Report the Advisory Council on Brain Injuries  
(January 15, 2015-April 15, 2015)  
April 15, 2015

Return to Learn
Contract Goal #1: Identify or develop a training curriculum, with identified partners, to improve the skills of Iowa’s service providers and educators by April 15, 2015.
Quarterly activities/Progress:
The work group has met once during this quarter, January 19, to continue discussion on development of training curriculum.

Training and Consultation
Contract Goal #2: Offer four (4) regional training sessions on promising practices to brain injury service providers throughout Iowa.
Quarterly activities/Progress:
- 7 trainings for service providers have been completed statewide since October 15th. 642 professionals have been trained during this contract year.
- Topic areas included: Brain Injury Screening and assessment, systems change and managed care, ACBIS curriculum (4) and PEARL/Helping Skills/Personal Intervention Planning.
- 107 people participated in these trainings.
- Regions in which training occurred included:
  - MHDS of East Central Region
  - County Social Services
  - Polk County/statewide

Contract Goal #3: Offer case consultation to a minimum of twelve (12) service providers annually.
Quarterly activities/Progress:
- 7 consultations were completed this quarter

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Contract Goal #4: Offer service providers the opportunity to become certified by the Academy for the Certification of Brain Injury Specialists (ACBIS).
Quarterly activities/Progress:
Coordination is currently in progress with a pediatric service provider to do agency specific annual ACBIS training for identified staff. Two other service agencies are in the process of completing the CBIS training. ACBIS training competed in Cedar Rapids on February 24 and 25 and March 10 and 11 for 18 participants. The training was coordinated by the Brain Injury Alliance of Iowa. During the previous quarter it was identified that there are few HCBS Daily Supported Community Living Providers with staff who are ACBIS certified. Two providers are currently working to complete training and two more have expressed interest. The issue of certification was addressed in the provider survey.

Contract Goal #9: Contract will provide support within 2 identified Iowa judicial districts to increase skills of staff working in community-based corrections.
Quarterly activities/Progress:
Two trainings scheduled, Scott County Jail and a presentation at the Iowa Corrections Association’s Annual conference. Also working with Iowa Department of Corrections staff to develop overall training modules to be housed on the Department’s internal E-learning system. The modules would not be mandatory but be available to all staff within IDOC including community corrections staff.

Also meeting with IDOC staff to discuss the opportunity to do assessments after screening for people who screen positive. This would be done initially in a pilot capacity and evaluated for efficacy and impact along with assessing for cost of this type of project/program.

Capacity Building
Contract Goal #5: Provide outreach and technical assistance within Iowa MH/DS regions and the Money Follows the Person (MFP) program to develop a plan for delivering and/or increasing brain injury capacity within the service delivery system.
Quarterly activities/Progress:
No referrals made to the MFP program this quarter. Continued participated in the Core Standardized Assessment discussions as part of Balancing Incentives Program grant. This includes both the state of Iowa’s work group and a workgroup developed by the National Association of State Head Injury Administrators.

The NASHIA work group reviewed identified tools and developed and published recommendations on both assessment process and tools. However, as Iowa has moved forward with the Iowa High Quality Health Care Initiative, the bidders were instructed that they would use the InterRAI. This tool was not looked upon favorably by the Iowa Work group or the NASHIA workgroup secondary to its lack of ability to assess the cognitive implications of brain injury.
Contract Goal #8: Develop and launch a training program for the development of competencies in brain injury service delivery for mid-and upper level management of Iowa service provider agencies utilizing a cohort of at least 15 individuals representing a minimum of 6 service organizations.

**Quarterly activities/Progress:**
Currently in the process of developing a curriculum; anticipating completion of curriculum during the next quarter.

Currently, IACP is utilizing data from provider needs assessment to ensure that co-occurring training needs are addressed and certification data is accurately interpreted and that all certification options including development of an Iowa Specific certification program that is accessible, affordable and relevant.

**Needs Assessment**

*Contract Goal #6: Contractor will assess the needs of brain injury service providers in Iowa by December 31, 2014.*

Quarterly activities/Progress:
Survey tool was distributed in December of 2014, with the collection period ending on December 31, 2014. All data has been collected and aggregated. Analysis of the both the qualitative and quantitative data has begun.

*Contract Goal #7: With identified partners, contractor will utilize findings form assessment in goal 6 to identify or develop a training curriculum to improve the skills of Iowa’s service providers working with challenging brain based behaviors among individuals with multi-occurring conditions.*

Quarterly activities/Progress:
Work will begin once assessment of needs is completed, data is analyzed and report is completed. The final report will include any recommendations noted in this area.