

Brain Injury Alliance of South Dakota Quarterly Board Meeting

Feb. 26, 2019 at 1:00 PM – 2:45 PM (CST) at Guadalajara's in Pierre, SD

Present: Mary Tommeraasen, Doris Schumacher, Glenn Schumacher, Karen Brokenleg, Justine Ashokar, and Koral Olson

Absent: Mary Ohman, Denise Johnson

Justine called the meeting to order. Attendance was taken.

Doris motioned to accept the meeting minutes from 10-27-18 with no corrections. Karen seconded the motion.

Brain Injury Awareness Month activities for March were discussed. The Brain Injury Rehabilitation Center (TBIRC) is sponsoring a brain injury awareness poster contest for students in the Rapid City Area School District during the month of March. The Brookings and Sioux Falls brain injury support groups will have a float in the St. Patrick's Day parade in Sioux Falls using a BIASD banner on the float to raise awareness for brain injury. Doris made the Board aware of a recent article in the Sioux Falls Argus, highlighting the story of a brain injury survivor. The Brookings support group will set up a display during Brain Injury Awareness month, and will include a donation box for BIASD.

Brain Injury Services Updates:

TBIRC – Justine continues to work with individuals in State government to increase the State's awareness of the need for funding for long-term care and supports for individuals with brain injury. TBIRC will be hosting the New Paradigms in Mental Healthcare conference in Rapid City on March 29.

Sunrise Villa – Mary T did not have updated information to provide.

Life Scape – Denise was not present to provide a report.

Support Groups:

Sioux Falls - Mary T will ask the Sioux Falls support group what they would like others to know about brain injury during Brain Injury Awareness month. Karen will organize a group to raise awareness outside of the local grocery store during the month.

Rapid City – The group continues to meet monthly.

Brookings – The group held a Christmas party, with more people than usual attending the meeting. The group will participate in the Unmasking Brain Injury activity during their March meeting.

Aberdeen – No updates to report.

Committees:

Nominating (membership): Mary T and Karen – Karen contacted Kristin Berg to inquire about her joining the BIASD, but she is moving out of SD.

Legislation: Justine – Justine continues to work with Representative Chris Johnson to draft legislation for brain injury services in SD.

Newsletter/Advertising: Doris and Mary O – Doris will be sending out the February newsletter in the coming week. She welcomes suggestions and items for the next newsletter. Doris will order more BIASD pamphlets.

Technology: Koral and Glenn – The website was updated. Karen will contact Ron Sasso to find out how to access the BIASD FaceBook account.

Fundraising/Brain Injury Awareness Month: Denise – The Brookings support group would like to assist with the Sioux Falls Jazz Fest parking fundraiser again in July, and Doris will contact Denise to inquire about this.

Recent contacts and correspondence were discussed.

Treasurer's report – Karen provided the Treasurer's report to Board members. The balance as of Jan. 2019 is \$3366.58. The balance of the Brookings Support Group is \$0.00. Koral motioned to accept the report, and Mary T seconded the motion.

Koral motioned to reelect Karen to the Board for position of Treasurer. Doris seconded the motion. The Board approved.

Next meeting is scheduled for June 15, 2019 @ 10:00 AM (CST) via Zoom.

Justine adjourned the quarterly meeting.