

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.

IN ABC Meeting July 15, 2016

Special Meeting Place and Time!

White River room of the Horizon Convention Center, 401 South High Street, Muncie; and the Erskine Green Training Institute

10:30-12 p.m. -- Membership meeting 2016 board members – Kelly Howard, president; Michelle Webster, vice president; Rob Westcott, treasurer; Sue Bauer, secretary (not present today); CJ Gallihugh, director at-large; Gina Schenk, director at-large; David Taylor, director at-large; Kelly Hartman, professional liaison

1) **Treasurer's Report** – Rob Westcott

Form attached, up \$27k from last year in total funds, membership revenue up about \$3k, membership up roughly 10%. 1 new member from mailing.

2) **Secretary's Report** – Sue Bauer

Nothing new to report

3) **Committee Reports** –

a) **Professional Credentialing Committee** – Kim Adkins, chair

i) Anne Welborn of Behavior Services & Therapy ii)

Shawn Goodwin of Behavior Services & Therapy

New RBCs

b) **Ethics Committee** – Mari Shawcroft- chair

Everyone is being **very** ethical

c) **Risk Management Committee** – Trena Anderson

1st official meeting June 10th – starting framework to get solicited opinions/advice on risk seen in the field, both from consultants and clients. What are risks? How to categorize? Which ones need to be immediately addressed? Survey coming soon to the membership.

d) **Partners and Practice Committee** – Gail Kahl

Type up from email with Gail

4) **Liaison's Report** – Kelly Hartman

Hard to make things become law in Indiana, takes a long time. Right now we're in summer study mode for issues – if they're considered acceptable (5 things going through) they determine what gets written and presented to legislature in 2017. Meeting w director of ARC. 5 issues on docket are:

- Crisis services (how folks receive or currently don't services)
 - Currently slim to none in terms of services
- Criminal justice system
 - How do our folks get addressed, how can we work better w DOJ to make sure they don't get lost or inappropriately placed
- Employment for population
 - Tax credits and similar.
- DSPs – how do we assure that we can have the capacity to serve everyone who needs supports? (dovetail w/ risk mgt committee)
 - Wages, staff-affordable benefits
 - Healthcare benefit rates increasing 60-140%
 - How do businesses survive in this economy?
- Wages
 - CIH waiver ammdt got pulled, but we still need to look at cost-effectiveness
 - Rate setting: rate – cost of doing business = worker wage
 - INSTEAD: pay workers, then cost of doing business, that should equal rate setting
 - Should cost-reporting happen in waiver so that if staff need to make \$15/hr, I can attract people to meet those needs?
 - Something simple that wouldn't take administrative costs away from DSPs

- People should find webinars about DOL rules re: hourly vs salary, employee vs independent contractor, when does admin/mileage get paid, etc
- Assurances will be made that DSPs will be paid more for what they have to do
 - For every dollar we spend in waiver money, we get more than twice that in federal dollars – federal match program is approx. \$30 for every 10 we spend

Liaison role in ABA group

- InPETE, HABA, Riley, Institute in Bloomington, Kelly represents IN-ABC
- Subcommittee re licensure
 - People in ABA community went after licensure in 2007(ish) but got title protection (can't be a bx analyst w/o being BCBA)
- One year from now trying a 2017 summer study for licensing BCBA's and ABA in 2018
 - Kelly asked for two things to benefit IN-ABC and people receiving services
 - Written statement out to everyone explaining why pursuing licensure, and that it's not for dividing behavior providers and pushing people out of employment
 - No consumer protection currently for bad services from BCBA
 - With licensure, national board won't get involved in state issues (no current power to pull licensure)
 - Since Autism is recognized for medically necessary services, insurance more likely to provide if given by licensed professional
 - No reason for IN-ABC to not support currently
- Kelly met with Kim Dodson – BCBA's don't have a great chance of getting funding/support on their own because of cost to IPLA, strength of lobbying bodies behind them, etc. There is thought that if we pursued, we wouldn't have legislative leg for same issues. We should pursue parallel to one another to get more consumer protection, practice protection, and protection against bad actors. Thinks we should join and run parallel track. We'd support each other. Should the organization plant those seeds? Kelly advises yes, puts to organization. How do we get it achieved?
 - Pence administration not pro-licensure, unsure of future administrations

Waiver amendment pulled! How will CMS rule be achieved, related to service delivery? How will we be compliant with outcome of lawsuit?

460 being rewritten by Ann Davis. Meaningless at this point because many things don't apply anymore, but still holding to code. Kelly asks for input (quality issues, etc.) and some things could be remediated with changing definitions within 460.

Kylie says: What they see is a lot of IRs, and when it says "staff implemented BSP as written", Kylie's issue is when BSP is pulled, there's a lot of focus on stopping the behavior and not going past the end. No assessment of why bx is happening, and how to prevent it in the future (proactive strategies, replacement bx, etc.).

- Are learning style assessments necessary?
 - Rate building includes CEUs/training/etc.

Cost analysis subcommittee – Kelly's idea! Don't throw out allocation system, too many huge overhauls already. Issues w/ allocations for 5% (really significant bx/rx needs). Suggest a different cost methodology w/ proposed cost for the outliers.

Why should rec therapy and music therapy be in day services bucket?

Not enough collaboration on what clients need, not driven by PCPing. Money not used in BMAN could be shared to other services to increase quality of life/services. Free movement in between BMAN and everything else excluding RHS.

5) Conference update

- a) Full slate – just waiting for seminar and bio info for brochure
 - i) Keynote: Dr. Patrick McGreevy, Ph.D., BCBA-D, Managing Self-injurious Behavior in Children and Adults with Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities
 - ii) Dr. Lance Trexler – Neurobehavioral Syndromes and Their Management
 - iii) Casey DePriest, MT-BC, NMT – Mind-body Disconnect with those on the Spectrum
 - iv) James Wiltz, PhD HSPP – A Best Practice Model for Community-Based High-Behavior Supports
 - v) Kelly Hartman – Behavior management 101, Best Practices for the New Clinician
 - vi) Trena Anderson – Sexuality and Intellectual Disabilities
 - vii) Elizabeth "Betsy" McGee, Nurse Practitioner, – psychotropic medications

6) Recent BDDS bulletins/news

- a) Private health insurance billing
- b) Uploading documents into Advocare
- c) Individual Experience Survey
- d) Bedbugs are no longer a state reportable event

12-1 p.m. -- Lunch by Horizon Convention Center

1-3 p.m. – **CEU opportunity with Jill Vaught, the Executive Director of The Arc of Indiana**

Foundation: Come learn about the partnerships that have formed, the training individuals with I/DD receive and tour the facility