

2010-2011 ANNUAL REPORT

Advocacy:

VP, Julie Pratt

Committee members: Dawn Kutney, Stephanie Johnson, Glenda Locke, Sandy Glista, Ashley Garber, Michele Bridges, Kathleen McAvoy, Katie Atkinson, Arun Biran

1. Primary Accomplishments in 2010 - 2011 :

- Formed an active committee, identified roles and responsibilities of our committee
- Continued to work toward disseminating information regarding licensure.
- Provided feedback to rules committee on licensure
- Tracked and provided input for several bills impacting our practice and our consumers (i.e., Autism Bill, Auto No Fault Bill)
- Worked with the Reimbursement Committee to obtain independent billing for SLP's with BCBSM.

2. Major Challenges/Barriers

- Primary challenge this year has been obtaining timely and clear information regarding licensure issues and finding an easy forum to distribute this information.

3. Plans/Directions for 2010-2011

- Continue to track and participate in current legislation impacting our practice
- Develop a grassroots plan for when action on a legislative issue is needed.
- Coordinate frequent updates for website/facebook/list serves regarding legislative issues.

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COMMITTEE: Committee on Ethics

Committee Chair: Robin Pollens

Committee Members: Martina Bertoni, Mary Peterson, Frances Jelsone and Anita Marzonie (Fran and Anita are no longer on the committee) and Cary Cekola and Katherine Rigley-Rowell joined the committee at the end of the year.

1. Primary Accomplishments in 2011-2012 :

- We received requests for **9 ethics consults**. They were analyzed by the committee in face to face meetings or by telephone group meetings. Written responses were sent to the MSHA members, which summarized our discussions and included resources. Topics of concern included: IEP & Caseload, GLCE & Caseload, lack of calibration, home health & HIPPA, documenting neglect, psychology and SLP referral, HI program funding, Medicaid supervision, non public-school service frequency.
- We presented a poster presentation at MSHA conference: **Ethical Dilemmas and Resources for MSHA Members** (Pollens, Jelsone, Marzonie). We also had a booth with educational materials in the exhibitors' hall and committee members sat at the booth throughout the conference. As a result, we provided education and had direct contact for discussions with many members of MSHA.
- We collated a list of MSHA members' concerns and provided them to the Executive Board.
- We created our initial website page for the committee, including links for the Ethics Consult Form, various resources, and various hot topics in ethics in speech pathology and audiology.

2. Major Challenges/Barriers - Sometimes scheduling meetings when everyone can participate is challenging due to busy lives. But we have had wonderful committee members who fully participate whenever able.

3. Plans/Directions for 2012-2013

Robin Pollens is stepping down as chair, but continuing on the committee. Mary Peterson and ___?___ are the new co-chairs of the committee. The webpage will be updated with new hot topics as appropriate. We'll continue in our role of providing avenues for education about ethics and offering ethics consults as requested. Other further creative endeavors TBD!



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COMMITTEE: Michigan Speech-Language-Hearing Foundation

Committee Chair: Fran Eldis

Committee Members: Kathy Boyer, Ellen Fairbrother, Sandra Glista, Elaine Ledwon-Robinson, Judy Lytwynec, Rick Merson, Mary Peterson, Judy Silverman, Liz Stevens

1. Primary Accomplishments on 2010-2011 :
 - i. Wonderful evening with the Chenille Sisters; unfortunately attended by too few.
 - ii. Once again provided \$500 scholarship for grad students in communication sciences and disorders to Central, Eastern, Michigan State, Wayne State and Western.

2. Major Challenges
 - i. Our major challenge remains raising funds to support the scholarship program so that we can increase the amount granted each year.
 - ii. Increasing involvement and interest from audiologists.

3. Plans/Directions for 2011-2012
 - i. Further development of a giving plan to encourage our professionals to participate in the goals of MSHF.

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HEALTH CARE SERVICES:

1. *Primary Accomplishments in 2010-2011 :*

Designated Co-Chair as necessary component for this committee: Carolyn Doty is currently serving in this role.

Began re-organization of the committee based on four key "subcommittee" target areas: Continuing Education, Clinical Practice Issues, Reimbursement and Supervision.

The Conference subcommittee identified 2012 Speakers and laid the groundwork for offering a fall program in 2012.

Offered first CEU at a meeting where a speaker was also scheduled.

Supported the Reimbursement Committee in obtaining BC-BS direct billing.

Continue to monitor information received from our STAR and SMAC representative and policy updates from Medicaid/Children's Special Health Care services.

Monitored legislation that is proposing changes to Auto No Fault law in Michigan.

2. *Major Challenges/Barriers*

Not Enough Time: this is a volunteer organization after all.

We would benefit from increased participation from SLP's representing private practice, TBI programs and skilled nursing facilities. Our committee has significant Hospital based representation.

3. *Plans/Directions for 2010-2011*

Continue with planning for Nov. 1, 2012 Fall program with the goal of providing reasonably priced CEU's to members.

Continue defining scope of subcommittee "target areas" so that individuals may better understand how they might contribute to and benefit from more specific roles in their particular area of interest.

Continue with revision of the Clinical Service Award: at this time it is "on hold."



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VP Professional Development and Education

Primary Accomplishments in the year 2010-2011:

- Establish links with public school program committee and health services committee for developing topics and speakers for the annual conference.
- Continue to maintain updates to executive board on conference planning.
- Continue to maintain and support the MSHA office staff with conference planning

Major Challenges

- Recruiting committee members and VP for Professional Development and Education
- Advisory positions for Continuing Education

Plans/Directions for 2011-2012

- Mentoring new members of committee's and VP for Professional Development and Education
- Look at new sites in the Tri-county area.
- Look at the structure of program committee for planning future professional development opportunities for MSHA members.