

Brain Injury Alliance of South Dakota

Meeting Minutes

Date | time October 15, 2022 at 9am CT via Zoom

Attendance

Karen Brokenleg, Jenny Hallan, Justine Ashokar, Glenn Schumacher, Doris Schumacher, Brian Poelstra, & Mary Tommeraasen, Brenna Christiansen, and Jennifer Williams

Approval of Minutes

Pending minutes. Will be sent to board members upon completion.

Individual & Organization Board Member Updates (Contacts/Correspondence)

Recent Contacts/Correspondence -- Individual:

Justine: Talking with a woman who has a son who was injured. He currently lives in the house with a caregiver. Looking at residential options down the road.

Mary T: Helped make connections with individual who wanted support through a support group; was not able to move forward with support due to family emergency and moving away. No updates with Irene.

Karen: Will utilize Maximizing Excellence for a process overview, will cost between \$6,000-\$7,000 and Arlo plans to fund. Board members will need to be present and committed to the process of Strategic Planning to make the most of this opportunity.

Jennifer: Calls looking for day program services and cognitive rehabilitation. Difficult to get due to funding sources. Advocating for vocational rehab as funding source when appropriate.

Brian: Ongoing support for Veterans.

Brenna: Connections with peds. Have had four or five connections since last meeting. Finding that there is a gap, where people who are 21 years old and are needing residential, and are not able to get services. Have been helping to get outpatient supports. A priority has been getting resources to parents and to work on connecting families with these experiences.

Doris & Glenn: Have had a few connections and have been referring to appropriate sources, i.e. Justine for neuropsychological evaluations.

Doris and Glenn informed that they are planning to resign as board members. This date is not set but will take place prior to Strategic Planning.

Recent Contacts/Correspondence -- Organizations:

Rehabilitation Center (Justine & Jennifer): Name change from The Brain Injury Rehabilitation Center to Black Hills Brain Health – this is because the scope of services offered are broadening. A grant was received for the organization and there will be a series of brain injury education classes offered to the community.

Aberdeen Support Group (Karen & Jenny): Working to get support group reestablished. Looking at a new date and time. Previously located at the hospital, which is not an option anymore due to COVID.

Center for Disabilities (Mary T. & Justine): Forward movement at a standstill due to changes within administration.

Disability Rights (Brian): Raising awareness with community health centers – working with BI Networking Group – Focusing on improving program access and awareness.

Committee Updates

Newsletter (Doris & Mary O.): Encourage people to share their stories or helpful information.

Technology (Glenn, Karen and Jenny): Update Jenny whenever something needs updated on our website.

Fundraising (Doris and Brenna): BIASD is signed up for SD Day of Giving. Additional information will be emailed.

Treasurer's Report

End of September 2022 balance: \$8878.61

Notes:

- Disability Awareness is 02/21/2023
- Bring Western Resources into our network. Provides the same services as ILC and covers the areas that ILC does not.
- Bring 'The Link' into our network. They are a community triage center who appear to work with people in crisis. Our board could be one of the resources in which they can reach out.

Set Next Meeting Date & Motion to Adjourn

Next meeting: February 25th, 2022 @ 9am CT via Zoom/Teams

Meeting Adjourned: Quarterly meeting adjourned at 10:22 AM