

Brain Injury Alliance of South Dakota Quarterly Board Meeting

July 27, 2019 at 8:30 AM – 10:00 AM (MDT) via Zoom Meeting

Present: Mary Ohman, Mary Tommeraasen, Doris Schumacher, Glenn Schumacher, Karen Brokenleg, Justine Ashokar, Koral Olson, Kevin Stoterau from Sioux Falls, and Betty Best from Sioux Falls.

Absent: Denise Johnson

Mary O called the meeting to order. Attendance was taken and introductions were made.

Karen motioned to accept the meeting minutes from 02-26-19 with no corrections. Justine seconded the motion.

Brain Injury Services Updates:

TBIRC – In August, TBIRC will be opening the home that was placed on-site, and it will have 3 residents. TBIRC has increased the number of neuropsychological evaluations provided. More long-term residential options are being explored.

Sunrise Villa – Mary T sent an email requesting updates, but she has not received a response. Karen may stop to visit in person next time she is near Irene.

Life Scope – The day center for individuals with brain injury has changed locations, and Mary T will contact them for the address and to inquire about who the new contact is for the BIASD.

Support Groups:

Sioux Falls - The Brookings and Sioux Falls brain injury support groups had 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. Karen has reached out to a music therapist to speak at an upcoming support group meeting. Mary T reports that the Mask of Brain Injury project continues to be popular, and the masks continue to travel to SD conferences and brain injury events for display.

Rapid City – The group is still meeting on the second Tuesday of each month.

Brookings – The group still meets the first Thursday of every month at the hospital in Brookings. The Brookings and Sioux Falls brain injury support groups had 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. The Brookings support group set up a display at Hyvee during Brain Injury Awareness month, and raised \$50. Eight members from the Brookings support group and a local church volunteered parking cars at the Sioux Falls Jazz Fest in July to raise funds. Glenn is participating in a therapeutic horseback riding group called Stars, and he has been encouraging other support group members to participate.

Aberdeen – The group is still meeting on Tuesday nights, and Mary O receives a monthly letter with updates. Mary O would like to attend a meeting to encourage the group's support with BIASD. Mary T will contact Ron Hoops about having Aberdeen group members participate in the Mask of Brain Injury project.

Committees:

Nominating (membership): Mary T and Karen – Betty Best and Kevin Stoterau are both interested in joining the BIASD Board. Nominations can be made and voted on at the annual meeting.

Legislation: Justine – Justine met with the Governor's office staff, the Legislative Research Council attorney, and Legislator Chris Johnson. They will begin brain injury research and work with the State Trauma Center.

Newsletter/Advertising: Doris and Mary O – Doris ordered more BIASD pamphlets for \$98.30. Mary O requested that Betty Best write an article on the Mask of Brain Injury project for the newsletter. Doris is working on the next newsletter, which will be published in August. Betty Best is willing to help with the newsletter to make it quarterly. Any time someone would like to write a story for the newsletter, they can submit stories to Mary O, and she will hold them for the next newsletter.

Technology: Koral and Glenn – Last year's annual meeting minutes need to be added to the website. Betty Best would be willing to write for and update the website. Karen is speaking with Ron Sasso to transfer the FaceBook page back to BIASD Board members' control.

Fundraising/Brain Injury Awareness Month: Denise – Eight members from the Brookings support group and a local church volunteered to raise money by parking cars at the Sioux Falls Jazz Fest in July. Kevin Stoterau is willing to assist with fundraising efforts.

Mary O recommended that the BIASD discuss setting up a scholarship fund in the future for individuals with brain injury to receive funds for therapeutic or educational purposes. She will add this topic as an agenda item for the next BIASD Board meeting.

Treasurer's report – Karen provided the Treasurer's report to Board members. The balance as of July 2019 is \$3,916.58. Doris will submit an invoice for \$98.30 to be reimbursed for 100 BIASD pamphlets. Karen motioned for up to \$230 to be approved for future pamphlet printing at the State Penitentiary, and Doris seconded the motion. Koral motioned to accept the Treasurer's report, and Justine seconded the motion.

Recent contacts and correspondence were discussed.

Justine has provided workshops in Mitchell and Aberdeen to educate law enforcement officers on behavioral symptoms of brain injury when they interact with individuals in the community.

Karen will be speaking on Nov. 18, 2019 to the Ollie Group, a lifelong learning group.

Telerehab is available from QLI in NE.

Healing through Art presented at the Brookings Arts Council, sharing sculpture and painting.

The Americans with Disabilities Act will be 30 years-old in 2020. Doris proposed that BIASD should plan something to recognize this next year. Mary O will add this to the agenda for the next Board meeting.

Mary O will file the annual report online before the Sept. 2019 deadline. Mary O will pay the fee as a contribution to the BIASD.

The annual meeting is scheduled for Nov. 2, 2019 @ 8:30 AM (MDT) via Zoom.

Mary O adjourned the quarterly meeting.