

Texas Advocates Board Meeting January 13-14, 2006

Chapter Reports

Debbie- People First, Wichita Falls
November 17th, beans and food drive
153 cans and \$20,
Christmas party for the state hospital
Community Service before May
Fundraiser-Spaghetti Dinner

Kristina Shaw- Golden Triangle Self Advocates, Beaumont
Patricia Bolden- Evacuation, working on homes
Christmas Cards for local nursing home
Dance on Jan 20th fundraiser

Lisa- Houston, Candy cane ball

Patti- Waco- banquet, sang/entertainment, she spoke keynote
Rebecca- Increased membership Tuesday night, thanksgiving banquet, Baylor buddies,
they gave stuff to the red cross

Susie- SALSA, San Antonio
Judith- talked about Jeremy, found a place to live and got new furniture. Judith and Susie
got to see their new place.

Consuelo- Williamson County Self Advocates, raised money at a car wash, gave money
to the red cross, fundraisers, March training, transportation for Williamson county,
CARTS, round rock city council.

Marshall- Denton County Self Advocates- Bake sale in February. Had a Christmas party,
car wash, Christmas cards.

Jamie Brewer- Ft. Bend, Bowling, dance, "best of the west" fundraiser, Christmas party,
Sue Busby was leaving for a new job. Next meeting in February

Matt- SALSA- San Antonio, campaign of awareness about sexual harassment,
fundraising (Christmas cards, Valentines cards) for trip to Dallas, meeting with the San
Antonio State School Advocates are coming to their meeting

Katie Hull- Guest, introduced her self

Pam Ashley- Gregg county, Longview group- elected new officers, discussed meaning of
being a self advocate, using start up kit, Had city of Longview talk about wheelchair....

Sheryl- United Advocates – Fort Worth

David Swallow- United Advocate- Had elections in October, Jodie Dean, newscaster and DJ KLOVE, has a son with a disability. Self Determination, Medicaid, Social Security, Volunteer work at the James L. Alzheimer center and food bank, did food drive for hurricane and made it a year long program, Sang Christmas carols and Hanukkah cards, help with arts and crafts too, video and helping to start another group.

Reggie- Tall City –Midland- he is now the local vice president, BJ Norton left to go to Fort Davis, Charlotte to take place, burgers and bowling, dances,
Nick Spain

Nicole- Houston, Happy Bunch- Christmas Party, elections for new officers, got a check from oil company of \$5000 for activities.

Charlotte Brooks- Austin Advocates, Christmas party, new self advocacy training

Texas Advocates Conference- Aug 4-6, Grapevine Hilton

Workshop Ideas

- Wine tasting
- Getting Job
- Debbie Wilkes- futures planning
- Self-Determination
- Self-Determination pilot projects
- Computers- basics
- Marriage/Relationships
- Married Group Homes/seed planting (Waco)
- Sign Language Class
- Fitness and Nutrition
- Sexual Health
- Dating and Relationships
- Men only/Women only
- Legislature
- Friendships
- Make and Take, memory crafts
- Fundraising
- Advocates Marketplace/exhibits and sales
- Movie time/Hospitality Room
- Natural Disaster Plan/Louisiana plan? Other states? FEMA
- Drugs
- DADS- SDS
- Americorps/VISTA/Volunteering
- Housing
- New Commissioner as a speaker
- How to speak out/Motivational speaker/overcome fears/Self Confidence
- Panel of Self Advocates and Parents

- Special Session for parents/advisors/providers
- Guardianship

What kind of workshops do you like?

- Interaction
- Role playing
- Props
- Self advocate speakers

Keynote Speaker Ideas

- National Self Determination Speakers, Self Advocate, Nancy Ward
- Chester Finn
- Mattress Mack
- Jody Dean
- Sue Swenson
- Tia Nellis
- Eloise Woods

Theme Ideas

- Determination, Straight from the vine
- Self Advocacy, I heard it through the grapevine
- We are the world
- Determination of the vine
- Fruit of the vine of Self Advocacy
- Vine

Fun Night Ideas

- Game Stop
- Las Vegas
- Karaoke
- Elvis Impersonator

T-shirts

- Green and purple
- Red or white

Regional Meetings

- Governmental issues
 - Up to date issues and what we can do in the future
 - Capitol day
 - Legislators
 - Candidates
 - Politics, getting involved
- Where:
 - Central Texas- June 17
 - Houston- March 25

- North Texas-April 29
- West Texas- get back to us
- East Texas- discuss

Website

- Get to know us
 - Mission and Vision Statement
 - Board Members
 - Get to know our Chapters
- Advocacy: Speaking Out (Speak Out)
 - Upcoming Events
 - Position Statements
 - Alerts
 - SABE/National/State Information
- Conferences and Trainings
 - Convention
 - Regional Meetings
 - Trainings
 - Board Meetings
 - minutes
- Get Involved
 - Membership
 - Spread the Word
 - Donate
- Peer to Peer Grant
 - Workshops
 - Leadership Academies
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- Resources
 - Links
 - Materials
 - Requesting Information

Wish List

- Conference Registration
- Online Membership Form
- E-mail list
- Search Engine

SABE Conference

Dates: May 25-28, 2006

Place: Atlanta Georgia

Price: Registration \$365

Rooms \$99/night

Playmakers have been invited to attend and are inviting people to join them on their bus. More information will be provided.

Whoever goes to the conference will be asked to tell their story.
Try to get DD council money- Send a letter to Roger Webb re. money
We want to make sure that the President goes.
Possible scholarship

Entertainment and Hospitality Committee- not sending Claudia anymore

Department of Aging and Disability Services - Service Delivery System Workgroups-

- James, Beth Holt and Ricky are involved in the process.
- James is on the Regulatory Workgroup
- Beth is on the Access and Intake Workgroup
- Ricky is on the Provider Services Workgroup

How this is going to effect you locally

- Who is going to provide services- DADS, Local Offices, 211 Info.,
- We worry that the face to face contact will be gone.
- There are things that cannot be brought to the table, ex. Olmstead
- This process may or may not be effective
- Big issues that have been brought up
 - How do we make sure the services are good-Quality Assurance
 - We need to have consumers involved in the process.
 - Closing down and consolidating state schools-off the table
 - Getting Quality Assurance and Improvement System (QAIS)
 - Involved consumer based system
 - Money follows the person
 - Making it user friendly
 - Eligibility- local center now, may change to screening then possibility meet a person, functional screening

Peer to Peer Grant

- We have held 3 workshops and 1 person centered planning meeting. The Leadership Academies are beginning in February.
- San Antonio went to the State School in their area and visited their self advocacy group. They are trying to make them a sister organization.

Discussion of the Use of the word “mental retardation”

- national arc stopped using the words “mr” and started using cognitive, intellectual and developmental disabilities

Top 10 Other Words to use to replace Mental Retardation

1. Special Talented People
2. Mentally Challenged
3. Developmental Disability

4. Different
5. People first language
6. Intelligent, Integrity, Individual
7. Rare Breed
8. Person with a learning disability
9. Cognitive Disability
10. Person with Different Abilities
11. Extraordinary people
12. Intellectual Disability

Sub Committee- to develop position to bring back to board

- Candi, Debbie, David, Mark, Lisa, Ricky

Future Board Training Ideas

1. Strategic Planning
2. Help to grow up
3. How to be a better board member/ responsibility
4. Other organizations
5. Public Speaking
6. Group

Legislative Issues Ideas

1. Getting rid of the MR label
2. Transportation
3. Employment