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4/20/12 IN-ABC Meeting Minutes

2012 Board Members present:

President: Gail Kahl
Vice President: Fritz Kruggel
Director: Amy Pickett
Director: CJ Gallihugh
Director: Kelly Howard
Treasurer: Rob Westcott
Secretary: Sue Bauer

Call to order:

Introductions:

President's Report:

- DDRS REPORT-Power Point Presentation (attached)
- Watch the ARC videos on the changes (www.arcind.org).

Some highlights:

- ★ In 2011-1100 new waivers
- ★ 100 emergency DD waivers in the last 6 months.
- ★ Amendment to Support Service waivers. Renamed Family Support Waiver. Needs to be approved by CMS.
- ★ Projection that 600 new Family Support Service waivers be added.

- ★ Family Support Service Waiver amendment. A residential service (like RHS Lite) will be added so that individuals can get more flexibility than currently offered by limited respite definitions.
- ★ Prediction that 250 to 300 emergency placements will be added in the next year.
- See DDRS website and watch for updates. Check for changes you could be surveyed on. There have been some recent changes in the CERT tool this year that we are responsible for having in place.
- CMS wants DDRS to get people off the wait list. The state sent out notices to 20,000 people recently. Of that 20,000 people, 25-35% of people had either died, don't want services, have moved or were already on a waiver.
- HB 1360. RHS providers need to be nationally accredited by 7/12. Kelly Hartman is getting clarification on plans for BMAN providers with regard to accreditation.

Treasurer Report: Rob Westcott

Treasurer report (see attached)

Secretary Report: Sue Bauer

Membership drive is ending. Send in your membership application and fees as soon as possible. Members that have not renewed will be removed from the website.

Liaison Report: Kelly Hartman

- Staff changes at DDRS. Shane Spotts new director of DDRS
- DDRS is exploring some initiatives outside of traditional VR that will focus on employment of people with DD. Kristina Blankenship and Virginia Bates are new staff in place to support this effort.
- 460 promulgated as an emergency rule. No drastic changes.
- Potential changes coming, BMAN 1 and BMAN Basic will go back together as one service, BMAN providers will be required to have supervisory oversight from a licensed clinician. The state is currently spending over \$1 million annually for services typically not directed to the client.
- Family Support Waiver. Depended on CMS approval, anticipated by July 1, 2012, the Support Services Waiver is going to be renamed the Family Support Waiver. Respite has not historically been allowed to be used while parents are at work on the SSW, and the SSW was not seen as an in-home service. A RHS-like service

will replace respite to allow families more flexibility. Documentation requirements will be less stringent. The service will be able to be provided across environments. The cap for the Family Service Waiver will increase from \$13,500 to \$16,250. It will eventually will end up around \$20,000 per year.

- Case management. Changes coming. It won't be one vendor statewide and other vendors will be able to apply to provide case management services.
- CMS approved the Autism Waiver amendment. The DD waiver was renewed last year.
- The state is trending more toward individual services where the \$ follows the person. Not a quick change but there is pressure to evaluate. Group homes are considered an institution and there is discussion about changes being made to group home funding/placement. The state is looking into how to move people into community supports.
- BQIS investigations teams are in place to respond to complaints.
- Incident Reports. The state has added an investigation template. If an employee is being investigated, providers will have to do an internal investigation of the employee. The template can be downloaded from the DDRS website under "policies".
- Cost participation for families. The state is not asking for it as this point. Cost participation is off the table of 144
- High Cost/High Need Individuals. The state will be using existing crisis funding to address high \$/high behavioral people from an evaluative perspective. The state is considering an additional service for these individuals (for example RHS3) which will only provided by a more "qualified" group of providers.
- There will be incentives for providers to deliver quality services. It will research based tied to quality positive outcomes of peoples lives (i.e., staff stability, meaningful day, fiscal responsibility). This only applies to RHS services. Baseline measurement will start this fall. 9/13 first bonus opportunity.
- START program. Emergency respite placements. Looking into getting that in Indiana.
- There are 67 people still in State Operated Facilities. The best option would to have a place for these people to live, perhaps an existing facility – discussions are occurring with IDTC. In combination with this plan, there are plans to incorporate 20 crisis beds in a separate section (not intermixed with SOF beds.) Length of stay expected in crisis beds would be 30-90 days.
- Nursing home project. 1500 people with DD in nursing homes, admitting 200 each year. Each year these individuals are interviewed by a BDDS representative at which time the discussion includes a choice of less restrictive placement. Currently there is no mechanism to respond if the choice is less restrictive

