

# **IN-ABC**

Indiana Association of Behavioral Consultants

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Through professional advocacy, support and development, IN-ABC promotes effective, ethical and quality behavioral services.

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**IN ABC Association Meeting  
September 21, 2007  
Meeting Minutes  
10 AM - 11:30 AM**

**Ken Nelson, Vice President, Ann Baloski, Secretary, Rob Westcott, Treasurer, and Kelly Hartman, Liaison, were in attendance. Gail Kahl, President, was absent. 17 members in attendance (see association-meeting sign in sheet)**

**Ken Nelson, IN-ABC Vice President, called meeting to order.**

## **Old Business**

**July 2007 Meeting Minutes** - approved as written

**Graphic Designer-** Five individuals have expressed interest and requested more information for designing our Logo and Conference Booth. No official bids from graphic designers have been received yet. The deadline is Oct. 1, and then the board will review the bids and decide whom to offer the contract to.

## **New Business**

### **Treasurer Report - Rob Westcott**

IN-ABCs current standing Balance is 9,600 dollars. The 2006 balance at this time last year, comparatively, was 10,600. The plan at the beginning of the year to change the membership fee structure to offset the expense of the liaison position has been successful. Expenditures in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter included 100.00 dollars toward booth expenses, 400.00 dollars to the IN-Arc, and 500.00 dollars to the Self Advocates. This report was approved by the participating membership.

### **Secretary Report - Ann Baloski & Rob Westcott**

IN-ABC currently has 130 members, comprised of 22 individual memberships and 19 agency memberships. There were 10 non-renewing members. This report was approved by the participating membership.

## **Liaison Report - Kelly Hartman**

The rewrite of the 460 Guidelines is progressing, and it appears that B-Man 1 Services will be rolled into Behavior Support Services.

IPLA verbally indicated that the practice of behavioral support is not a practice of psychology, and therefore is not in need of HSPP review.

Kelly has also been working with members of the Autism Society of Indiana toward the adoption of standards of practice. There is movement toward adoption of the national standard of board certification in behavior analysis to supervise and practice applied behavior analysis. This does not seem to interfere with providing behavior support services. She is also working with Senator Miller to adapt "Good Public Policy". Likewise the 460 Guidelines will be revised in the area of Applied Behavior Analysis.

Waivers are being released! Work with other In-ABC members, it is important that we show we can manage high capacity.

David Gootee announced his retirement. No replacement has been identified yet. Kelly will continue to work with Adrena Shields. IN-ABC would like to honor his dedication to Behavior Support Services by providing him with a plaque and presenting it to him at the November IN-ABC meeting.

Word is that new rates will be release October 15<sup>th</sup>. District 4 is scheduled to begin billing on new rates January 2008, with a total rate phase in scheduled for July 2008- December 2009.

We all need to make efforts to educate case managers regarding acceptable budgets. Don't accept a low budget if you do not think you can meet the care specified by the guidelines. We need to set a standard here! When you make a decision to "work for free" you are making that decision for the whole organization.

There is miscommunication regarding a "Cap" on Support Service Waivers. Last year the average approved budget was \$13, 500 and only \$7,700 was actually being used.

Kelly attended the Developmental Disabilities Nursing Association. IN-ABC should participate in that next year! The State is looking at reintroducing Health Care Assessment. Kelly presented data from August 2007, where there were 700 ER visits, many of which may have been avoidable had there been more nursing oversight.

This report was approved by the participating membership.

## **Strategic Plan**

The participating members reviewed the Strategic Plan and the IN-ABC Proclamation. Discussion points included having an IN-ABC conference with Key Note speaker. Sandi Miller-Gavin suggested Robert Fletcher of NADD. There was also discussion of seeking out Dr. Tom Smith to do a workshop on psychopharmacology.

**Individuals who would like to be on a planning committee for the conference are encouraged to email Gail Kahl with their interest.**

There was also discussion regarding the addition of Review Committees, collaboration with Indiana Universities, and the peer mentoring process.

Waiving the RBC membership fee was discussed and approved as written in the strategic plan. **All members are encouraged to become registered** as this will validate the profession and give more leverage to support new legislation.

Several members expressed an interest in an online membership forum. Rob Westcott will look into useful applications for such a forum.

The Strategic Plan and Proclamation were approved with minor technical corrections.

### **Upcoming election of executive board-November**

Reminded the membership that it is almost that time of year again! Elections are nearly upon us!

## **Committee Reports**

### **Ethics Committee**

No ethics violations reported this past quarter.

### **Professional Credentialing Committee – Ann Baloski & Jim**

## **Sanders**

Documents posted need to be amended to reflect the change to 3 years of experience rather than the 5 years of experience currently required on the documentation. Ann Baloski will follow-up on this.

PCC will meet with the Liaison later this month to solidify talking points.

## **Sub Committees**

**Rate Setting – Kelly Hartman/Ken Nelson** (see Liaison Report)

**Quality Outcomes – Kelly Hartman/Jim Sanders**

No activity since the last meeting

**Self-Advocates – Ann Baloski**

The Picnic was a huge success with 600 individuals in attendance and approximately 400 participating in the IN-ABC workshop activities. Currently working on defining Self Advocacy and Self Direction. Indiana is looking forward to hosting the 2008 National Self Advocates convention.

**Meeting adjourned**