ADVISORY COUNCIL ON BRAIN INJURIES
April 20, 2012

Iowa Lutheran Hospital
700 E. University, Des Moines, Iowa 50316
Conference Room A/B (Lower level B)

MINUTES

1. Welcome/Introduction Jack Hackett, Chair

Members participating in person:
Staci Bell, Thomas Brown, Dennis Byrnes, Jill Crosser, Jack Hackett, Michael Hall, Kathy Herring, Walter (Dave) Johnson, Rhonda Jordal, Renee Moravec, Stacy Simatovich

Members not in attendance:
Donald Heckert, Sue Lewis, Joseph Linn, Margaret (Peggy) Parker

IDPH staff participating:
Lonnie Cleland, IDPH; Dr. Ousmane Diallo, IDPH, Epidemiologist

Ex Officio Representatives participating:
Toni Merfeld, Department of Education; LeAnn Moskowitz, DHS, IME; Kathy Winter, Vocational Rehabilitation

Others Participating
Geoff Lauer, BIA-IA; Jim Torner, UofI IPRC/ISR; Carmen Davenport, DHS, MHDS

Meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m.

1. Welcome & Introductions Jack Hackett, Chair
Hackett called the meeting to order and welcomed the group. The group reviewed the agenda and minutes. Introductions were made.

2. Review and Approval of the Agenda & Minutes Jack Hackett, Chair
ACBI budget report, HRSA update, ACBI renewals and state plan were added to the agenda.

Herring moved to accept the agenda as modified. Johnson seconded. Motion carried.

Minutes were reviewed from the January 20, 2012 meeting. There was no discussion.

Jordal motioned to accept the minutes as written. Herring seconded. Motion carried.

3. Registry/Stroke Presentation Jim Torner, U of I, IPRC/ISR

Jim Torner presented information about his research and the incidence of Stroke in Iowa. At this time there is not a stroke registry. It could be beneficial to add stroke to the acquired brain injury definition in Iowa. There was discussion after the presentation on how the ACBI can help with this. The ACBI could advocate for stroke to be included in the administrative rules that define acquired brain injury in Iowa.

Brown motioned that the ACBI supports modifying the Administrative rules to include ICD 10 codes for stroke. Byrnes seconded. Motion carried.

4. ACBI Budget Report

The group discussed the budget report. There was question as to why the NASHIA membership had not been paid. There was also discussion regarding how the ACBI can support the HRSA grant. It was noted that ACBI funds need to be spent by June 30th.

Executive task force to meet to discuss budget expenditures prior to end of May 2012.

5. HRSA Report Jack Hackett, Chair

Hackett reviewed the report prepared by Hartwig. There was question regarding the Family Ambassador position. The ambassador position will be a partner in the ACBI and will attend meetings. The ambassador could be a member of the ACBI but it is not an appointed position by the Governor – it is related to the HRSA grant.

Hartwig to provide an update on the Ambassador program at July 2012 meeting.

6. Service Task Force Moravec

The Service Task Force held a call to discuss the Brain Injury Resource Teams. A Survey Monkey was developed and sent to the 9 AEAs. There were many questions that were not answered on the surveys. Currently there is not support from the Department of Education to the AEAs for the Brain Injury Teams. Merfeld from the Department of Education stated that funding for the teams has been cut and the work the teams were doing in many AEAs has been shifted to other teams. Planning is more focused around what interferes with the academic process. It was discussed the best person to contact at the Department of Education is Marty Ikeda (Bureau Chief & Special Education Director). The ACBI should also contact the AEA directors.
The task force also discussed producing and distributing a flip book for school staff. The flip book would provide tips on how to best serve students with brain injury.

Moravec to contact Marty Ikeda for further discussion.

7. Prevention Task Force Brown

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Brown spoke on behalf of the Prevention task force. The task force has been in discussion with the Falls Coalition at IDPH. Lewis, Johnson have been included in planning calls for a Fall Prevention Summit. The ACBI has the opportunity to provide support for this event which will provide a day long education event for front line health care staff to train and inform them on falls prevention best practices.

Brown motioned for the ACBI Prevention Task Force to provide planning and execution of an educational seminar for front line health care providers to train and inform them on Fall prevention best practices and resulting brain injuries. Seconded by Herring. Motion carried.

8. ACBI Membership Hackett, Chair

Reminder for members to respond to email from the Governor's office regarding terms.

9. Lunch

Business portion of meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

11. Re-cap of ACBI Business

The group came back from lunch at 1:45 p.m.

12. State Agency Reports

Department of Human Service – Carmen Davenport – No update on MHDS Redesign.

Department of Education – Toni Merfeld – Discussion related to Brain Injury Resource teams. Merfeld will coordinate conversation between ACBI and Dr. Ikeda. This may help with information distribution to AEA chiefs, directors, etc. Moravec will be Merfeld's contact on the ACBI

Iowa Medicaid Enterprise – LeAnn Moskowitz – Moskowitz reviewed Waiver & Medicaid updates. See attached reports. Moskowitz reported there will be a meeting the week of April 23rd to see if there are funds to release additional slots. Brown requested information on the 216 closed slots and if they can be re-opened.

Moskowitz to get clarification to ACBI on how slot allocation works.

Vocational Rehabilitation – Kathy Winter – IVRS will place 500 individuals a month on wait list for services. Currently there are 14,000 open cases. The senate and the house have both proposed stable Voc Rehab funding. See attached report.

13. Reports from training and Service Providers

14. Public Comment

15. Reminders and Adjournment

The next ACBI meeting is July 20, 2012. All members should plan to attend the meeting in person.

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The meeting was ended at 2:10 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Megan Hartwig

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