

## SERD Meeting Minutes

11/24/08

**Attendance:** Gargi Roysircar, Cindy McKusick, Nate Thorn, Vincent Pignatiello, Amanda Blanchard, Antoinette Booth, Sheeba Thomas

- Shakti application needs to be updated and reviewed and put up on website.
- Gargi is looking for a group cohesion scale in order to measure if future Shakti volunteers will be able to follow a leader and support group protocol once at the site; this scale would need to measure qualities such as leadership abilities, maturity, oppositional attitudes, and professionalism (e.g. attire); Yalom was suggested as a resource to turn to for developing a Likert scale of group cohesion.
- Check-in: Thanksgiving plans were discussed; Afshan's grandfather is sick so we're keeping them in our thoughts, card to sign will be left on Gargi's bench.
- Antoinette is working on getting pictures and minutes onto the bulletin board for SERD.
- Fund raising letter to raise money for Mexico was passed around.
- Vince and Nate discussed the completion of their proposals for APA that they have been working on with Gargi; These proposals include: case conceptualization of an immigrant to the U.S. from India dealing with various losses (Vince) and a model for working comfortably with diverse populations (Nate).
- Multicultural Summit will be attended by Antoinette, Amanda, and Celin Strait (Gargi's research asst. who helps out with the journal)
  - Plan is to leave the 11<sup>th</sup> from Manchester to New Orleans (mileage can be reimbursed for drive to Manchester for flight); will be an early flight
  - Itinerary: Mon, Tues, Wed – Mississippi; Wed p.m. – New Orleans; Thurs. & Fri – Summit; Fri – workshop at hotel; Sat – flight back
- Due to lack of response from the group in Marlborough, NH, a new idea has been suggested to do a group discussion at Antioch for the Antioch community; potentially could be a few sessions done in February; need to see if Afshan and Ben are still interested (Zachariah is no longer able to ) and when free (during SERD meeting time).
- A climate concern was brought up that it appears that there is limited ethnic minority representation as speakers on Visiting Day at Antioch.