

Brain Injury Advisory Council
Center for People in Need
Lincoln, NE
December 6, 2013

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MEMBERS PRESENT: Armstrong, Davis, Dymacek, Gordon, Hawley-Greiser, Hoogeveen, Hux, Flury, Johannes, Lehman, Terryberry-Spohr, Velinsky, Verzal, Vohland

MEMBERS ABSENT: Hausmann

ADVISORS PRESENT: Diaz, Rasmussen

ADVISORS ABSENT: Stortenbecker

STAFF PRESENT: Bennett, Ransom

STAFF ABSENT: Noha

VISITORS PRESENT: Peggy Reisher, BIA-NE; Roger Lemke; Peg Ogea Ginsburg.

The meeting of the State Brain Injury Advisory Council commenced at 10:00 a.m. Public notification of this meeting was made on the Nebraska Department of Education web site.

AGENDA APPROVAL

The agenda for the day was reviewed. A motion was made by Karen Hux and seconded by Dale Johannes to approve the agenda as submitted. There were no objections. **The motion was carried by unanimous consent.**

APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 20, 2013 MEETING MINUTES

The minutes of September 20, 2013 were reviewed. Pattie Flury commented that her name was omitted from minutes, but was present at the meeting. A motion was made by Mary Gordon and seconded by Dale Johannes to approve the September 20, 2013 meeting minutes as amended. There were no objections to the motion. **The motion was carried by unanimous consent.**

OPEN MEETINGS ACT

Keri Bennett announced that the meeting was an open meeting and the Open Meetings Law was posted on the back table.

Public Comment

No comments were given.

BIA-NE QUARTERLY REPORT

Peggy Reisher provided a written Brain Injury Association of Nebraska Report. Some highlights mentioned by Peggy were:

- ACBIS training was held Sept. 30 and Oct 1st, 2013 at Madonna Rehab Hospital. 9 participants.
- BI and PTSD for 10-15 staff training to be held December 16th from 4:00-5:00 p.m at the Lancaster County Attorney's office.
- Hope Beyond the Battle Women's Retreat was held Oct. 4-6 at the Comfort Inn and Suites in Omaha. 70 women attended the event.
- December 8th, BIA-NE is planning to meet with Senator McGill to explore the options of Veterans Courts.

TBI OMBUDSPERSON REPORT

A written report was provided by BIA-NE NBIIC Data Set. for reporting period of Sept. 1-December 4,2013. Summary from report:

- Gina spends approximately 60 minutes per call.
- Each month, Gina exceeds agreed upon 40 hour per month contact due to need of callers and time extensive need of the callers.

BI ADVISORY COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

Voting done by ballot. Votes elected the following.

- Individual/Family Representatives- Dale Johnannes and Tiffany Verzal
- Public Member Representatives- Lori Terryberry-Spohr and Brett Hoogeveen

TASK FORCE REPORTS

Children and Youth Task Force

Rose Dymacek reportedThe BIRRST Teams is working with two physicians in Omaha with the Return to Learn.

Juvenile Justice Task Force

Keri Bennett reported she is working with Corey Steel of Juvenile probation. VR continues to provide HELPS screenings.

Senior Task Force

No new information presented.

NEBRASKA SPORTS CONCUSSION SURVEY PRESENTATION

Peg Ogea-Ginsburg present on the Nebraska Sports Concussion Survey and results were provided to the council.

BI ADVISORY COUNCIL ORIENTATION POWERPOINT

Tiffany Armstrong presented powerpoint of new member orientation for council. Powerpoint was viewed. Recommendations for increasing font and possibly having ATP marketing review powerpoint. Angie Ransom stated it can be linked to www.braininjury.ne.gov.

FEDERAL TBI PROGRAM UPDATE

Keri Bennett shared that there is no word on the TBI Grant. In October, Keri traveled to Detroit for the National Conference with Tiffany Verzal and Nancy Noha. Task forces have been created at the national level in the following areas: Steering, Professional Development, Information and Referral, Needs and Resource Development.

ADJOURN

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 7, 2014. The meeting was adjourned with a motion made by Judy Vohland and seconded by Brett Hoogeven. There were no objections to the motion. **The motion carried by unanimous consent.**