

## **Brain Injury Alliance of South Dakota Quarterly Board Meeting**

October 20, 2017 at 12:00 – 2:00 PM (CST)

**Present:** Doris Schumacher, Denise Johnson, Mary Ohman, Mary Tommeraasen, Karen Brokenleg, Justine Ashokar, and Koral Olson

**Absent:** Glenn Schumacher, Ron Sasso

Doris called the meeting to order. Attendance was taken.

### **Updates:**

**Sunrise Villa** – Kari Severson reported to Mary T that there are no changes at this time. Kari would like a group home and/or a change in guidelines for the community support providers so those over age 22 can continue to use Sunrise Villa services.

**The Brain Injury Rehabilitation Center** – Koral is leaving TBIRC as counselor in November to take a new position. TBIRC will again partner with Manlove Psychiatric Group for a one-day (Friday) conference in March at The Journey Museum. Kristi Noem visited with BIASD Board members at TBIRC in August to discuss needed brain injury services in SD. Justine has been in contact with State legislator, Shawn McPhereson, and he is on board with pursuing legislation for brain injury services/funding. Justine also spoke with a John Thune representative, and he will connect BIASD with a contact at the Federal level to discuss long-term funding issues.

**Lifescape** – There has been a new addition to the day program staff, and she is interested in being involved with Walk For Thought and other fundraising/awareness efforts.

**The SD Traumatic Brain Injury Work Group** – The group has not met since Sara Hanson left.

### **Support Groups:**

**Aberdeen** – The group continues to meet.

**Black Hills** – The group continues to meet.

**Brookings** – The group continues to meet.

**Sioux Falls** – Senator Tim Johnson attended a support group meeting.

Meeting minutes from 4/21/17 were approved with corrections.

### **Updates from 7/30/17 meeting:**

- Justine will follow up with Shawn McPhereson regarding pursuing state legislation for brain injury services/funding.

- Denise has the BIASD bracelets and will distribute them to Board members to display at conferences, etc.
- Governor Daugard was in Brookings for Capitol for a Day and spoke with Doris about BIASD.
- Justine will contact Marty Jackley's office to request a meeting with BIASD.
- Justine will submit the Caring Grant application. It is due on 10/27/2017.

**Committees:**

**Nominating (membership):** Mary T and Karen

**Fundraising/Brain Injury Awareness Month:** Denise

**Legislation:** Justine

**Newsletter/Advertising:** Doris and Mary O

**Website:** Koral

For each support group, Board members will write a summary for the quarterly Board meetings, prior to each meeting.

Koral will research the security aspects of using a Google docs file for BIASD contacts/communication, as well as a Gmail address for BIASD. We will discuss this further during the next meeting

Board members will inform support group members and others of the upcoming BIASD newsletter in order to increase the mailing list for it.

The Treasurer's report was read and approved. Karen emailed the report to Board members. US Bank now charges \$5/month for a paper statement, and Karen will change this to electronic statements. Ending balance as of September 2017 is \$2894.10 (excludes Brookings support group funds). Mary O will inquire about how BIASD needs to report fundraising to the IRS for 501c(3) status.

The next quarterly Board meeting is scheduled on 2/14/18 to coincide with Disability Awareness Day in Pierre.

Doris adjourned the quarterly meeting.