
4. Fall Conference at The Cliffs in Shell Beach, October 10 – 12, 2007. Planning Committee members are: Randy Powell, Ilene Blaisch, Brad Compliment, Jennifer Sanford, Rose Lawrence and Shikana Porter. Barbara Thomas volunteered to help coordinate a Poster Session during conference as means to encourage multicultural content.
5. Committee for Fall 2007 Conference Awards is Brian Reinhardt, chair, Caroline Haskell for CSUs, Dorian Newton for Independents, and Jeanne Stanford for the UCs.
6. OCCDHE endorses Emil Rodolfa as envoy to the CA Mental Health Oversight and Accountability Commission to represent the CSU, UC and Independent Colleges/Universities in discussions re: the use of funding from the Mental Health Services Act. Members request that Emil provide OCCDHE, via the listserv, specific language of the Act and noted limits re: where/how funds can be used, and they will then respond with multiple ideas that Emil can take to the Commission on our behalf.
7. Dorian Newton will locate Mutual Aid Agreement previously put in place and forward to Emil/Brian for posting to OCCDHE website and/or sharing via the listserv.

Minutes:

Meeting was called to order by Chair.

Members present introduced themselves and new members were acknowledged.

Spring Meeting Minutes are available for review on website.

Financial Report was distributed and reviewed.

- A list noting current names/e-mails on listserv and dues paid/owing was circulated for corrections (dues payments made w/Fall conference registrations not updated on this list)

Committee Reports:

- Legal & Ethical Issues Committee did not meet at this conference; however, it was noted that policy re: retaining records for 7 years (recommended by committee and adopted by the organization approx. 3 years ago) is not posted on the website. Gena from Fresno will obtain wording of 7-year Record Retention Policy previously adopted and forward to Emil/Brian for posting to OCCDHE website.
- Professional Development and Training Committee acknowledged Jeff Prince and UC Berkeley for taking responsibility to obtain CEs for conference sessions to date, and asked for a new center
with capacity to approve/award CEs for psychologists, MFTs and LCSWs to take over. Debra Kotter at UC Merced volunteered.

- Multicultural Action Committee intends to program heavily at next Fall Conference. Topics of particular interest are in the areas of religious diversity, bi-racial/multi-racial identity, and transgender training. All are invited to attend the Committee’s meeting to be held at the coming Spring Conference.
- Spring Director’s Conference will be at La Casa in Montecito, April 25 – 27, 2007. Considering possible themes of "dealing with problematic or impaired clinical staff," or general stress management and self-care strategies. Contact Rick Rogers by e-mail with ideas at rogersr@ulv.edu.
- Fall Conference will be at The Cliffs in Shell Beach, October 10 – 12, 2007. Planning Committee members are: Randy Powell, Ilene Blaisch, Brad Compliment, Jennifer Sanford, Rose Lawrence and Shikana Porter. Estimating costs at $160 for early registration and $124 per night for rooms. Conference theme is: "Minding the Brain, Mending the Heart" (holistic, positive-psychology, mind-body-spirit connections). Daniel Amen is being considered as keynote speaker, but is not confirmed, so committee is still open for suggestions. Barbara Thomas volunteered to help coordinate a Poster Session during conference as means to encourage multicultural content.

Caucus Reports:

- Michele from CSU Pomona reported on CSU discussion items that included: policies/procedures (mandatory leave, release of records, etc.); compensation/benefits issues (comp time, prof. dev. sabbaticals); and meeting demand with limited resources (creative funding, etc.) Participation in the new AUCCCCD Director’s Survey was encouraged given that it seeks to allow participating directors to access comparative data from like schools.
- Jeanne from UC Santa Barbara reported on UC group discussion which covered: increased demand/acuity this Fall; assessing/treating ADD/ADHD; records retention; possible additional compensation for board certification; and possibility of standardizing forms across UCs to ensure common/comparative data (a result of the UC report on mental health services).
- Larry from Santa Clara reported on topics discussed by independents including: session limits; wait lists; intervention models/programs for suicidal students; alcohol abuse/poisoning and prevention campaigns (e.g. "Sober is Sexy" at Whittier); evaluation/outcome measures; lawsuits; and release/retention of records issues.

Other Business:

- OCCDHE will institute Awards (plaques) to be given every 2 years at the Fall Conference. Motion made by Willingham, seconded by Stanford, and unanimously approved. Awards Committee will be chaired by Steering Committee Past Chair and include one volunteer member from each caucus. Committee for Fall 2007 Conference Awards will be Brian Reinhardt, chair, Caroline Haskell for CSUs, Dorian Newton for Independents, and Jeanne Stanford for the UCs. Three possible award areas are: "Lifetime Achievement" or some other title for a Director member who has served with distinction; Staff Excellence; and Program Innovation (which might include small monetary award to further that program).
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Current Chair, Brian Reinhardt, formally "passed the gavel" to Chair Elect, Rick Rogers.

Brian’s service over past year was acknowledged.

Meeting was adjourned by new Chair.