

# CESC REGIONAL AUTISM TEAM MEETING

February 11, 2005

**Present:** Joyce Alford, Robert Allen, Apryl Bradford, Amy Carter, Leanne Coffman, MaryAnn Forbes, Celeste Hinton, Cindy Hurt, Beth Huff, Joyce Lopez, Debra Myers, Alicia Richardson, Janice (Carter) Smith, Kelly Wanta, Debbie Walton, Shelia Wethington, and Cynthia York.

**Absent:** Laura Dinning, Vickie Embry, Regina Guthrie, Karin Holland, Kerry Holloman, Linda Hunt, Dana McCubbins, Shaun McPherson, Connie Poynter, Vickie Smith, & Candy Stolt.

## Business

### New Members

The group welcomed two new members this year. Welcome Joyce Alford (Edmonson) & Penny Adams (Bowling Green).

### Sharing of information related to Autism

- TEACCH jigs website & three handouts provided.
- Article on Clinical Education Complex at WKU in WKU Alumni Winter 2004 volume provided.
- Training Opportunities: Autism/ Aspergers 2005 by Future Horizons will have a two-day workshop in Louisville March 10-11, 2005. It will feature five speakers, including Temple Grandin. Assessment & Analysis of Severe & Challenging Behaviors by Institute of Applied Behavior Analysis (IABA) will have a two week workshop from July 24-August 6, 2005 in Los Angeles, CA.
- New Section of KRS Chapter 211 reviewed. KY General Assembly finds that the various departments, agencies, and entities providing care and treatment to individuals with an autism spectrum disorder (ASD) often do so without the necessary collaboration or sharing of information on training, treatments, and services. The General Assembly established that a Commission to develop and monitor the implementation of a comprehensive state plan for an integration system of training, treatments, and services for individuals of all ages with time lines for implementing and monitoring recommendations of the plan across the state. The Commission will consist of 23 appointed members (composition is specified) by appointed by July 1, 2005. One representative will be from a KY Special Ed. Coop.
- KATC Comprehensive System of Personnel Development (CSPD). KATC developed several online modules that are 30 minutes in length. Special Ed. Coops, like CESC, have been asked to partner with KATC to pilot these modules this year. They have asked that we identify one novice school team (including parents) that serve a student with autism. This team will receive consultation services and have access to the online modules. A team from Hart Co. schools has been identified and will be participating in this pilot project.

**60 Minute Video of Soma Mukhopadhyay, Rapid Prompting Method (featured on Sixty Minutes).** The group viewed a videotape of this *60 Minute* program.

**RDI Summary of workshop attended by Debra Myers.** Deb provided a summary of RDI workshop that she attended in November 2004.

### **Discussion of differences between Verbal Behavior & Mass Trials approaches of DTT.**

#### **Similarities**

Based upon principles of Behavior  
Effective use of prompt sequence  
Effective use of errorless learning  
Fading prompts/rewards  
Problem-solving approaches  
Data driven

#### **Differences**

10 repetitive trials vs. mixing/varying  
Delays length different after SD  
Correction procedures  
Data collection  
Mastery criterion definition

### **Identification of teachers/classrooms using any of the prominent intervention strategies for children with autism:**

ABA (Discrete trial teaching), Structured Teaching (TEACCH), Social Stories, Picture Exchange Communication System (PECS), and Video Self-modeling.

### **Autism Teaching Tool Kit**

The group discussed the development of a Teaching Tool Kit that would contain information important for a teacher who has a student with autism for the first time. The group would like to pursue the development of a kit that could be checked out through CESC. Will work toward putting together important materials.

### **New Materials at CESC**

The ABA Program Companion (2002). New York: DRL Books.  
Power Cards ((2001). Shawnee Mission, KS: Autism Asperger Publishing  
Tasks Galore (TEACCH Activities).

## **Strategic Planning Activities**

Decided to meet as large group instead of committees to finalize planning activities due to small numbers remaining for this portion of the meeting. Chairpersons identified. Decided that the Action Plan needs a column added to indicate when activity was accomplished. Several items not finished or done and no way to document it.

## **Professional Development (Chairperson: LeAnn Coffman - Hart).**

Main thrust of discussion was to hold trainings on ABLLS and Medical interventions in May along with Sharing of Structured Teaching activities. Group would like to explore partnering with River Region Coop to bring Vince Carbone to area for training on Verbal Behavior Methodology. Would like to have PECS, TEACCH, & Verbal Behavior workshops held on three year rotation. Will continue with Intro to ABA and Two day make-Take Structured Teaching workshops through Caveland.

## **Communication (Chairperson: Joyce Lopez- Russellville)**

The committee discussed continuing to invite community service providers to a meeting to obtain an overview of their services. First Steps and Family Works Therapy were two agencies that we need to invite. Discussed setting up a parent panel for a meeting and ways to partner more with the Kelly Autism Program and KATC.

## **Committee Work**

**See Action Plans attached.**

**Next Meeting: May 6, 2005**