

Brain Injury Alliance of South Dakota Quarterly Board Meeting

March 24, 2018 at 10:00 – 12:00 PM (MDT)

Present: Mary Ohman, Mary Tommeraasen, Karen Brokenleg, Justine Ashokar, and Koral Olson

Absent: Doris Schumacher, Denise Johnson, Glenn Schumacher

Mary O called the meeting to order. Attendance was taken.

Kristin Berg is the new Assistant Director for the Center for Disabilities and an Associate Professor of Pediatrics at the Sanford School of Medicine. She has grant writing experience. She would like to join the Board and planned to attend today's meeting, but she was unable. The Board will nominate and vote on Kristin's membership as a Board member at the next BIASD Board meeting.

Mary T attended a brain injury conference in NE and obtained contact information for Dr. Kate Higgins-Sibson, a neuropsychologist from Sanford. Thomas Brown from Community Neuro-Rehab from Iowa advises the BIASD to call Geoff Lauer with the Iowa Brain Injury Alliance, hire staff to receive calls, and obtain data to create legislation. Mary was also advised to connect with the National Association of State Head Injury Administrators to get a SD administrator assigned, which Justine has been making attempts to do. Mary will edit her notes from this conference and submit them to Koral for inclusion in today's meeting minutes. The Board will meet in person to further discuss these recommendations.

Karen motioned to accept the meeting minutes from 10/20/17 with no corrections. Mary T seconded the motion.

Treasurer's report – Karen will donate \$25 to cover the cost of paper statements since the last meeting, and she has changed the account to online statements for free. Karen will email the Treasurer's report to Board members. Mary O donated \$100 and was matched by her employer. \$3516.46, including the Brookings support group funds is the final balance. \$3169.10 was the ending balance as of Feb (minus the Brookings support group funds). Board members will pay dues at the next Board meeting. Mary O motioned to accept the report, and Justine seconded the motion.

Karen from the bed and breakfast meeting site of the East River Board members joined the Board meeting and mentioned Rick Knobe, former Sioux Falls Mayor, as a possible Board member.

Committees:

Nominating (membership): Mary T and Karen – Mary T reports that Sarah Hanson and Shawna (Mary T will email Koral Shawna's full name and background) are interested in joining the Board. Since the Board only has room for 9 members, Karen recommended we also create an Advisory Board, and she recommended attorney, Scott Peters as a potential member of an Advisory Board. Mary O suggested discussing amending the By-Laws to create an Advisory Board

Fundraising/Brain Injury Awareness Month: Denise – Denise had a tshirt/sweatshirt fundraiser; Doris did the green light project and also sent out the newsletter; TBIRC did a poster contest again this year with RCAS; Justine will get FaceBook login info from Ron Sasso next week

Legislation: Justine – Rep Shawn McPherson has had recent health issues, but Justine has made contacts with other legislators to move forward with the bill. Justine is waiting to hear back from Shawn regarding forward motion to get other legislators on board. The Legislative Research Council has the draft.

Newsletter/Advertising: Doris and Mary O – Doris sent newsletter out, and she is considering the frequency of publishing this going forward; Board members are willing to accept assignments from Doris for contributions to the newsletter

Website: Koral - Koral will follow up with GoogleDrive or MailChimp to create a central location for contacts made to/from the Board, etc.; look at DreamHost for free websites for nonprofits; as well as changing the GoDaddy site to WordPress format.

Justine – Disability Awareness Day – Justine connected with Gloria Pearson and will connect again with her and Yvette Thomas to discuss long-term services in SD. Justine obtained permission from the State to hand out the incomplete data on brain injury in SD at the booth during Disability Awareness Day.

Recent contacts made to BIASD were discussed.

Justine provided an update from the New Paradigms in Mental Health conference that took place yesterday.

Mary T provided information on Unmasking the Brain.

Next meeting is Saturday, July 7 @ 12:00 – 2:00 PM (CDT) in Chamberlain, SD.

Mary O adjourned the quarterly meeting.