

COMMITTEE ON DYSPHAGIA
Meeting 09/08/04- Minutes

Participants: Margaret P. Shafer, Irina Brailovski, Anne Pittinger, Deb Dirado,
Jim Lemma, Joy McGowen, Judy Hengst, Pam Smith.

Topics discussed:

1. The 10/13/04 continuing education presentation will be postponed till spring of 2005. Topics included: Use of blue dye, DPNS, oral stimulation for pediatrics and adults. Several presenters were unable to participate on 10/13.
2. Joy brought up the fact that ASHA is questioning medical clearance of dysphagia protocol in the school setting. The issue appears to be that the obtaining of medical clearance might hold up services, but it does not hold up services at this time.
3. Meeting minutes – this responsibility will be shared by all members. Minutes will be emailed to all members and posted on web site within one week.
4. Responsibility for continuing education paperwork will continue to be shared by Pam and Irina. Pam will put together flyer and obtain CEU approval, Irina will continue to do the mailings.
5. Discussion re: committee goals. Suggestions/topics included:
 - Organizing a major continuing education activity (Alzheimer's, videofluoroscopy as a tool for pediatric and adult treatment planning, a "Back to Basics" session to discuss the use of various techniques in dysphagia therapy.)
 - Setting up committee list serve; have meeting minutes posted on PSHA web site. Hand out list serve information at PSHA booth/ASHA
 - Expanding scope of dysphagia committee to encourage involvement statewide
 - Establishing steering committee to plan continuing education activities in local area.
6. Need to meet face to face or communicate via e-mail/phone conference. The face to face interaction facilitates much professional discussion and should not be lost as we attempt to expand the committee's scope statewide.
7. Productivity issues in different settings were discussed.
8. Billing issues/ how to bill for services provided was discussed
9. OT/ST- "ownership" of speech/dysphagia intervention was discussed as it applies in school/clinical settings
10. Expanding committee membership. Article could be written for Keystater and on PSHA website. The list serve could be publicized on the web site and the Keystater. There was question about the ability of spammers to access the list. It is a closed list and people who wish to become members need to be approved by the list administrator (Pam Smith). This minimizes spam, but as with everything in this world there is no guarantee.
11. The committee would like to advocate to become separate standing committee with PSHA and not a subcommittee of the speech pathology committee.

Meeting Dates:

- October 6th – planning meeting
- November - no meeting – ASHA
- January 12th – planning meeting (February 2nd - snowday)

- March 2nd – cont. ed. activity
- May 4th – cont. ed. activity
- June 8th - planning meeting

Respectfully submitted,
Irina Brailovski