

IN - ABC

Indiana Association of Behavioral Consultants

IN – ABC meeting minutes
March 19, 2005
Stone Belt in Bloomington

Meeting called to order by President, Jim Sanders at 1:15 pm. Board members present: Jim Sanders, Gail Kahl, Vice-president, CJ Gallihugh, secretary, Brian Thomason, director.

New Business:

- ❑ First Regional meeting declared a success, based upon turnout. May's meeting will be held in Indianapolis. July's meeting is yet to be determined, but will be held in the northern part of the state.
- ❑ The need for BCs to be active in the fight for our profession was stressed and discussed. It is vital that we show our credibility and professionalism to the State, especially in light of the recent and ongoing budget cuts. We need to be proactive, rather than reactive.
- ❑ The need for a peer review committee was discussed. This committee would be responsible for endorsing best practices, peer, review, and training.
- ❑ Brian Thomason reported that the Interpretive Guidelines Committee is eager for input from our association.
- ❑ Jim Sanders reported that the Statewide Educational Committee is again developing criteria for multidimensional direct care staff training through Ivy Tech.
- ❑ IN ABC is still obligated to use the services of David Pyles before the end of April. There was discussion of asking him to develop a Quality Inspection plan.
- ❑ Members were encouraged to attend a Rally March 23rd at 12:30 pm in downtown Indianapolis to meet with legislators and fight for our profession preemptively.
- ❑ Members were encouraged to attend meetings and join committees.
- ❑ Members were encouraged to apply for RBC status. Discussion ensued regarding questions and confusion regarding application process.

Treasurer report: None, Kelly Hartman absent.

Committee reports

Licensure and Certification Committee: One more member has been granted RBC status (pending verification of member in good standing status). The committee discussed actions to promote RBC and fielded questions regarding the application process. The committee will develop a clarification letter for the application process. The goals of this committee was reiterated. Discussion occurred regarding ways to reach the masses, such as sending out a survey and ideas to pique the interest of non-members throughout the state.

Provider Relations Committee: This committee issued its first newsletter, which was available to attendees. It will be posted on the website. It will also be sent to members, state personnel, case managers, ARC, IN ARF, centers for mental health via email. Members were asked to submit other interested parties to Gail Kahl. May's CEU speaker will be Scott Manning. He will discuss stress management and burnout. Members were urged to send requests for future presentation or potential speakers to Gail Kahl. This committee is in need of larger membership. This committee will send representatives to other association gatherings (i.e. ACSW, LMHC, LMFT), if they are aware of meeting times and places. Please send info to Gail.

Ethics Committee: This committee is meeting as needed. No new violations reported. A previous allegation was rescinded.

Human Rights Committee development report: An outline of comparative programs is being developed and should be completed by the next meeting. The term "highly restrictive" is being defined.

Old business: none

Next meeting May 20, 2005 (1 pm – 2:30 pm). CEU session (11 am – 1 pm) at: Glendale Mall Public Library, Indianapolis.

Meeting adjourned 3:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted by CJ Gallihugh, Secretary
3/20/05