



**ADVISORY COUNCIL ON BRAIN INJURIES  
July 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, Roxanne Cogil, Jack Hackett, Michael Hall, Walter (Dave) Johnson, Karen Jones, Rhonda Jordal, Jenifer Krischel, Joseph Linn, Renee Moravec, Margaret (Peggy) Parker

Members not in attendance:  
Kendalyn Huff, Stacy Simatovich

IDPH staff participating:  
Megan Hartwig

Ex Officio Representatives participating:  
Carmen Davenport, DHS; Binnie LeHew, IDPH; LeAnn Moskowitz, IME;  
Toni Reimers, Dept. for the Blind

Others Participating  
Sheryl Brewer, public; Emily Emonin, public; Natasha Retz, BIA-IA

***Meeting was called to order at 11:04 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 including new members.

**2. Review and Approval of the Agenda & Minutes**

**Jack Hackett, Chair**

Members reviewed the Agenda.

***Brown motioned to accept the agenda as written. Linn seconded. Motion carried.***

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

***Jordal motioned to approve the minutes as written. Moravec seconded. Motion carried.***

**3. Recognition of outgoing ACBI Members**

No members whose terms ended June 30, 2012 attended the meeting.

**4. IDPH/HRSA Report**

LeHew provided an update on the ACBI budget (document attached). Brown asked for clarification on amount for auditor; LeHew contracts over a certain amount were subject to audit by the state. There was discussion regarding the HRSA grant carryover request to be submitted in August. LeHew announced the work the Prevention of Disabilities Policy Council is doing with their legislative agenda. Jordal will participate in their planning call on behalf of the ACBI. LeHew also updated the ACBI on the new disabilities grant IDPH received. Hartwig provided an update on the current HRSA grant activities (document attached).

**5. Lunch**

There was a break for lunch from 11:55 a.m. to 12:55 p.m.

**6. Service Task Force**

**Moravec**

Moravec provided an update on the work the task force is doing with the HRSA grant regarding Cognitive Rehabilitation in education settings to include development of a resource for teachers. Moravec and Hall from ACBI are meeting with Dr. Ikeda from the Department of Education in the afternoon along with former ACBI member Emily Emonin and Sheryl Brewer. Brown requested a copy of the HRSA grant work plan to be sent out with the ACBI meeting minutes.

**Hartwig to send out a copy of the HRSA TBI Implementation Grant work plan with meeting minutes.**

**7. Prevention Task Force**

**Johnson**

Johnson shared his perspective about the Falls Prevention Summit that the ACBI supported in June. A Prevention Task Force meeting will be scheduled for September. Johnson requested that all ACBI members send him ideas for the Prevention task force to focus on in the coming year.

**Hartwig to schedule a Prevention Task Force meeting with Johnson for September.**

**All ACBI members to contact Johnson with ideas for Prevention activities for the coming year.**

**8. State Plan Task Force**

**Brown**

Brown gave a report regarding the state plan. Currently working to bring together a meeting for the task force to hear speakers on subject matter so that the entire task force has the same background information. The group discussed how to address community and stakeholder input and how to make sure the State Plan for Brain Injury is aligned with other plans to include Healthy Iowans and the MHDS workgroups. There was discussion on how the state plan helps to determine the focus of the competitive

application process for the HRSA TBI grant. The state plan also helps to determine the focus of the Service and Prevention task forces. There was discussion on gathering input from individuals with brain injury and their families through the Brain Injury Alliance and from providers through the Iowa Association of Community Providers. The final plan will be sent to the Governor's office to become Iowa's Plan for Brain Injury. The new plan needs to be an operation tool that can be utilized in a meaningful way.

**Hartwig to send an email to all members to identify which task forces they would like to participate in (State Plan, Prevention and Service).**

## **9. Nominations**

Hackett announced nominations would be held for Chair and Vice Chair. Nominations were taken from the floor with the slate as follows: Chair: Brown, Hackett; Vice Chair: Bell, Brown, Cogil, Hall, Linn, Moravec. Hackett declined nomination for Chair.

***Byrnes motioned to close nominations; Hall seconded. Motion carried.***

Members voted via paper ballot. Votes were counted.

***Brown was elected Chair, Linn Vice-Chair by majority vote. Hackett is now Immediate Past Chair/Secretary. Johnson remains Prevention Task Force Chair, Moravec remains Service Task Force Chair.***

## **10. State Agency Reports**

Vocational Rehabilitation – Hartwig handed out email report from Kathy Winter (document attached) – Hackett would like to see the ACBI advocate for the full draw down amount for federal funds. The match would provide \$4 federal funds for every \$1 state funds.

Department for the Blind – Reimers – Shared the newest copy of the White Cane magazine.

Department of Human Services – Davenport – gave an update on MHDS redesign. The following workgroups have reports due to the legislature in December: Children's Disability Services Workgroup, Judicial Branch & DHS Workgroup, Outcomes and Performance Measures Committee, Service System Data and Statistical Information Integration Workgroup, and Transition Committee.

Iowa Medicaid Enterprise – Moskowitz – provided written reports (document attached) on the number of individuals receiving services through the Brain Injury Waiver. She reported that the waiting list for the waiver is down to 344 individuals. The online Brain Injury Waiver training should also be available soon. There was discussion as to whether or not providers should have to participate in brain injury training more than once and if it might possibly be tied to re-enrollment for providers.

**11. Reports from training and Service Providers**

Brain Injury Alliance of Iowa – Retz – provided information on the change of the name from the Brain Injury Association of Iowa to the Brain Injury Alliance of Iowa. Services for Iowans will remain the same. Retz also provided a recap of legislative issues BIA-IA worked on during the prior year (document attached).

**12. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**13. Reminders and Adjournment**

***The next ACBI meeting is October 19, 2012. All members should plan to attend the meeting in person.***

The meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Megan Hartwig