

Brain Injury Alliance of South Dakota Board Meeting

February 10, 2016 at 1:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M. (CST)

Present: Doris Schumacher, Glenn Schumacher, Mary Tommeraasen, Denise Johnson, Mary Ohman, Justine Ashokar, Koral Olson

Absent: Karen Brokenleg, Ron Sasso

Doris called the meeting to order. The notes from the 11/07/2015 Board meeting were approved, with one name correction.

Board members will email brief bios and their pictures to Koral, and she will send these to Ron in one email to upload to the BIASD website.

Mary T read the Treasurer's report. The balance as of February 2016 is \$2381.25. The Board paid \$100 to the SD Coalition of Citizens with Disabilities for a table at Disability Awareness Day in Pierre on 02/10/2016. Mary O donated \$30 for the cost of filing fees for the annual report, which was reimbursed to the attorney. The attorney will email Mary O next year when it is time to file the annual report, and Mary O will file it. The Treasurer's report was accepted.

Board members will look for information regarding the requirements and deadline to apply for the Kelo Grant. Mary O will spearhead this.

Justine reported on TBIRC:

There will be several new admissions in the near future. Justine is working to build alliances with community providers. TBIRC will host a conference in March 2017. Justine will be speaking at Regional Hospital's conference in June. Justine and Koral have joined ACRM and will be participating in their trainings. TBIRC is sponsoring a poster contest for school-age children in March for Brain Injury Awareness Month. Staff recently toured QLI in Omaha, NE.

Denise reported on Lifescape:

There is not a lot of funding for brain injury services right now due to HCBS. A move was recently made to the new residential facility. Lifescape is currently short-staffed and offering incentives to employees to fulfill needed hours. There have been some tours of the facility recently.

Denise reported on the Large Work Group:

Funding for the printing of 5200 brochures was received from Adult Services and Aging. Sarah Hanson can be contacted for brochures. The group discussed upcoming conferences. The group's action plan was discussed. The group will meet again on 02/19/2016 @ 1:00-2:30 P.M.

Sunrise Villa did not provide an update for this meeting.

Support Group updates:

Aberdeen – The group is still meeting and being facilitated by Ron H. Mary O will inform Ron of Independent Living Choices as a possible option to co-facilitate or facilitate the Aberdeen support group.

Black Hills – A steady group continues to attend. TBIRC staff have been attending also.

Sioux Falls – The group continues with a mix of new and old members. The Bob Woodruff video was viewed recently.

Brookings – Dakotalink spoke regarding assistive technology. Independent Living Choices also recently spoke.

The Board discussed fundraising and awareness ideas, including: newspaper interviews regarding brain injury; Karen will contact Senator Johnson about an interview; Mary O will organize radio spots; Karen will contact Sanford regarding a booth at the Wellness Fair; Denise will research the Walk for Thought; Jazz Fest will be getting back to Denise about fundraising; assisting Irene with their bike ride; listing conferences/events on the BIASD website; Mary O will look into selling baked goods at a local archery event; a Brookings journalist will be interviewing brain injury survivors for the local newspaper for Brain Injury Awareness Month.

Doris will print new brochures for BIASD.

Great Western Bank donated \$165 to BIASD. Mary O will call the attorney to inquire about any necessary receipts for tax purposes.

Justine is gathering figures regarding brain injury in SD. The Board discussed possibly writing a letter from BIASD to legislators regarding the need for legislation.

The Board discussed wearing name tags at conferences the BIASD attends. Using a form to collect information for a BIASD mailing list at BIASD booths was also proposed. Denise will research the cost of rubber bracelets for BIASD.

The next Board meeting will be held on June 24 at 9:00-10:30 A.M. (MDT), 10:00-11:30 A.M. (CDT).

The Board meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Koral Olson, BIASD Secretary