

Committee: MODE Fall Board Meeting	Date: October 25, 2007
Leading: Sharon Goodsell	Place: Livonia Marriott, Livonia, MI
Recording: Robin Nwankwo	Time: 3:30 pm- 5:30 pm

Present: Paula Ackerman, Carol Grafford, Deb Sage, Carol Barr, Julie Shippy, Ann Scott, Robin Nwankwo, Judy Swancutt, Sharon Goodsell, Deb House, Marcia Hegstad, Barb Freeland, Lynn Kihm, Mary Jean Klebba, Carol Ciaramitaro, Connie Stefanski, Jean Chickering, Rita Schillinger, Ann Constance, Patricia Huhn, Sharon Elachi, Autumn Methner, Phyllis Surma, Jennifer Schwab
Guests:

Total present 24.

Handouts:.

Topic	Discussion	Recommendations	Follow-up
1. Call to Order	Sharon Goodsell called the meeting to order at 3:35 pm		
2. Verification of Quorum	Quorum verified by Deb Sage.		
3. Minutes	Distributed	Approved by Carol Grafford and seconded by Deb Sage.	
4. Treasurer's report	<p>Checking: \$21,904.50</p> <p>Savings: \$15,609.01</p> <p>Chase account is closed and all monies transferred.</p> <p>All money has been given to all the regions and dollars reflected represent only MODE.</p> <p>Have interest bearing savings.</p> <p>Membership dollars are to be sent to Paula Ackerman home address. \$700 from Spring conference vendors came in after fiscal year ended.</p> <p>Budget explained.</p> <p>Back taxes appeal was denied but AADE Chief Financial officer has agreed to reimburse us for the IRS back taxes of \$2281.</p> <p>Each region rep asked to look closely at their budget line to use the monies since there are changes to budget lines.</p> <p>Budget year does not match our new year and the budget will need to be readdressed.</p>	Carol Grafford moved for acceptance and seconded by Deb Sage.	
4b. Executive Report	No additional reports. Transition meeting covered training and changes. Meeting with Region representatives followed meeting.	See transition meeting notes.	
5. Region	Region 1		

<p>Reports</p>	<p>Several changes to the diabetes programs have taken place. One program has changed owners; two new diabetes programs have been added in Escanaba and Warren Memorial; and fundraising activities are underway to maintain the UPDON office.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Region 2</p> <p>The Region 2 Mode meeting was held July 12, 2007, following the TIPDON meeting, at the Holiday Inn Express in Gaylord.</p> <p>Minutes were approved from the last MODE meeting.</p> <p>Treasurer reported that there is no change since the last meeting, with \$1022.12 remaining in the account.</p> <p>Julie Shippy reported that \$3000.00 was received from MODE for the “Novice to Expert” program that our region will be presenting. The money had been deposited in TIPDON’s account and will be disbursed as needed for the conference. Julie reported that she is also the new co-editor for the “Exchange” – and articles of interest and reports should be sent to her.</p> <p>Discussion on Goal Sheets and best ones to use were presented. Ideas were generated as to how to get people to use goal sheets and strategies to get the best outcomes. Consensus was it is very difficult to get people to write measurable goals, and there is poor follow through. More thought is needed on this problem.</p> <p>Novice to Expert Program : Julie Shippy stated that she had a postcard for “Save the Date” ready to send and will do so within a week. She said she is already getting e-mails from people wanting to attend. Three quotes had been obtained for holding the conference and it was decided that Tree Tops Resort had the best prices. Julie will put a deposit of \$500.00 down today to ensure it is booked, per consensus of the group. Discussion as to reserving rooms, and reasonable # of participants ensued. Rooms available Sept 19-21st. The group agreed that 60 rooms would be reserved (30 per night) at a price of \$79.00/night. Meals and wine and cheese reception also discussed. Rhonda Haske to work on contracting vendors for contributions and table fees. Assignments made for speakers, ancillary help.</p> <p>New Region rep is Joan Moore from Cheboygan. General meeting notes: Novice To Expert meeting</p>		
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was well attended.

Region 3

Autumn Methner and Louise Weiler have joined Shelly Hall and the new co-reps. Kelly Crawford has moved out of state.

Region 3 has arranged for the teaching program a Journey for Control to be presented in Bay City. The Conversation Map Training sponsored by Healthy and Merck is Thu Nov 8 5pm - 8pm the Doubletree Hotel, Bay City, MI There is no cost and there will be a light meal provided.

