

IN-ABC Association Meeting
March 16, 2007

Ken Nelson, IN-ABC Vice President called the meeting to order at 10:00am.

Discussion of Old Business:

- 1) Motion to Accept the Minutes from January's meeting – Passed
- 2) Job description for the liaison position continues to be an agenda item for the executive board retreat
- 3) Options for IN-ABC representation for conferences continues to be an agenda item for the executive board retreat
- 4) Changes to the by laws continues to be an agenda item for the executive board retreat

Discussion of New Business:

- 1) Membership Drive – in 2006 144 paid members (14 individuals and 26 agencies) Current membership to date 93 paid members (16 individuals and 77 individuals with an agency). Discussion to send 2006 membership a reminder that annual dues are needed with the new payment structure with reminder that if dues are not paid by the end of April your name will be taken off the distribution list.
- 2) Announcement – Midwest Child Life Networking Conference

Committee Reports:

- 1) Treasurer Report – Rob Westcott reported on the current state of finances for IN-ABC. Current Balance / Funds \$13,008. Expenditures this quarter have included CEU presenter stipends and the first quarter Liaison disbursement. The 2007 Membership Drive followed our January Association Meeting, resulting thus far in 2007 Membership Revenue of \$4950 (*plus \$500 submitted in late 2006 toward 2007 dues*). For reference, 2006 Membership Revenue was approximately \$6500 – all but \$400 of which was received prior to July 1, 2006. ** Approximately 20 memberships from 2006 have not yet been renewed. Treasurer Report accepted by forum.
- 2) Professional Credentialing Committee – Ann Baloski reported that the committee was currently working on format for verification of supervision hours with the recommended change to 3 years or 1500 hours. Additional discussions are being conducted regarding the mentoring component to registration. Professional Credentialing Committee report accepted by forum.
- 3) Ethic Committee – No new business to report. Report accepted by forum.

Sub Committee Reports:

- 1) Rate Setting Sub Committee – Ken Nelson led the discussion regarding the current activities of the Rate Setting Sub Committee. There was discussion regarding the ICAP and how it will be used to determine need for service especially as it may relate to a high intensity need. The discussion focused on the need to be more client oriented rather than paper oriented in service providing. This report was accepted by forum.

- 2) Self Advocates – Ann Baloski reported that the next Self Advocates meeting will be held April 18th. Special thanks to all the volunteers for this subcommittee. The primary focus will be to provide assertiveness training/workshops for the self advocates at their annual picnic on July 27th. Additional Volunteers for this day are still needed. There was a recommendation that IN-ABC make a donation to the Self Advocates again this year. Last year's donation was \$500 dollars. This report was accepted by forum.
- 3) Quality Outcomes Sub Committee – There was one meeting for the quality outcomes sub committee since the last association meeting. No new business to report. This report was accepted by forum.

General Membership Discussion

- 1) There has been an increase in approved supported service waivers for individuals on the Autism waiver however there has not been an increase in the number of providers. There was a concern that parents and individuals in need of service were calling providers only to be told the provider is not accepting new clients. A recommendation was made to use the First Steps program in the local area as a referral; however First Steps only support children under 4 years of age.
- 2) The discussion for the need for additional service providers led to further discussion of coursework offered in the state of Indiana with a focus on Positive Behavior Support/Behavior Management. There is a new program being offered remotely from the Florida Institute of Technology where individuals can take class toward getting a Board Certification in Behavior Analysis. This course is being offered at the Little Star Center in Indianapolis (317-249-2242) or online. You can go to <http://uc.fit.edu/pdp/programs.html> for more information. The first course sequence begins March 31 and registration closes April 9th (information flyer also attached to minutes).
- 3) Business Meeting Adjourned

Focus Topic – FSSA Panel Q & A

Lilia Teninty, DDARS Chief of Staff and David Gootee, DDARS Deputy Director

Questions to be addressed:

- 1) Will 260 be changed and if so when?

They are hoping to publish the 460 rewrite for public comment sometime in April 2007.

- 2) If the HSPP BMAN service will no longer be necessary per 460, when will we be notified and how will that adjustment occur via the IST and ISP.

Level 1 and Level 2 BMAN will be a combined rate. Each provider will have a separate contract with an HSPP. At this time the HSPP oversight continues to be required it will simply change to a combined service. The 460 guidelines currently state that the HSPP must review all behavior plans – Nothing else is stated in relation to the services they provide.

- 3) ICAP asks questions of the behavioral consultant that includes information we do not necessarily have. How does our answer/non answer change the overall score?

Pilot testing of the Oasis project will begin in District 4 (Terra Haute) in July 2007. The first phase will be a data collection period. On January 1, 2008 they hope to run District 4 on the new billing model as the second phase of the project.

A tiered rate system is being explored as the Monthly rate system may not meet the needs of CMS. Case Management was changed to an administrative line item in order to make the changes that occurred last year.

Panel encouraged IN-ABC members to participate in the presentations to come the week of April 9 – 16 which will discuss what Oasis will look like in the end and how it relates to the ICAP. The Association will send out a notice of these meetings as they become available.

The Vision Remains the Same – Client Centered!

Minutes respectfully submitted by Ann Baloski, IN-ABC secretary Mar. 30, 2007.