



## Idaho Council on Developmental Disabilities Inclusive Education Task Force Conference Call Notes

**Friday, August 16, 2013**  
**Monday, August 19, 2013**

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### **Participants:**

- Alison Lowenthal, State Department of Education (8/16)
- Shannon Morris, Culdesac School District (8/16)
- Jennifer Zielinski, Idaho Parents Unlimited (8/19)
- Lisa Beymer, Boise State University (8/19)
- Denise Wetzel, Parent/Idaho Council on Developmental Disabilities, Task Force Chair (8/19)
- Marilyn Sword, Executive Director, Idaho Council on Developmental Disabilities (8/19)
- Marsha Bracke, Facilitator, Bracke and Associates, Inc. (8/16 & 8/19)

### **Announcements:**

- Marilyn Sword is retiring the end of September. She has contracted with Marsha Bracke, Bracke and Associates, to support the group by expanding her facilitation role until that time staff changes at the ICDD are complete. Marilyn wants to ensure the group is supported and it's work continues without interruption
- Shannon Morris, Principal, Culdesac School District has joined the group bringing the perspective of the School Administrator
- Alison Lowenthal will be leaving the Task Force as she has other responsibilities that will demand her time. Kimberly Barnes will be representing the State Department of Education, and the two will be transitioning those responsibilities over the next several months.
- Kelly Hall, Special Education Director for Boise Schools, is leaving the group due to other demands on her time. Kelly has identified a school to participate in the co-teaching pilot project. Recommendations for individuals to replace Kelly on the Task Force are invited from all members.

### **Status Reports**

#### Strategic Action 1.A. - PSA Campaign

Lisa Beymer's online course will take on the PSA campaign as a service learning project; she anticipates 3 and potentially 4 groups participating. Marilyn and Denise generated and delivered the introduction video for use in the project. Marsha will follow-up with Michelle Doty to see if she wants to use the same resource to pursue a similar project at LCSC.

#### Strategic Action 2.A. - Video Contest

Denise Wetzel has generated a near final draft of all materials. The Council's education committee discouraged conducting the contest in the fall thinking that it is too late to get the materials in teachers hands; rather the context will be conducted in the spring in anticipation of a March 30 deadline. The process of distributing the materials has still to be refined. While the InEd website is under development, the project will be shared through a web page within the ICDD's website to facilitate that distribution. The Council's Education Work Team members will also distribute this information. Outstanding is the effort to identify theatres to potentially air the PSAs after their completion.

#### Strategic Action 2.B. - Training Efforts

Marsha will follow-up with Angela to secure the status of this strategy.

#### Strategic Action 3.A. - Inclusion website

The Task Force will use a page on ICDD's website in the interim to share and distribute InEd information. The Task Force will reserve time on the November agenda to talk in detail about the content of its own web page and the schedule for going live.

#### Strategic Action 3.B. - School Administrator Participation

Culdesac Schools Principal Shannon Morris has joined the group, participated on Friday's call, and will be at the November meeting.

#### Strategic Action 3.C. - Implement Co-Teaching Initiative

Kelly Hall said Wendy Forrey, Principal of Washington Elementary, is interested in working on a co-teaching pilot project at Washington. Lisa Beymer will be contacting her in the near term to further develop this project.

#### Strategic Action 3.D. - Best Practices Research

Marsha will forward a link to the Florida Inclusion Network for the group's review (<http://www.floridainclusionnetwork.com/page265.aspx>) to consider regarding website development and task force initiatives. Marilyn will forward the analysis of the parent survey provided by Matt Wappett for the group's review and consideration.

#### Strategic Action 3.E. - Media Network

ICDD maintains a list of TV stations and their contact information. Marsha will research the project file for the additional information and/or secure that information as needed. The group could not remember what the 'outline of questions' was intended to be, or how the SA's (school administrators, self advocates) were intended for use. Marsha will work to secure those answers as possible.

#### Strategic Action 4.A. - Project Management

Project schedule is being implemented and the next conference call is scheduled for October 9 from 3-4 Mountain time, 2-3 Pacific time. The next face to face meeting is Wednesday, November 6 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the JR Williams Building West Conference Room in Boise.