

Brain Injury Alliance of South Dakota Quarterly Board Meeting

January 13, 2017 at 1:30 – 2:45 PM (MST)

Present: Doris Schumacher, Glenn Schumacher, Denise Johnson, Mary Ohman, Karen Brokenleg, Ron Sasso, Justine Ashokar, and Koral Olson

Absent: Mary Tommeraasen

Doris called the meeting to order. Attendance was taken.

Updates:

Sunrise Villa is attempting to start a support group for those they support. The facility is still unable to take residents with feeding tubes. Independent Living Choices is unable to work with individuals served by Sunrise Villa until a discharge plan is in place. Deb Carlson with the Department of Health in Pierre spoke with Kari Severson regarding adults with TBI in need of foster care, but this isn't being pursued at this time. Michelle Hudecek from the Department of Social Services in Pierre has a list of those needing placement. Kari wonders about writing a grant for those in need of group homes.

The Brain Injury Rehabilitation Center will partner with Manlove Psychiatric Group on March 24-25 for a conference in Rapid City. TBIRC is currently serving several young adults. Justine is still in the process of gathering state statistics regarding brain injury. Once this information is complete, it will be provided.

Denise reports that Lifescape may be discharging an individual due to the lack of safety and support needed for him that can be provided by Lifescape. This will be the first movement in the residential setting in a long time. There are a few openings in the day services program. Lifescape is still experiencing a staff shortage.

Support Groups:

Aberdeen – Mary O did not have any information to report.

Black Hills – Justine reported that the group still meets monthly with the same attendance rate.

Brookings – Glenn reported that the group is now meeting at a local bank, instead of the hospital, due to hospital renovations. The group typically has 6-9 participants. The group decided not to participate in the parade of lights over the holidays. The group is seeking green lights to light porches for Brain Injury Awareness month in March. The

group will provide information to students at a booth in the SDSU student union in March.

Sioux Falls – The group had a Christmas gathering and continues to meet monthly on Saturdays. The group has its second military veteran member.

Denise reported on The South Dakota Brain Injury Work Group. The group met yesterday. Sarah Hanson will send out the revised manual for review, and the group hopes to print the manual in Oct with grant money received.

One name correction(s) was made to the 09/30/2016 BIASD meeting notes. Justine motioned to approve the notes, and Karen approved the motion.

Updates from 9/30/16 meeting:

Karen has not received an update regarding an interview with Senator Johnson. She will follow up with him.

Ron will mail the BIASD letter to legislators this week.

Denise provided information to purchase rubber band bracelets. Denise proposed to purchase green bracelets with white print, listing the BIASD name and website. The Board approved the motion, and Denise will order these.

Denise mail name tag holders to BIASD Board members to wear when attending events on behalf of BIASD.

Mary O. reports that she consulted the KeloLand website, and BIASD was not chosen for the Tradition of Caring Grant.

Mary O. emailed with Beth Hollatz from Representative Kristi Noem's office in attempt to schedule a meeting between Noem and the BIASD Board. Beth replied, asking the Board for updates on its meetings. Mary O. will email Beth with the next BIASD meeting date. Ron recommended also contacting candidates running for Governor.

Doris reports that a \$200 Footprint Fund was awarded to the Brookings support group via BIASD for advertising/printing from Allegra in Brookings.

Ron updated the website with Board members' pictures/bios for BIASD. Karen's is the only one in need of updating at this time. Some pictures are not visible on the website, and Ron will check into this.

Doris has been unable to locate the contact information for the Southeast Vo-Tech professor who assigned a student a project regarding brain injury resources in SD. She planned to send the professor a thank you note on behalf of BIASD.

Support groups will make a list of tip cards they would like to have at their meeting sites and provide Denise with this list so that she can initiate this purchase by 1/31/17. Doris provided Denise with a list for the Brookings support group. The Board approved funds to purchase the tip cards.

Doris discussed the possibility of inviting attorney, John Hamilton to join BIASD as a Board member.

Karen read the Treasurers report. The account balance as of today is \$2554.92. Ron motioned to approve the report. Glenn approved the motion. Doris recommended that the Board should determine a yearly budget.

Plans for BI Awareness Month:

The Brookings support group plans to sell green lights as part of Green Light Nights. They will also set up a booth in the student union at SDSU one day per week in March to provide students with information regarding brain injury.

The Sioux Falls group is planning a float for the St. Patrick's Day parade on Sat., 3/18/17 @ 2:00 PM. The Board approved funds to purchase float materials.

TBIRC will do a poster contest for school students again this year.

Doris, Glenn, Justine, and Koral report they will be attending Disability Awareness Day in Pierre on 2/14/17.

Denise reports that there is again the opportunity to volunteer at Jazz Fest on July 13-15 with half of the parking proceeds going to the volunteer group. There needs to be 8-9 volunteers for each session.

The next quarterly Board meeting is scheduled for April 21, 2017 @ 1:30 PM (MST). The groups will Skype from Lifescape in Sioux Falls and the Rapid City Public Library in Rapid City.

Doris adjourned the quarterly meeting.