

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.

10/27/11 IN-ABC Meeting Minutes

2011 Board Members present:

President: Gail Kahl
Vice President: Fritz Kruggel
Director: Amy Pickett
Director: CJ Gallihugh
Director: Jim Wiltz
Treasurer: Rob Westcott
Secretary: Sue Bauer

Call to order:

Introductions:

President's Report:

Overview of conference.

Board elections: We added two Directors At-Large last year. Members of the board will be on a two year rotation.

Treasurer Report: Rob Westcott

No new updates

Secretary Report: Sue Bauer

No new updates

Liaison Report: Kelly Hartman (see attachment)

Committee Reports:

Ethics Committee:

No updates

Professional Credentialing Committee:

No updates

Professional Development Committee:

No updates

Risk Management:

No updates

Marketing committee:

No updates

Other:

2012 Board Elections (results)

2012 IN-ABC Board of Directors:

Gail Kahl: President

Fritz Kruggel: Vice-President

Rob Westcott: Treasurer

Sue Bauer: Secretary

CJ Gallihugh: Director

Kelly Howard: Director

Amy Pickett: Director

Respectfully submitted by: Sue Bauer, Secretary

State of the State Update
Indiana Association of Behavioral Consultants
Annual Conference: October 27, 2011
Kelly Hartman, Professional Liaison

2011 has been a year of change and transition. Through OBA (Objective Based Allocations) the Division of Disability and Rehabilitative Services (DDRS) has attempted to roll out a fair system of determining need based allocations for consumers on the DD and AUT waivers state wide. This combined with the RHS rate cut of 7% in June of 2010 has had a net result of reportedly 20% in many companies. In sum, this means agencies are serving the same people for 20% less resources in a combination of lesser dollars and lesser hours.

The OBA system in 2012 (full year 2) will focus on appropriately adjusting house mate situations. Additionally – it was noted that if a person in the 2010 contract year was awarded a modified allocation as a result of a PARS review or the BRQ process – the team will have to request that again this year.

The main focus at this time is to address legislative mandates to address our continuum of care as it relates to service delivery to people with developmental disabilities in our state. The timeline for DDRS formal plans in July 2012 with a report to the Medicaid Oversight Committee. At this time, the state is planning to submit preliminary initial report by January 2012. This is an attempt to address some potential initiatives and summon support around systems change. The focus areas that must be addressed are as follows

- Cost neutrality
- Family care program
- Group home versus waivers – placement appropriateness
- High cost individuals
- Redesigning the current waiver system
- Cost participation (ie, having families with resources cost-share)

To address these areas, INABC is partnering with DDRS through the “Advocates Group” which represents stakeholders from INARF, the Arc of Indiana, Self Advocates of Indiana and IPMG. In 2012 we will see initiatives considered that focus on the following outcomes for people in our system. These are very positive discussions and will help to facilitate culture change and quality at the point of service delivery. Unfortunately our current system is more about money and maximizing contracts – not quality and flexibility. In addition to these focus areas – we are also working on waiting list reform, increasing the use of natural supports, and working toward competitive community employment for individuals.

Other issues of discussion – not related to legislation included the following:

- INABC partnered with DDRS this year to assess over 130 individuals that were still residing in our state operated facilities. These individuals with behavioral challenges had been labeled via a “chart review” as potentially unable to live in the community. Through a regional collaboration of our BC’s we completed on site, in person assessments and made programmatic recommendations. Currently there are only 53 individuals left in the SOF’s. Only eleven (11) of these people have been identified as “not ready.” Thirteen additional (13) are ready and pending placement at this time.
- INABC was asked to collaborate as clinicians in response to creative ways to address the financial drain to the system of difficult to support, high cost individuals state wide. The Arc of Indiana provided as an opportunity to use the COVOH lab for a day where some great ideas emerged. A report was generated and shared with the state.
- BQIS is currently partnering with INABC to address “best practice” concerns noted through review of incident reporting and Human Right Committee use at the state level. This partnership continues and will result in training opportunities for BC’s state wide in an attempt to streamline our best practices and work toward consistency in our BSP implementation.
- Lastly, several policy changes have been rolled out this year. Members should maintain an awareness of these changes. We will also continue to forward these via the INABC email address. 460 IAC 6 is currently in the final steps of promulgation which will push most issues that were once “regulatory” into a DDRS policy or procedure that can be more easily modified and change as our system does. Policies can be viewed at <http://www.in.gov/fssa/ddrs/4205.htm>

As always if people have questions or concerns – these can be confidentially submitted to Kelly Hartman, our Professional Liaison who can troubleshoot and work toward resolution with you. Her Email address is Khartman@insightsonline.net