

NORTHERN
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ANNUAL ACTIVITY REPORT

The Northern Region in 2010 experienced another year of continued professional growth, offering what has become our annual training session in Traverse City. This year's session registrants bested last years record by two, coming in at 57 attendees.

The Spring Conference was held on May 19, 2010 at a new facility, the Hagerty Center. With the Waterfront Inn, our conference location for many years, going out of business, connecting with the Hagerty Center was a real find. This is an outstanding facility, voted #1 in the State outside of metro Detroit. I hope our new relationship with the Hagerty Center is one that will continue for many years to come. The program started with a presentation by Marilyn Stephen, Director of the Office of Child Support, leading a discussion on Central Office issues and a MiCSES update. Next on the agenda, was a session by Pam McKee and Phillip Bergquist on Mi-STITCH, a presentation on Michigan's strategy to improve children's health care. After that, Nancy Ruonavaara and Paula Fulton did two sessions that straddled the lunch hour titled Financials for Non-Financial Workers, part 1 & 2. This year we were treated to an outstanding lunch buffet featuring beef tenderloin tips and whitefish almandine. Finally, the program concluded with a presentation on the new Specialty Court grant program by Jeremy Hogue, Program Director (Grand Traverse County Friend of the Court) and Michelle Homa, Program Facilitator. This year's presentations were excellent and were very well received.

This year the Northern Board remains the same, with Ward Staffeld, Friend of the Court in Newaygo County as F.O.C. rep. and Amy Gilmore continuing as our O.C.S. rep. however, our P.A. rep position still remains unfilled. Therefore, anyone with an interest and the ability to attend our State Board meetings the second Tuesday of each month from 10am until approximately noon is encouraged to contact me to discuss this matter

further. Here=s hoping this years State conference is enjoyable as well as productive for you.

Respectfully,

Al Crocker, President