We are also trying to get the 2 hour program "Understanding Behavioral Change to Help Improve Diabetes Outcomes" by Dr. Polonsky approved for credits by AADE for February. If this is possible for us then others would be able to use it for an encore fee of \$100. We will keep everyone informed of our progress.

Brenda Kretzshmer has recently passed her nurse practitioner boards. She is employed by a family practice office and a cardiology office.

Pat Wren reported Standish/St Mary's diabetes program was selected for a random State of Michigan audit and passed.

Covenant in Saginaw is one of the host sites for the ADA free foot exam November 7th 2007.

Covenant Coordinator, Susan Caister reported that they are continuing to present school programs through their foundations. They are also converting to live medical records (on computer).

Scheurer Hospital diabetes program in Pigeon is also going to computerized charting and they have a new RD, Brooke McNabb.

Laurie Roggenbuck reported that Harbor Beach and Deckerville have just completed their 3 year state certification.

Kathy Dropeski at Hills and Dales reports that they have a Federal Rural Health Pedometer walking program for chronic disease prevention and women's wellness.

Tammy House at NIMKE center has received federal grants for STEPS. They are also doing Girls on the RUN, and National Kids Play Day.

Mary Messing at Huron Memorial is also working with Girl on the RUN as well as in worksite

wellness.

Cathy Lynn Franke is the current President of the Michigan Chapter of the Michigan Dietetic Assoc.

Region 4

No report. New representatives were welcomed.

Region 5

Next meeting will be in conjunction with Region 6 on Nov. 14th. Presentation will be on the behavioral and lifestyle aspects of Diabetes Management. Nikole Laube from Roche Diagnostics is sponsoring the dinner program.

We had a dinner presentation sponsored by Amylin Pharmaceuticals at Andiamo in Sterling Heights. The topic entitled, Byetta and Symlin 1 year results, was given by Davida Kruger.

General meeting: The members will participate in the ADA foot screening on Nov. 7, 2007.

Region 6

New representatives are Kay Sweeney and Phyllis Surma. They have case studies planned for upcoming meetings. Nov 14 is the next meeting at Northern Seafood Company on the Behavior Change program. Will be partnering with Region 5. Region 6 is the host for tomorrow's fall MODE conference.

Region 7

New representative is Jennifer Schwab. In the effort to rebuild the region membership a focus group has been set up.

Reported in the General meeting: A program on peripheral arterial disease is planned for September 2007. Will begin planning for next year, the 2008 Fall conference as well as make an effort to recruit new members.

Region 8

Oct 6, 2007 was the ADA's Step Out to Fight Diabetes Walk in Lansing. Local sponsors included Sparrow Hospital, Ingham Regional Medical Center, and MESSA.

Oct 27, 2007. ADA's Diabetes Update will be held in East Lansing at Hannah Community Center from 8:30 am – 12:30

pm. Peggy Apostolos, RD, from Ingham Regional Medical Center will present "Holiday Cooking Tips," and the staff at Ingham have been involved in planning the event.

Nov 3, 2007 Herrick Hospital (Promedica): 3rd annual Diabetes day on Saturday Nov 3, includes a Podiatrist who does extensive foot screenings for free.

Nov 7, 2007 ADA sponsors a Foot Clinic in Lansing. They are still looking for CDE's who are available to help out that day.

2. Meetings held (topic/location):

Oct 4, 2007. The Region 8 meeting was held at Bravo's in Lansing. Two of us attended. Discussion centered around attracting new members☺. We have contacted the DSMT programs in our region, as well as people who work in Diabetes in other capacities and invited folks to join us. There is interest in keeping in touch, but busy schedules and long distance drives for meetings in our region are a challenge. We talked about ways to adapt to this. Members have expressed satisfaction in receiving more frequent emails for routine communication. We had a great time.

Region 9

Meeting on November 8 to learn about the Chronic Care model.

Region 10.

November 7: St Mary's Health Care: Practical Use of New Diabetes Therapies-7th annual CME conference at Western Michigan Graduate Center in Grand Rapids (contact person: Julie Lundvick)

November 14: Priority Health Diabetes Collaborative (contact person: Kelli Pickett)

November 28: Next MODE Region 10 meeting at Priority Health: topic will be site surveys (contact person: Deb House)

2. Meetings held (topic/location):

September 26 MODE Region 10 meeting at Noto's Italian Restaurant with 27 MODE members attending. Celebration dinner for successful Novice to Expert program followed by presentation by Dr. Celia Wills on "Tools of the self-management of depression: Depression and diabetes".

