

IPDH/HRSA Report

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Megan Hartwig (Brain Injury Program Manager), DeAnn Decker (Bureau Chief), Binnie LeHew (IDPH Council Staff), Ousmane Diallo (IDPH Epidemiologist), Emily Emonin (Council Secretary) and Dennis Byrnes (Council member) attended the BIA-IA Conference in March. It was beneficial for IDPH staff to have the opportunity to attend the conference to learn more about brain injury. The ACBI was an exhibitor at the conference and Megan was available to conference participants to answer questions. There was an interest sheet for the State Plan task force for interested individuals. Megan has been collecting names of individuals who are interested in involvement with the state plan process. The state plan is a part of the HRSA grant goals.

- Laurie Schipper presented on Brain Injury and Domestic Violence. This presentation tied directly to the HRSA goals.

Jill Crosser (ACBI), Emily Emonin (ACBI) and Megan Hartwig (IDPH) attended the Federal Grantee meeting in Bethesda, MD. This is a requirement of the HRSA grant. Other Iowans who attended the meeting were Dave Johnson (ACBI), Heidi Smith (BIA-IA) and Ben Woodworth (IACP). The meeting was a great way to network and learn what projects other states are working on.

The Cognitive Rehabilitation Task Force has met several times. The group worked with Lynn Janssen from Janssen Rehab Consulting to write a white paper as part of the HRSA goals. The report has been completed and will be shared with the Federal Project Officer.

The ACBI Administrative Rules task force has met several times and has completed their draft of revisions to Chapter 55. The document will now go to Rules Writing staff at IDPH.

IDPH received notification from HRSA for funding for the current grant year (4/1/2011 to 3/31/2012). Contracts have been written and are currently being routed.

HRSA Grant Goals:

1. Improve care access to individuals and families by increasing the capacity of the Iowa Brain Injury Resource Network (IBIRN).
2. Increase the availability of appropriate supports and services for people after brain injury by expanding availability of cognitive rehabilitation services in the state of Iowa.
3. Increase the availability of comprehensive and coordinated services for individuals harmed by domestic violence and individuals who are incarcerated that have experienced TBI.
4. Strengthen the Iowa TBI system to enhance further systems change efforts.
5. Enhance Iowa's brain injury data collection, analysis and reporting system.
6. Update Iowa's statewide TBI needs assessment and develop the Iowa Plan for Brain Injury 2013 – 2015.