

Executive Meeting, April 8th, 2000.
Hull Child and Family Services, Calgary.

Attendance: Curtis Stevens, President; Pat Foran, Vice-President South; Nadine Hewson, Member At Large; Sheri Gessner, Member At Large; Lois Gorzen, Member At Large; Dave Zimmerman, Certification Committee; Jack Van Loo, Brenda Zimmerman.

1. **Legislation Update.** Curtis reported that he has talked to Jim Boyd and Wayne Turvey regarding the status of legislation. It has been decided to put the process of legislation on hold due to the concerns raised by the Minister, Murray Smith, at the last presentation. Before we proceed, we will need to address the 3 concerns raised by the Minister. 1. The regional Authority should have the responsibility to determine the designation. 2. We did not have enough Aboriginal Communities. 3. We don't fall under the Health Disciplines Act anymore. In addition our membership is not high enough. Wayne Turvey has also resigned from this committee. What's next? 1. Need to increase membership. 2. We need to address the Ministers concerns. 3. We need to re-do our proposal, to this end, Jack Van Loo is interested in helping work on this committee.
2. **Dave Zimmerman updated us on the status of the new Certification exam.** They are hoping to have it ready for use in June. Dave cannot provide details, but feels that the new exam is much more current, applicable to the job we do, and is broken up in a more logical way. Dave will arrange for the Executive Board to view the new manual A.S.A.P.
3. **Committee's.**
 - a. **Membership.** Membership is increasing, but we need to do more. Suggestions; Pat will look into having all new employees at Hull be required to join the Association, others could attempt to do the same at their respective agencies. The executive will make arrangements to visit Grant McEwan, Mt. Royal, and Lethbridge Community College, to see about doing presentations to the Faculty. The purpose would be to influence curriculum to reflect certification and to get more student members. The executive would also arrange to visit some of the larger Agencies to get them on side with Certification. It was also reported that The Alberta Government is going to require certification within two years of employment at all of their Facilities. Pat will chair this committee.
 - b. **Newsletter.** Curtis has the new one just about ready to go. He needs more people contributing articles, artwork, etc. Please forward any idea's to him at cyaapost@hotmail.com. Curtis will continue to chair this committee.
 - c. **Conference.** Pat, with the assistance of Hull, has offered to look into hosting the **2001 Alberta Child and Youth Care Conference**. The plan is to host it next year at this time, 4 days in early April. The Hull kids will be on their school break and this would free up 9 classrooms, in addition to 3 other large meeting rooms and the gymnasium. We would attempt to solicit one or two big name keynote speakers in addition to a number of local presenters. We would also offer a number of training workshops that Hull hosts on a regular basis such as, Therapeutic Crisis Intervention, Suicide Intervention, First Aid, Diversity Training, etc. We would also incorporate an Aboriginal component by running the Hull Aboriginal Awareness Workshop and having Sweats at our sweat lodge located right here on campus. We would like to invite our local political leaders to participate and hopefully educate them about the C.Y.C.A.A. in the process. We would also organize a number of social events such as, a night at a comedy club, a Flames or Cannons game, supper at the historic Hull Ranch, and happy hours at the local pubs. Reduced rates at

local hotels could also be arranged. Pat will approach the Hull Executive Director for his support and proceed from there.

- d. Pat reported that **Hull** currently has 91 certified staff members. He will schedule a meeting to solicit support from these members to get more involved in the Association and doing committee work.