

Therapeutic Recreation Committee 2009 Mid Year Report

Officers

Claudia A. Brewer, CTRS, Southfield Parks and Recreation, Chair August 2007 - Present
Val Romeo, Kentwood Parks and Recreation, Chair elect and chair of TRI as of January 2008

Committee Members

Joan Lenhard, Lansing Parks and Recreation; Sandy Dorey, Oakland County Parks;
Jennifer Canaan, Origami Brain Injury Rehab; Emily Laskie, Canton Parks and
Recreation, Kristine Kading, City of Wyoming; Derenda Howard; Oakland County
Parks; Shelley Dividock, Beaumont Hospitals; Andrea Thompson, Origami; Cindy
Burkhour, Access to Recreation Initiative; Jeannette Williams, Canton Township; Justin
Lippe, MRPA Liaison

Therapeutic Recreation Institute : September 23-25, 2009 in Mt. Pleasant

Val Romeo, TR Chair Elect
Kristine Kading, Program Committee
Shelley Dividock, Social Committee

New this year is a pre-conference with all day sessions in grant writing, aquatic therapy
or hunting for the disabled.

Meetings

Total of 4 meetings/ year: next meeting September 9, 2009
TRI meetings as needed
Communication via email regarding any TR issues

Goals for 2009

1. To work with all committees and the conference committee to ensure the accessibility of all education and social sites associated with workshops and conference. **Ongoing. Val Romeo worked with this years general conference committee.**
2. To develop a template for professionals to speak to students at high school career days as well as at the university level. **Has not been accomplished. TR chair elect has some items in place. This has been an ongoing goal. Chair is now sitting on membership committee which is discussing this issue as well. TR committee will continue to work on this project and try packaging it with the membership info.**
3. Develop TR workshops and TRI **Ongoing. TRI is scheduled for September 23-25, 2009 in Mt. Pleasant. TR workshop did not happen last year. Offering pre-conference sessions at the TRI instead.**
4. Distribute more information to a broader range of youth with disabilities for sport programs; ex. Hershey Track and Field Event; PPK and Hoops challenge. **Plans for this years adaptive PPK are confirmed. Committee**

will run events in the metro Detroit area and then on the west side of the state. State event will take place on November 14 at the Lions training center. Wright and Filippis has agreed to purchase the tickets for the adaptive group again this year. The committee has made the contacts to include wheelchair basketball players in the hoops challenge if it is held as well as ideas for increasing Hershey participation for the adaptive division.

- 5. Submit leisure focus articles pertaining to TR Ongoing**
- 6. To submit 2 sessions for the general conference- The committee is working on representing “disability awareness benefits everyone” (a session at the TRI) and also hoopin’ it for the health of it**

Strategic Priorities

- 1. One collaboration, Non-financial, mutual in-kind service- Have not identified this.**
- 2. One partnership with a minimum of one university and one of the following (MML, MTA, MAC, MASC,MAP and MACAA) The TR committee does not typically work with any of the above organizations but, has tried to form a partnership with MTRA by providing a combined workshop . This did not work. Also worked on trading memberships to conferences, etc and this did not work. The organization is currently in transition. Currently working with all universities that offer TR programs. Universities assist with volunteers for TRI, speakers, etc. Currently with CMU and GVSU.**
- 3. Develop a marketing plan that would recruit new members and retain existing members. This is ongoing. Currently offer a reduced membership if people join at the TRI. Also working with the membership committee directly to help develop this marketing plan to include potential TR members.**

Highlights:

The committee is working very hard on the upcoming TRI. New this year is the offering of the pre-conference sessions which moves the conference to 3 days overall. This year has seen an increase in participation via the internet/email. Communication has increased and the interest in the committee has increased even though attendance at meetings is low.