DeVos Children's Hospital in Grand Rapids

	<p>held "Peds Diabetes Education Program". This free all day program - "Making the Grade in Diabetes Care" for school personnel was held on September 24, 2007. We had approximately 100 attendees, including teachers, secretaries, principals, school nurses, and others. We offer this program nearly every year, with our multidisciplinary team providing lectures on a wide variety of topics on caring for a child with diabetes at school. This year we concluded the program with "hands on" skills time with insulin, meter, and pump company representatives participating.</p> <p>3, New members: Region 10 currently has 46 members, with over half being active at meetings. At our last meeting, officers were nominated for 07-08, with those being: Rep: Deb House Co-rep: Raylene Foster Treasurer: Christine Adams Secretary: Kim Christensen General meeting notes: Conversation Map training scheduled for November 28.</p>		
6. Resource Catalog	<p>Catalog now to be handled by the Administrative Assistant. Region reps are asked to get all members to update their contact information for placement on the web. Corrections are to be sent to Connie Gritton within the next two weeks.</p>	cgritton@hughes.net	
7. Website	<p>See marketing report. The plan is to merge activities with marketing.</p>	May discontinue this slot.	
8. Nominations	<p><u>AADE Scholarships</u></p> <p>Scholarship drawings and related communications shall be managed by the nominations committee.</p> <p>Monies to be allocated for scholarship shall be approved by the board and identified in the budget.</p> <p>Scholarships shall be drawn at the beginning of the fiscal year to be used for that fiscal year. Only members who have paid AADE and MODE dues are eligible to win.</p> <p>Scholarships for AADE shall be drawn from the general membership and from the board of directors. Each person shall be in only one drawing.</p> <p>Nominations committee will verify membership status prior to awarding scholarship. Nominations committee will provide each scholarship winner with a copy of this policy and a reimbursement form.</p>	Sharon moved for the acceptance of the policy.	

If the person whose name is drawn is unable to attend or accept the scholarship another name shall be chosen as a replacement at the soonest possible opportunity. If the scholarship goes unused within the fiscal year it may not be carried to the next year by the same person.

Anyone accepting the scholarship shall be provided with reimbursement of expenses up to the value of the scholarship upon presentation of receipts and reimbursement form submitted to MODE president for approval. Request for reimbursement must be submitted within 60 days of completion of the AADE Annual Meeting.

The names of those awarded scholarships will be recorded in the membership minutes and published in The Exchange as part of the nominations committee report.

CDE Exam/Renewal Scholarships

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Monies to be allocated for scholarship shall be approved by the board and identified in the budget.

Scholarships shall be drawn at the beginning of the fiscal year to be used for that fiscal year. Only members who have paid AADE and MODE dues are eligible to win.

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Anyone accepting the scholarship shall be provided with reimbursement of expenses up to the value of the scholarship upon presentation of receipts and reimbursement form submitted to MODE president for approval. Request for reimbursement must be submitted no later than 60 days following the applicable NCBDE application deadline.

The names of those awarded scholarships will be recorded in the membership minutes and published in The Exchange as part of the nominations committee report.

MODE Conference Scholarships

MODE conference scholarships shall be handled by the president elect at the beginning of the fiscal year.

	<p>Each region will be awarded 2 scholarships to be used for the fall and/or spring MODE conference in that same fiscal year.</p> <p>Each region will decide how to distribute the scholarships with the stipulation that the recipient be a MODE member with paid dues.</p> <p>Region Reps are responsible for distributing the scholarship certificates in a timely manner so that certificates can be submitted in lieu of payment when mailing in the conference registration form.</p> <p>This draft revision: 10-18-07 Date approved: <u>10/25/2007</u></p>	<p>Paula Ackerman motioned and Ann Scott seconded.</p> <p>The Administrative Assistant will take responsibility of adding the policy to the job descriptions for the nomination committee. To be filed on the web and archive file.</p>	
<p>9. Programs</p>	<p>Fall 2007 Program hosted by Region 6 is expecting about 170 attendees.</p> <p>CDE prep course of Novice to Expert was held in Gaylord, MI with 80 in attendance for the two days. Good evaluations and the program was profitable.</p> <p>We have now completed the program cycle.</p> <p>Questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Do we return to the cycle, 2. Do we need 2 meetings per year, 3. What is the status of program chair for the state 4. Could Novice to Expert be worked into the rotation 5. A Program chair and committee versus a 	<p>MODE does now have a resource manual and CD to assist with planning the bi-annual conferences.</p> <p>1. Ann Constance motioned to keep the rotation as is and allow regions to opt out or partner with other organizations and regions to do. Seconded by Autumn Metner.</p>	

