

PBEC – Special Ed Parent Advisory Committee
Room 200 WESB
February 12, 2013- 5:30 – 9:00pm

Members – Randee Dwire, Chris Schmidt, Teresa Berczyke, LeAnn Anderson, Laura Paulson, Michele Eckert, Mary Lassow, Jim Harris, Kathy Ogden, Gaynard Brown

Agenda:

- 1. Introductions**
- 2. Revisit the reason behind SEAC's.**
- 3. Paul Bunyan Education Cooperative Who are we For New members?**
- 4. Preview for the next meeting in May. Continued discussion topics to include;**
 - a. Possible outcomes of the SEAC**
 - b. Council positions – length of term**
 - c. By-laws**
 - d. Mission Statement**
 - e. How to join**
 - f. Communication format**
- 5. Closing and Introduction of the SEAC sponsored evening program, *Planning for Today and Tomorrow* – Securing the Future for Persons with Disabilities and Navigating the Maze of Social Services and funding.
6:30 – 9:00 pm**

Tuesday, February 12, 2013

Washington Education Services Building, Rm 200

804 Oak Street, Brainerd, MN 56401

6:30 PM - 8:30 PM, Questions 8:30 - 9:00PM

Who should attend? - Parents, Case Managers, Guardians

**Special Needs Planning- Securing the Future
for Persons with Disabilities - Roger Strege**

This presentation assists persons with disabilities and their families in identifying and resolving their unique life and estate planning issues. The session takes professionals and families from the first to the last planning step, explained in easy to understand terms. Topics include protecting government benefits, establishing guardianship, preparing appropriate wills and Supplemental Needs Trusts, avoiding family conflict, and reducing professional costs.

Navigating the Maze of Social Services and Funding - Richelle Kramer

The social service system is complicated. Although Richelle is from Wright County Human Services, she will use her experiences and knowledge to help you find your way through the maze of services. This presentation assists persons with disabilities and their families plot a course and better understand the system involved in county social services.

PRESENTER'S BIO Roger Strege, IAR, CESTM

Roger Strege is the president of Special Needs Planners. He is a Certified Estate and Trust Specialist and holds a Degree from the Carlson School of Management at the University of Minnesota. He is the founder and President of Autism Allies, a nonprofit dedicated to serving children and families with autism. Roger serves on the Board of Directors for ARC United, a nonprofit helping people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. He also holds several lay leadership positions at his church, including Vice President. Roger lives in Buffalo with his wife Suzy and two teenage children. Their youngest daughter, Claire, has autism.

PRESENTER'S BIO Richelle Kramer

Richelle has more than 15 years experience working as a Wright County Social Worker serving children w/developmental disabilities. She is a professional trainer/speaker and a founding member of the Wright County Autism Task Force. Richelle is the parent of three children, one who has Asperger's.

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