

Brain Injury Alliance of South Dakota Quarterly Board Meeting

November 2, 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, and Kevin Stoterau.

Absent: Denise Johnson

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

Justine motioned to accept the meeting minutes from 07-27-19 with no corrections. Karen seconded the motion.

Brain Injury Services Updates:

TBIRC – TBIRC has had more young patients with concussion. TBIRC continues to serve veterans. TBIRC gets requests to admit patients from out-of-state, and funding is an obstacle.

Sunrise Villa – Mary T has not had communication from Sunrise Villa, but she will continue to make attempts.

Life Scape – Mary O and Mary T will get contact information to send the newsletter to Life Scape. Mary T & Karen will continue to make attempts to connect with Life Scape.

Support Groups:

Sioux Falls – The group typically has 15-25 members each month. Mary T and Kevin have made contacts with the DAV to attempt to organize a veterans' support group. Mary T continues to promote the Mask Project.

Rapid City – Continues to meet on the second Tuesday of every month, with attendance varying between 12-25 participants.

Brookings – The support group has 4 people who come regularly. Independent Living Choices has offered to pay for a Christmas meal for the support group's December meeting. The group is interested in volunteer/fundraiser opportunities.

Aberdeen – Mary O receives monthly invites. Karen spoke with group leader, Ron Hoops, and Ron reports the group continues to meet. They would like to receive the

BIASD newsletter. Karen informed Ron about the Mask Project, and she will send him further information about it. Mary O will cc Ron on Board emails to keep him informed.

Committees:

Nominating (membership): Mary T and Karen – Deferred discussion for Annual Meeting.

Legislation: Justine – Legislative Research Council is doing a study about the TBI Medicaid closure in 2011. Justine has not received the Council's final report yet, and she will share this report with the Board once received.

Newsletter/Advertising: Doris and Mary O – The next newsletter will be mailed in Feb 2020.

Technology: Koral and Glenn – Koral will create Instagram and Twitter accounts for BIASD. Koral will add a donation link to the webpage. Karen will continue to work with Ron Sasso to obtain login privileges for the BIASD FaceBook page.

Fundraising/Brain Injury Awareness Month: Koral, Doris – Doris will research costs for hiring someone to do fundraising through social media. Doris and Karen have been involved with Giving Tuesday. Koral will research creating a 5K walk/run/roll as a Brain Injury Awareness Month fundraiser for BIASD.

Veterans: Kevin - Kevin recommends sending the newsletter to the SD DAV, and he will provide Mary O with a contact.

Treasurer's report – Karen provided the Treasurer's report to Board members. The balance as of October 2019 is \$3,802.58. Board members will mail annual \$10 dues to Karen. Koral motioned to accept the Treasurer's report, and Justine seconded the motion.

Recent contacts and correspondence were discussed.

The next quarterly Board meeting is set for Disability Awareness Day in Pierre, SD on Feb. 26, 2020 @ 1:00 PM (CST).

Mary O adjourned the quarterly meeting.