

IN - ABC

Indiana Association of Behavioral Consultants

IN – ABC meeting minutes
January 21, 2005
Glendale Mall Public Library

Meeting called to order by President, Jim Sanders at 1:20 pm. Board members present: Jim Sanders, Gail Kahl, Vice-president, CJ Gallihugh, secretary.

Items of discussion:

- ❑ Election results were announced. Jim Sanders is the new President, Gail Kahl is Vice-president, CJ Gallihugh is secretary, Kelly Hartman is treasurer, and Brian Thomason is Director.
- ❑ The 2005 agenda was reviewed. Regional meetings will be held in March and July. If turnout is good, regional meetings will continue. March's meeting will be held in the southern part of the state.
- ❑ Members were reminded to submit dues for 2005 membership.
- ❑ The association's need to increase visibility and reestablish relationships with new state employees was stressed. Currently, four board members are serving on state committees. We need to work toward increasing our role as a resource to the State.
- ❑ Efforts are underway to increase the visibility of Registered Behavior Consultants.
- ❑ All of the committees are in need of new members, ideas, and follow-through. Members were encouraged to join a committee.
- ❑ The benefits of attending association meetings were highlighted, including the opportunity to earn free CEU's. Brian Thomason announced the concern that the CEUs should have BDDS approval.
- ❑ The board will discuss the reimbursement of our webmaster, Rob Westcott, to determine payment of services.

Treasurer report: (presented by Rob Westcott in Kelly Hartman's absence)

Association has \$10,307.62 and includes membership of 23 agencies and 12 individuals, for a total of 166 members.

Committee reports

Licensure committee: Two more members have been granted RBC status: Alice Sobotka and Tina Tinnell-Hageman. The influx of registration applications has slowed down. Members were encouraged to apply for registration. This committee has identified the need to 1) promote current registration and 2) determine proposal for the next step of certification. Ideas were mentioned, such as attaching certification to existing state licenses.

Provider Relations Committee: This committee currently has only three members. More are needed. This committee is involved in several projects – obtaining CEU presenters and topics tied in to round table discussions and producing a quarterly newsletter, which still needs a name. Members are encouraged to submit name suggestions to the committee. Past CEU presentations are available on the IN - ABC website.

Ethics Committee: This committee has received one alleged violation complaint for 2004. The complaint was solicitation of a client. The allegation was investigated and determined to have been done without malice. The recommendation was for the member to re-read the IN – ABC

ethics code. Failure to do so could result in future penalty. A flow-chart for the ethics complaint process will be attached to these minutes and posted on the website.

Old business: The need for a medication reduction position paper was raised and initially determined unnecessary and tabled (see new business).

New business:

- ❑ Motion was made and passed to allow association members to serve on two committees. The by-laws will be modified accordingly.
- ❑ Candace Render announced her resignation as chairperson of the Ethics committee. Motion made and passed to name Rob Westcott as new chairperson.
- ❑ The Ethics committee is in need of a Board member.
- ❑ Following the roundtable discussion, a human rights committee development committee was formed.
- ❑ Discussion of the Matrix (with handout) indicated that no progress has been made. A meeting will be held next week regarding the Matrix.
- ❑ A report of progress from the Interpretive Guidelines Committee was given by Brian Thomason. Today's discussion included behavior management in general. There is a need to get the IN – ABC CEU's approved by BDDS. Parents with Waiver children living at home do not have to follow the medication rules established for the Waiver. The BC must get the IDT's signatures each quarter for behavioral support and medication plans.
- ❑ A request to support a petition to provide an alternate funding source for Medicaid was presented in the form of a non-nutritive beverage tax of .5 cents per container. One million signatures are being sought. Interested parties provided their email addresses to receive the petitions. Members were encouraged to obtain the support of friends and families. This petition is supported by the case managers, ARC, and IN AAA.
- ❑ The March CEU topic will be Down Syndrome and Dementia.
- ❑ The need for a medication reduction position paper was identified. One suggestion was for the BC to act as liaison with the psychiatrist to keep the information data-based. It was suggested that a CEU seminar be offered to address medication reduction plans. Chris Milar will initiate a link to the association website by emailing information to Jim Sanders. A BQIS representative will be asked to attend a meeting by Brian Thomason.
- ❑ The Provider Relations Committee will be planning a summer soiree with the case managers.
- ❑ The current budget crisis was mentioned. The 2% withholding of reimbursement appears imminent. Members were discouraged from overreacting.

Next meeting March 18, 2005 (1 pm – 2:30 pm). CEU session (11 am – 12 pm); roundtable 12 pm – 1 pm) at: Stone Belt Center 550 S Adams, Bloomington 47403.

Meeting adjourned 3:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted by CJ Gallihugh, Secretary