Project Conference call On September 19th Wed 9pm.


& Sowmya(Asha-Athens)

**Purpose:** The purpose of this call is to discuss the request to make up the deficit of funding to Sandnya Sanwardhan Sanstha. Asha-Athens agreed to support the recurring expenses for 2007-08, but was able to release only $10000. The remaining amount of $12000 is being sought from NYC-NJ.

**Minutes:**

SSS was started in 1993, it is also serves as a research institute with the mentally & physically challenged.

Some of the activities it undertakes are Parent/Sibling training, Vocational training, and Public awareness.

One of the other initiatives has taken is providing a medium for interaction of normal children with the mentally challenged children.

-- Work an hour funds were used for construction of 2nd floor, this has been partially completed.

They presently have 2 rooms on this floor.

-- Total recurring teacher salary expenses for 2007/08 is $22k, asha athens will be supporting $10k and have requesting nycnj for the balance of $12k (one-time funding).

For the financial year 2008/09, athens is going to request Asha-SV to take over supporting the recurring expenses.

-- This year to reduce the expenses related to renting buses at a cost of Rs.50000 per month,

SSS has bought two new Buses with help of SV and local industry donor.
-- Presently SSS has 32 teachers helping with around 82 children. SSS has increased the teacher salaries and benefits to help improve retention.

-- SSS raises good amount of money from local donations and industry. SSS have a corpus fund of 17lac, but they intend to use this for emergencies.

Since a site visit was not done in over a year, we at nycnj decided to approve one-time funding of $12k contingent on positive site visit report. NYCNJ is going to work closely with sowmya in athens to get a site visit done in a month’s time.

Votes: yes: 6 no: 0 abstain: 1