

## BEBA Board Meeting Agenda 9/25/2003

In attendance: board members Dorothy Adler, Heidi Debra, Isaac Dornbush, Marla van Stein, Ray Castellino, and Sandra Castellino, Administrative Director.  
(Christie Barrack and Vicki DiIoya were not able to come).

Update from Ray. BEBA is having a major impact on the professionals he is training. The deep processing observable in the tapes of BEBA sessions encourages deep processing among the trainees. Many are doing BEBA type work in their own areas including Myrna Martin with her Strengthening Families Program in B.C., Canada.

Report from Myrna Martin, our potential executive director. She wrote a grant for a family clinic and an outreach program for health care professionals that was funded by grants from government agencies for this past year. She was seeing families 2.5 days a week (more than 400 sessions so far). She created a slide show from the work with these families that she presented 25 times throughout eastern B.C. to health care professionals. Participants filled out evaluation forms the day of the workshop and again with a follow-up 4 months after the presentations. They were asked what difference the presentation made in their lives and if people were interested in more training. The people responding indicated a strong, lasting impact from these one or two day presentations. 150 people have indicated an interest in further training. In addition, all the parents filled in an evaluation. There were very positive. Most spoke about the changes in the relationships between all family members as well as specific changes in their children. Myrna is hopeful that BEBA will raise the funds to bring her down here. She has spoken with two attorneys who help spouses of R.N.s get their green cards. This would allow her husband Ken to work here. The attorneys said the process takes at least 2 months. Her youngest son is graduating from high school in June so they are available to come next summer and would need some lead time.

Minutes of Last Meeting were approved with additions. Ray 1<sup>st</sup>, Isaac 2<sup>nd</sup>, all approved.

The board accepted Michael Brightwood's resignation as a member of the BEBA BOD.

He has moved to England. Thank him for donations and support. Marla 1<sup>st</sup>, Heidi 2<sup>nd</sup>, all approved. Ray is going to write to him. Suggestion we send him a card of thanks from the board.

### Financial Report

Board approved transferring funds from the Special Account to the Regular Account and closing the Special Account. The Special Account was created for a donation of about \$16,000 from a German philanthropist who wished it to go to therapy and not administration. We no longer know how to reach him. The donation was originally

targeted for one child. Ray and Wendy were paid for their services for working with this child. The merging was done with the recognition that BEBA has paid well over \$16,000 for clinical staff services. Isaac 1<sup>st</sup>, Dorothy 2<sup>nd</sup>, all approved.

Website: Dorothy commented how helpful it is to be able to send people to the website. She wants to know if we are keeping a tally. This is available at the bottom of the screen on each page except the cover. The site has received 757 hits since June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2003 when we first started tracking.

Acknowledging Foundation grants. Dorothy suggested that we put the Karuna Foundation on our website and put a notice in the News Press about the grant received. Suggestion we put all Foundation grants on our website.

Cards. The board members would like cards for each BOD member with their name, title and the website as well as phone and address. Discussion of buying perforated card paper and making out own or buying cardstock and cutting with an exacto knife.

The Board voted to invite BEBA mom Maggie Rauen to join the board when Ray feels it is appropriate. Meanwhile she will participate in the party/fundraising committee which is open to non-board members. Ray 1<sup>st</sup>, Dorothy 2<sup>nd</sup>, all approved.

The Board voted to invite BEBA mom Meg Butler to join the board. Heidi 1<sup>st</sup>, Ray 2<sup>nd</sup>, all approved.

BEBA potluck committee report. What next, plans for a future potluck party

#### Fundraising

Discussion of next board meeting time. The board decided not to meet in November/December. Instead, committee members will focus the next 3 months on planning a fundraising strategy and planning a 10<sup>th</sup> year anniversary party in the spring. Board members on the committee are Heidi deBra, Marla van Stein, Vicki DiIoya. Maggie Rauen and Meg Butler will be asked to join the committee. Ray will meet with them when available.