	<p style="text-align: center;">region rep</p> <p>Discussion regarding 2-5: Education was rated low on Carol Grafford's survey to the board earlier this year. (See transition notes and powerpoint handouts) An explanation may be that education is well done and the other issues need more attention. Conferences remain a member benefit. The DON's continuing education programs are no longer available so conferences continue to fill the gap. Strong educational programs does drive practice.</p> <p>Recognizing that program planning is a big chore and the current practice of having regions reps do double duty with hosting conferences and serve as representative. The role of program chair changed informally. It was thought that the bylaws mandated a program chair but this was rectified in the discussion.</p>	<p>Bylaws are met but job descriptions need to be changed.</p> <p>Carol will discuss program chair issue with Region 7 for the Fall 2008.</p> <p>Region 7 Requested topic suggestions suggested on the evaluation forms from the following: Region 6, Region 4 and the Novice to Expert. Email to Marcia Hegsted.</p> <p>.</p>	
<p>10. Membership</p>	<p>1. AADE has adopted major membership changes for 2007-2008. Following is a synopsis of such changes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AADE will initiate "Anniversary Billing" for all members for the 2008-2009 Membership Year. • This will <u>not</u> be a change for renewing AADE/MODE members . • A NEW member's "membership renewal date" will now be based on when s/he joins rather than one common expiration date • For example -- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A new member joining in December 2007, would receive an expiration date of 12/31/2008, ○ A new member joining in January, 2008 would receive an expiration date of 1/31/09, etc.. • All members – new & renewing -- will <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Pay the annual dues rate and ○ Be given a full 12 months of membership annually • This avoids any confusion related to pro-rated dues. • All <u>current</u> AADE members with a 6/30/08 membership expiration date will continue to have a June 30th expiration under the 	<p>.</p>	

	<p>anniversary dues program.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This program begins with <u>new</u> members in December, 2007 when Annual Meeting registration opens. • Current AADE members with a 6/30/08 expiration will be able to renew their AADE membership when Annual Meeting registration opens in December. These renewing members would then receive a 6/30/09 expiration date. • Other information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ All chapters are under AADE’s tax umbrella and as such are required by IRS regulations to have the same fiscal year. ○ By adopting anniversary billing, chapters’ dues billing will be following the same process as national dues billing. MODE must follow this process and next year, for those MODE members not renewing through the AADE website, we will have to send a renewal application to them based on their actual renewal date. ○ <u>AADE can assist with this process by collecting chapter’s local dues through the Chapter Dues Collection Program.</u> We really need to strongly encourage our members to renew through this process to simplify our processes. <p>2. To date there are 170 members who have renewed MODE membership through the AADE website when they renewed their AADE membership. The Administrative Assistant is presently sending welcome letters and member cards to these members.</p> <p>3. AADE provided a list of 83 Michigan people who are AADE members but did not sign up for MODE membership. The Administrative Assistant has sent member applications to all of these people – 45 of the 83 were MODE members last year, so hopefully they will rejoin this year.</p> <p>4. I propose that anyone who joins MODE as a <u>new</u> member now (today through the first of December), have their membership held until December so that their member year will then be December – December. Otherwise they will have a July – June membership and will have missed out on 4 months of membership.</p>		
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11. Public Affairs	<p>Proposed Advocacy Actions for MODE in 2008:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Get e-mail/phone/fax tree in place for advocacy communication 2. Stay engaged with AADE Advocacy committee 3. Keep MODE members up-to-date on legislative issues that affect diabetes educators and people with diabetes 4. Educate members on online advocacy tools 5. Engage members in the legislative process – members will write, call or e-mail policy makers and make comments on regulatory issues when asked 6. Identify at least 1 to 2 people to assist with MODE advocacy work in Michigan 7. Assist with planning and facilitation of advocacy events associated with the 2008 AADE meeting in Washington DC <p>Senator Stabenow will be supportive of the diabetes management bills. Mode will stay engaged at the national level also. Anticipate legislation to be introduced this fall for CDE to be added as a Medicare provider versus only through the DSMT programs.</p>		
12. Exchange	Contact info for Julie Shippy distributed. She is requesting articles for the exchange. Please send all correspondence electronically.	Shippy@charter.net	
13. Marketing	<p>The website and marketing committee have collaborated and selected Corey Williams to lead the marketing effort of MODE. Corey’s contract was to start September 1. TV appearances have already begun. A basic message will be promoted once defined. A co-Chair is needed. Also need contacts for each region who will direct to the right people for media opportunities.</p> <p>The PSA is planned to start in November. Carol Grafford asked each Region rep to give contacts for their region to Corey Williams.</p> <p>Corey will be paid \$5000 for 6 months work. Also planning to get an increased number of hits on the website as a form of evaluation of effectiveness.</p> <p>A 30 second spot basic message was read to the group. It is planned for use in newspapers and TV releases. Diana Pihos at AADE is marketing rep and maybe able to assist and give feedback. Sharon has been in contact with her.</p> <p>The current spot directs listeners to call the ADA. Want to drop instead call AADE.</p> <p>Ann Scott stated DPAC’s interest in working with</p>	Ann Scott volunteered to be co-chair.	

