

Brain Injury Alliance of South Dakota Board Meeting,

5-16-15, 1:00-2:30 PM CST, tour of facility, including TBI Unit

Skyped from Sunrise Villa in Irene and Brain Injury Rehabilitation Center, Rapid City: Present Justine (via phone), Ron in Rapid City and Mary O. (via phone), Karen, Denise, Glenn, and Doris Irene. Kari Syverson, LCSW, served as the technician in Irene. Absent: Mary T.

Ron called the meeting to order. The 11-14-14 board meeting minutes were approved with one date correction. The 3-28-15 board meeting minutes were approved with name corrections made.

Karen gave the treasurer's report. The \$2371.25 balance hasn't changed since November, 2014. Karen has not paid the \$100. fee for the 1/3 table in Pierre for Disability Awareness Day at the capitol. Glenn paid his \$10. Membership dues for 2015. The treasurer's report was approved.

We discussed our filing for non-profit status, 501-C. Karen reported that our request has been assigned. She called leaving a voice message with times/dates she could be reached. The IRS representative has not returned her call. Karen will try calling again.

Reports were given from the support groups:

Sioux Falls: A neuropsychologist spoke at our April meeting and a sharing format was provided for the month of May. On August 15 the support group will travel to "My Fishing Pond" near Bridgewater for an opportunity to fish. Between 20-25 individuals usually attend meetings.

Brookings: Jeanne Jones Manzer, World Affairs Council Executive Director, spoke to the support group on her experience and recovery from a TBI. Between 4-6 individuals attend monthly meetings.

Rapid City: Meetings are going well. 10-20 individuals usually attend and the group will continue to meet through the summer.

Aberdeen: We have not had a report from Ron Hoops but the group is still meeting and sending out announcements.

Reports from facilities were given:

Denise Johnson from LifeScape day service shared that the day service location is now at 49th/Louise, above the AAA office. The state is requiring external case management. Denise is not sure how this will look. Currently 13 individuals have employment. There is one 7-bed group home. Three are in an apartment setting, four in the group home and others are at home with their family. Melody DeBates determines the criteria for entrance to the LifeScape day program. Denise handed-out bookmarks her clients made with information about brain injuries and the BIASD website. Contact Denise if you are interested in more bookmarks.

Brain Injury Rehabilitation Center, Rapid City, will be breaking ground on residential housing. Accreditation was earned for 4 years from Center for Quality Leadership.

Sunrise Villa is an 8 bed rehabilitation unit for individuals with TBI in Irene. It is located in a wing of Sunset Manor. Seven of the single apartments presently are occupied with individuals in their mid 20's to mid 50's. Individuals have jobs through a contract with Ability Building Services in Yankton M-F. Kari Syverson, LCSW, reported that they receive referrals from family members and social workers from other facilities. Beth Dokken from the Department of Social Services has a waiting list of about 20 individuals wanting rehabilitation services. Criteria to meet:

- On SD Medicaid
- TBI occurred over 18 years
- SD resident
- TBI diagnosis

Services received are speech, OT, and PT provided 5 days a week. Residents have transferred from Red Wing, MN and Brookhaven, OK. The unit coordinator is a LPN. During the day there is a nurse and CNA. Week-ends staff consists of two CNA.

Stacy Bindi, Director of Nursing, introduced herself to us. She also has a daughter with a BI receiving services at Lifescape (former Childrens Care) and will be transitioning out to home soon.

Reports from other BI outreach:

- Ron shared that the Black Hills Brain Injury Conference will be held in 2016.
- A report was given by Denise on the TBI Task Force. Their next meeting will be held on June 10. Karen, Mary and Denise from our board are active attendees. Denise shared that 200 brochures have been designed to show the services being provided in our state. Plans are being made to up-date them soon.
- Justine Ashokar is offering her services in educating families or survivors of the changes one may face following a brain injury. This is a resource all of us can keep in mind when we meet a survivor/family who needs to talk further to someone in our state.
- Karen reported that two from the Sioux Falls Area Brain Injury Support Group (Lori and Rodney) will once again be talking to a Driver's Education Class in Sioux Falls. This outreach has been provided for over 20 years.
- Annual fund raiser for TBI unit in Irene. On July 11 the 5th annual TBI ride will begin at 8:00 AM for the 30 mile pedal course. There are door prizes and a silent auction. Items for the silent auction are still being collected and pre-registration for the ride is by July 1st. A \$25. entry fee for on-site registration is also available for riders.
- Feedback on the webinar Ron gave last month on BI recovery was good.
- Future 2015 meetings: (Please mark on your calendar although there will still be discussion about finalizing these dates at our next meeting.)

August 28, Annual meeting, Chamberlain (location TBD by Justine)

Nov. 7, Skype from Sioux Falls (possibly at new LifeScape BI Day location) and BI Rehabilitation Center.

A thank you to Kari and Sunrise Villa for hosting the East River board members and for the tour of the facility following our meeting.

Meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by, Doris Schumacher