

RICAT Minutes
Office of Rehabilitation Services
5th Floor Large Conference Room
40 Fountain Street ~ Providence, RI 02903

October 18, 2007

Present:

Jill Blaney, Judi Hammerlind-Carlson, Kerri Cicione, Denise Corson, Carol Dusablon, Susan Gnrke, Kat Grygiel, Elisabeth Hubbard, Kaigongor Thomas Karweh, Lisa Labitt, James Litvack, Phyllis Lynch, Robert J. Perrello, Charlie Pollock, Kathleen Samways, Lezlee Shaffer, Allen Parent-Wetmore

• **WELCOME:**

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Charles Pollock at 2:30 p.m.

• **ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:**

Approval of Minutes for 6/28/2007 and 8/16/2007.

• **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:**

Charles Pollock welcomed and thanked everyone for coming.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

○ **Membership/Outreach**

Jill welcomed the new members and Theresa O'Brien, who could not come to the meeting. Kerri Cicione. and Bill Robinson extended terms. Kevin Cronin has been ill. He will discontinue with RICAT until he gets well. Two more prospective members being explored. One person has submitted an application, the other one, Kat just emailed the information to Jill. If interested, application need to be submitted this will bring a total of 24 members in which 25 are needed. Also, 8 Members of RICAT are needed and 51 percent of them need to be members or individuals with disabilities.

○ **By-Laws:**

Currently the by-laws state that RICAT is comprised of a chairperson, vice chair, program director, and the committee chairs. There was a suggestion about possibly adding an ex-chair.

- Explore past president being a part of executive committee, Discussion seemed to be supported by membership.

- **Alternative Finance:**

The Alternative Finance committee has not met since last time. Kat reported that we had a small task group look at Colorado's website and Florida's website that has some of the funding sources for different types of assistive technology. But since then Rhode Island has submitted its annual plan to rehab services administration for assistive technology. A justification letter had to be written explaining why RI is not participating in alternative financing. Kat explained that RI does not have the funds to participate in Alternative financing at this time.

- **Legislative**

Everyone replied no new developments related to AT.

- **Communications**

Yin Sun is continuing to work on brochure.

- **Partner Support**

No visits scheduled since last meeting. Committee needs to meet.

- **Project Director's Report:**

Kat Grygiel shared draft of ATAP pamphlet & talked about AT conference on 11/27/07. TECHAccess, OSCIL, PARI & East Bay Educational Collaborative presented updates and/or success stories.

- **Next Meeting Date:** December 13, 2007 @ 2:30 @ 40 Fountain Street
Reminder: contact Kat or Sharon if you can not attend.