	<p>MODE on the message. Feedback to avoid use of the word control- may not be well received by the public living with diabetes. Can discuss further through email discussions.</p> <p>NDEP PSA should be reviewed per Ann Constance.</p> <p>Corey will know where PSA went but no further tracking is possible. Members are encouraged to contact Corey directly. Region reps and coordinators can be emailed. The number to call for AADE is 1-800TEAMUP4 for diabetes educator line to get access to diabetes education.</p>		
14. Mentoring MDCH	<p>Karen Boyer has moved to a new position with AADE and is no longer at MDCH. Her position is open.</p> <p>Jean Chickering has a list of contact hours program outlines and is interested in working with health departments to maintain the programs. Jean is also requesting feedback for potential audiences to identify additional partners to receive the health programs. The outlines will continue to be accessed online until their continuing education approval has expired.</p> <p>Mary Jean Klebba reported that the DSMT database coordinator lost his job and Olga (staff) is limited in her ability to help. She cannot troubleshoot DSMT problems. Mary Jean was requesting the Board consider providing a grant from MODE to pay for consultation dollars for Bob Porosky and Dave Wallerman on a as needed basis to help state coordinators with problems. There is no clarity if there will be state dollars to assist.</p>	<p>Ann Mohler at the Department of Community Health in Lansing is the contact person.</p> <p>Feedback requested for potential recipients of the program outlines.</p> <p>No action taken.</p>	
15. DPAC	<p>Ann Scott reports that DPAC has a new website design and would like to have a link to MODE from the site.</p> <p>The Communication and Awareness committee agreed to put the MODE article on DSMT (authored by Ann Scott) on the DPAC website. Also the group recommends using the article in the marketing of MODE. DPAC is very interested in collaborating with MODE on marketing. Will consider the AADE slogan.</p> <p>The Prevention workgroup has produced a prediabetes, and diabetes treatment guideline consumer brochure. It is placed on the MDON website along with other resources.</p> <p>The Advocacy workgroup has a long and short version of the DSMT article sent out to 40 different professional organizations, aim is to reprint in newsletters for greater visibility.</p>	<p>Website: diabetesinmichigan.org</p>	
16. MDON	<p>Julie Shippy reports the Healthy Michigan Funds are gone. The state is facing \$440 million dollars in</p>		

	cuts. The Diabetes Outreach Networks (DON's) dollars ended on September 30, 2007. TENDON closed on July 1, 2007 and was absorbed by St. Mary's Hospital. SODON is in the process of closing. SEMDON/ECDON has other funding with the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan and continuing on some projects but does not have a diabetes educator. UPDON is operating on a limited basis ad currently seeking funds to continue. TPDON has no state funding and will finish on the 31 st .		
17. MDRTC	MDRTC has been awarded a continuation of their five-year funding.	Cheryl will design a paper that references the variety of diabetes focused studies conducted at the MDRTC.	
18. Bylaws	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Copies of current by-laws have been sent to the web-site editor/chair and the resource catalog chair for availability to the general membership. • By-laws were e-mailed to AADE for review and archiving by by-laws chair-person. • Policies are being maintained in a binder for continuity. Policies are attached to the job description of the board member for which they pertain. • Chairpersons will review by-law changes adopted at AADE convention 2007 to determine if MODE should consider any changes to current by-laws. • Following approval at Feb. 2007 board meeting there is a proposed by-law change concerning voting. See attached proposal. This will be voted on by general membership at Oct. MODE meeting. <p>Bylaws proposal attachment was not attached to email but Sharon had a copy to be distributed for the general membership. Since the Board voted on it in April it was accepted to print copies for the general membership.</p>		
19. ADA	Barb Freeland recruited CDE's to volunteer at the 2007 Foot screenings locations in Michigan. Diabetes Updates are presented in several Michigan cities. MODE was well represented in the EXPO		
20. Other	Administrative support for webmaster, accountant, secretarial skills has been combined and the person		

