July CORE Quarterly Call Minutes - July 25, 2013

Attendance: Roxy Lamar, Kelly Roberts (Chair), Meaghan McHugh (AUCD), Mark Innocenti, Eric Moody, Margo Izzo, Glen Fujiura, Brian Reichow

1. Overcoming Challenges in Conducting Research with Individuals with ID – WEBINAR (Date to be determined – but sometime in September)
   a. Representative Samples (Karen Ward)
   b. Invalidation of Self-Report (Glen Fujiura)
   c. Reliability of Reports with Families, Providers, and Care Providers (Elena Andresen)
   d. Perspectives from an individual with ID (Edlynne Sanchez)

Discussion: This webinar is organized and ready to go. All that remains is a date for the webinar. Meaghan will send a doodle to find an acceptable date.

2. Lifespan Approach to ASD: Evidence Based Practices – Research Symposium at the Annual Conference, Monday, November 18, 2013, 9:45 to 12:45
   a. Presenter - Brian Reichow, Diagnostic Changes; Ann Cox, Early Childhood Up Through Early School Years; Somer Bishop, Adolescence and Adults.

Discussion: This seminar has been organized for the AUCD conference. Kelly thanked those that helped with the organization. This should be an interesting and timely presentation.


Discussion: The most recent evidence-based policy brief been reviewed and submitted to authors. This brief has been reviewed externally and is being revised. All future policy briefs will be subject to a similar review process. NASDDS/AUCD has a list of areas where they would like evidence-based practice policy briefs produced. The question was raised as to whether developing briefs should be a CORE activity. The opinion was that because the process of writing a brief takes significant time and knowledge of the area, this process is best left to people working on grants or projects where time and funding are available. There will be a session at the AUCD Annual Meeting this year which will present papers on evidence-based policy as well as a process for submitting policy brief to AUCD. The NASDDDS/AUCD documents are currently on the AUCD webpage for CORE (under Resources): http://www.aucd.org/template/page.cfm?id=69

4. CORE meeting, during AUCD annual meeting on Sunday Nov. 17th 12:30 to 3:00
   a. Topics to be discussed during the CORE meeting at AUCD

Discussion: The agenda for the annual meeting was briefly discussed. One question was about the development of a research track. In the past the concern was that there needs to be a sufficient number of research presentations to constitute a track and based on past
conferences the program committee did not think a track could be justified. Meaghan will check to determine how many papers would be needed to constitute a track. The other concern was whether a sufficient number of researchers at UCEDDs would be willing to submit and present at the AUCD conference. CORE members were encouraged to open dialogue at their respective organizations regarding this practice such that more information would be available. CORE will send an email to the CORE representatives regarding this issue. If people come up with agenda topics please contact Kelly.

5. Other items?

Discussion: Meaghan brought up an earlier evidence-based policy webinar that Margo chaired. The process of adding new information to established briefs was discussed. Margo will get more information about the next steps for doing this after the upcoming webinar. Margo emphasized that it was more important for the field to focus on briefs rather than webinars.

No other items. Meeting adjourned.