placement. The state is working on an interview protocol. For people that indicate that they don't want to live in nursing home anymore, there may be an option to receive home and community based services.

- REVISE BSP'S YEARLY OR AS NECESSARY!!!

Vice President's Report:

Fritz Kruggel

Discuss district representative updates

Committee Reports:

Ethics Committee:

Mari Shawcroft

No new complaints

Professional Credentialing Committee:

No updates

Professional Development Committee:

No updates

Risk Management:

No updates

Marketing committee:

No updates

Respectfully submitted by: Sue Bauer, Secretary

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Treasurer Report

Current Balance / Funds as of 4/19/12:

Checking: \$ 11767.79
Savings 1: \$ 3028.35
Savings 2: \$ 5375.00

Total Funds: \$ 20,171.14

and for reference:

Total Funds at this point last year: \$22,438

Membership Revenue:

Membership Revenue 2012 = \$9,375

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Membership Revenue 2011 = \$10,924
Membership Revenue 2010 = \$11,033
Membership Revenue 2009 = \$11,776
Membership Revenue 2008 = \$10,968
Membership Revenue 2007 = \$ 9,450
Membership Revenue 2006 = \$ 6,782

DDRS Q Update and Section 144 Report

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Introduction

- Highlights of Q Report and Section 144 Report
- Potential Impact on BSS
- IN-ABC's Support to Membership

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Agenda

- DDRS Quarterly update of Jan '12 - March '12
- Section 144 Report

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DDRS Q Update

- Personnel changes within DDRS
- Final Policies that became effective March 16, 2012
- Waitlist Letters and Waiver Status
- HB1360 signed into law by Governor Daniels
- Support Services Waiver 2nd Amendment
- Autism Waiver Amendment approved by CMS
- Supported Group Living Assessments
- CERT Update

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Section 144 Report

- 2011 Budget Bill charged DDRS to report to the Select Joint Commission on Medicaid Oversight
- Plan developed to reduce the per capita and aggregate costs of Indiana's waiver program

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Section 144 identified 6 categories

- Calculating budget neutrality
- Instituting a family care program
- Determine whether a group home or a waiver home is most appropriate use of resources
- Evaluate alternative placements for high cost individuals
- Migrating individuals from the waiver to a redesigned waiver
- Requiring cost participation by a recipient due to family income

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Section 144 Workgroup Stakeholders

- ARC of Indiana
- DDRS leadership team
- INARF
- INABC
- IPMG
- SAI
- Individuals with developmental disabilities, families and service providers

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Identified 3 Recurring Themes/Objectives

- Increase employment for persons with disabilities
- Keep family unit together longer
- Serve high-cost/high-needs individuals appropriately and as cost-effectively as possible

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Policy and Program Proposals

- Develop a quality and outcome based provider reimbursement methodology
- Institute a Family Supports Waiver
- Develop equal assessments and restructure group home case mix and function
- Enhance services for high-cost/high-needs individuals

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Timeline and Projections

- Projected Growth
- The Waiver Wait List
- Cost of Waiver Services

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What is needed by IN ABC Membership?

- Participation in district network functions
- Ensure issues of capacity don't affect quality (due to quantity)
- Support to develop systems for data collection of indicators per the performance-based reimbursement methodology
- Implementation of DDRS policies within provider procedures to ensure quality assurance
- Mentoring
- Communication (internal/external)

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