	<p>hired. Her name is Connie Gritton.</p> <p>The first week in November is Diabetes Education Week. November 14 is Take On Diabetes sponsored for the first time by the United Nations. AADE Foundation sent a banner thanking us for our donation.</p> <p>AADE webinars allow MODE to pay for one site and bring as many members together as possible as a benefit. MODE will pay for the fee with a city hosting a site. Logistics are to be worked out. The group saw this education opportunity as a way to drive practice.</p> <p>August 6-9, 2008 is the AADE conference in Washington DC. Registration will open soon. The focus is Advocacy.</p> <p>AADE will do strategic planning review Friday next week.</p> <p>Deb sage announced that the name badges will be collected and reused.</p>	<p>The Board decided to send a check again this year.</p> <p>Consensus achieved on MODE paying for fee.</p>	
Adjourned at 5:25 pm	By Paula Ackerman and seconded by Rita Schillinger.		

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Nwankwo, RD, MPH, CDE

MODE General Business Meeting
October 26, 2007
Marriott Hotel
Livonia, MI

- Called to Order by Sharon Goodsell at 11:58 am
- Award was presented to Karen Boyer by Mary Jean Klebba for her support to MODE. Karen has moved from the MDCH to work with AADE.
- Quorum verified and Minutes approved without changes by Marcia Hegsted and seconded by Linda Kihm.
- Treasurer report: \$21,904.50 in checking and \$15,609.01 in savings.
- Membership currently at 178 (paid).
- Region reports shared. Please refer to modeonline.org to view reports in the Exchange.
- AADE has changed to a fiscal year of January to December. Membership dues for new and lapsed status begins the day of renewal. Current members renewing will remain on the July to June cycle. See Region reps for clarification. Paper applications still available. Members reminded to renew online to sign up for both MODE and AADE.
- Lori Eno lead a vote on the acceptance of a MODE bylaw change updating the voting process to include current technology. Motion to accept by law change by Marcia Hegsted and seconded by Deb Sage. Vote passed.
- Nominations announced Diabetes Educator of the Year as Lynn Kihm.
- Resource Catalog maintenance is taken over by the newly hired Administrative Assistant- Connie Gritton. She will maintain changes on the website regularly versus the biannual updates.
- The marketing committee has contracted with NIKOR to spearhead a six month PSA campaign throughout Michigan using the television, radio and news outlet. Members are asked to be contacts to pinpoint outlets for the PSA's.
- Ann Constance challenged educators to get involved here in Michigan. Senator Stabenow sits on the Finance Committee and is focused on Medicare issues. We are encouraged to contact with Ann Constance through email.
- Statewide Nov. 7 Foot Screening-sponsored by the ADA. Barb Freeland is the new ADA liaison for MODE replacing Roseanne Burson.
- Exchange- Judy Shippy requests Emailed stories, articles, and projects to add to the Exchange. Our current deadline is two weeks from today. Email address is shippy@charter.net. Note: Region Reps now responsible for distribution of the exchange.
- MDON's contract was not renewed with several offices last day of operation slated for Sept. 30. UPDON, SEMDON, ECDON have alternative sources of funding and will continue. The continuing education materials are still available on the website which will continue until next fall.
- Spring 2008 MODE conference is scheduled for April 25, 2008 in Marquette hosted by Region 1. Fall 2008 MODE conference is planned for October in Ann Arbor, MI hosted by Region 7.
- The first week in November is Diabetes Education Week. November 14 is Take On Diabetes sponsored for the first time by the United Nations.
- Carol Grafford was introduced as the incoming president of MODE.

Adjournment motioned by 1:40 pm.