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IN ABC Association Meeting Minutes
July 20, 2007
10 AM – 11:30 AM

10:00 Call to Order (Gail Kahl)

10:05 Discussion- Old Business (per May minutes)

- *It was noted that May minutes had been distributed and the minutes were accepted without objection by the association.*
- *The liaison job description, as finalized by the Executive Committee, was presented to the group and the description was accepted by unanimous voice vote without revision. Following acceptance, it was noted that the document would be posted to the INABC website.*
- *No further old business was noted.*

10:20 Discussion – New Business

- *It was reviewed that a recent DDRS memo reported that BMAN billing would soon return to 1/4 hour units. Gail referenced a recent subcommittee discussion with Adrienne Shields, and it was noted that it is not known when this change will occur.*
- *It was noted that District 4 is the “test kitchen” for OASIS – specific information about this can be found on the davisdeshaies.com website. There will be a “best practice” group including 100 consumers. While the entire District 4 will be shadowing test rates, actual rates will change only for the 100 best practice in January ’08. Shadowing will run through 12/31/07.*
- *Discussion occurred re: ICAP and how different providers are interacting with ICAP clinicians. It was reported that members felt it remains important to include anecdotal BMAN information to the ICAP clinician. It was also noted that this anecdotal information may not be included in the ICAP results. It was discussed that the ICAP would account for approximately 11% of the overall consumer budget and BMAN would likely be justified elsewhere. It was reported that Davis Deshaies recognizes the importance of BMAN services.*

- *Gail offered a task matrix document from Davis Deshaies in re: BMAN tasks, both billable and non-billable. The group then individually reviewed the document for suggested revisions / additions / deletions. – The fiscal effects of nonbillable time was discussed – Dr. Milar suggested that the association begin to look at mileage records and perhaps arrive at an average among the association to determine an estimate of time spent driving. – Forms were submitted to Gail to compile a master list of input.*
- *Gail reported that the Brain Injury Association of Indiana recently inquired whether or not INABC would care to exhibit at their conference this year. The group elected via voice vote not to exhibit, given a lack of interest in the INABC table at last year's conference. Gail will respond to the BIAI that this was not allotted to the budget for 2007.*
- *Gail addressed the need for an exhibit board – various options were discussed for a board and a graphic designer to create a logo and display materials. The group agreed that an exhibit board was necessary and voted unanimously to allot \$1500 toward a professional exhibit board. A separate motion was unanimously accepted to allow the Executive Committee final approval of the board purchase and the assignment of a graphic designer.*
- *Gail announced an Arc conference in Fishers on 8/18 “Champion Your Future: A Game Plan For Life”.*
- *Gail discussed the need for the association to communicate to DDRS the inclusive nature of the INABC. Gail will complete this task formally after compiling a list of all the state and national organizations that INABC members belong to. All present members contributed to such a list for Gail's subsequent review.*

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Treasurer Report

- *as of July 20th - \$12,700 account balance – 2Q Payments: appreciation plaque for Lilia Teninty, 2Q, 3Q Liaison Stipend - 2007 Membership Revenue of \$8400 (plus \$500 submitted in late 2006 toward 2007 dues) -- Currently, membership stands at approximately 130 member BC's (22 individuals and 19 agencies).*

11:00

Committee Reports

- Ethics Committee – *Fritz Kruggell reporting -- As noted at the 5/07 meeting, the committee would still like to discuss various ethics issues with the association when agenda time permits. No ethics complaints filed this quarter.*

- **Professional Credentialing Committee** – *CJ Gallihugh reporting -- The committee has been busy this month and has held several meetings. It was noted that the committee has provided input to pertinent individuals in regard to the upcoming revision of code 460 that effects BMAN. The committee continues to advocate for INABC and BC's in general and has met directly with Andrew Ranck, DDRS recently. It was noted that the INABC Liaison is connecting the committee with the Health Professions Bureau.*
- **CEU / Professional Development** – *Scott Boleman reporting – A presenter has been secured for September, and the topic will cover side-effects of medications. A speaker has also been scheduled for November, and the topic will be by IDEA. Scott also pointed out that attendance at CEU presentations lately has been very minimal. Scott noted that he may wish to transition the task of obtaining speakers to other members of the association.*

11:05 Sub Committees

- **Rate Setting** – *It was reported that BMAN will soon return to ¼ hour units with a TBD rate. It was noted that the OASIS Pilot will assist in rate determination. Further discussion of rate setting was tabled until the roundtable discussion of this date.*
- **Quality Outcomes** – *It was noted that current functions of BQIS will soon be outsourced to a private contractor. Given this, the committee is inactive at the present time.*
- **Self-Advocates** – *Ann remains on maternity leave – no formal report given on this date. Gail Kahl informally reported that the picnic will occur at Garfield Park in Indianapolis and the group is busy advertising “who they are”. It was reported that 723 individuals will attend the picnic. INABC was asked to provide 2 workshops. The topics will be “get to know me” and “get to know me better”. It was also reported that the national self-advocates meeting will occur in Indianapolis 9/08.*

11:15 Unscheduled Comment From Membership

Cheryl Ferguson discussed the difficulty she is experiencing while attempting to obtain a provider number as a new individual provider. It was noted that the requirements for a provider number may have changed as of 3/07 in regard to cash reserves an organization must maintain. Ken Nelson noted that it was his understanding that a letter from an individual's bank must authorizing that the account-holder may borrow \$75,000 will meet the requirement for a cash reserve. -- Additional related comments occurred on this topic during the Liaison report.

11:25 Liaison Report

Kelly Hartman reporting – Kelly reported that indeed it is more difficult to become a new provider or add a service than it once was. It was reported that the rule notes that a provider must be able to operate without income for 2 months. It is also important to keep in mind that DDRS can ask for financial statements at any time and they may wish to monitor providers running too close to the margin.

Kelly reported that she is involved in more meetings at the Government Center this year than last year. She noted that she is spending approximately 25-35 hours a month in the meetings on behalf of INABC.

It was reported that there is confusion in regard to OASIS time frames.

Members noted that there is concern about communication coming into DDRS from outside forces about INABC.

It was reported that BMAN will not become a consolidated service.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

September Meeting: September 21 – 10 AM at Nora Library Branch