

State of Nevada Autism Task Force
Training, Certification and Applied Behavior Analysis Subcommittee
MINUTES

Thursday, February 7, 2008
Teleconference

Members Present: Dr. Patrick Ghezzi, Dr. Matt Tincani, Michele Tombari, Erik Lovaas, Amy Coyne, Troy Parks, Dr. Nancy Sylvania, Cathy Mellor, Jody Silva, Ann Drendel-Haas and Dr. Ron Leaf.

Members Absent: Debra Meinberg and Dr. Jan Butz.

Staff: Melanie Stevens

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS:

Dr. Patrick Ghezzi opened the meeting at 1:55 pm by welcoming those present and asking all to introduce themselves.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was offered by Dr. Matt Tincani to approve the minutes of the December 2007 meeting. The motion was seconded by Erik Lovaas and the minutes were approved unanimously.

DISCUSSION ON OUTLINE OF SUBCOMMITTEE'S FINAL REPORT:

Dr. Patrick Ghezzi circulated a rough outline of what the final recommendation to the Autism Task Force should look like. There was extensive discussion on the endorsement of Board Certification of Behavior Analyst's and whether or not it would be excluding other well- trained Applied Behavior Analysts. The committee agreed that there needs to be more training and opportunities at the University level and we will need more faculty to provide that, with a goal of adding more professionals to the workforce, not weeding out those not certified.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was none.

SET NEXT MEETING DATE:

The committee agreed to schedule their next meeting for Tuesday, April 8th, 2008 at 1:45 pm.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no other business to address, Dr. Matt Tincani motioned for adjournment. The motion was seconded by Michele Tombari and carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 3:10 pm.