IDPH Activity Report to the Advisory Council on Brain Injuries
April 18, 2014

- An application to HRSA for a new TBI State Implementation Partnership grant was submitted on March 7, 2014.
  - Activities of the project centered on Screening, Information & Referral, Resource Facilitation, and Professional Training; activities of the proposal were consistent with goals of the 2013-2017 Iowa State Plan for Brain Injury.
  - Targeted populations included children and youth, individuals within the corrections system, and individuals with challenging brain injury based behaviors.
  - We hope to hear about funding in May, with the project to start June 1.
- The current HRSA grant ended on March 31, 2014. Final reports to HRSA will be submitted by June 29, 2014.
- March 13-14, Maggie exhibited and co-presented at the Brain Injury Alliance annual conference. Approximately 240 Quick Guides were distributed as well as around 100 packs of prevention playing cards.
- March 22-24, Maggie attended the International Brain Injury Association bi-annual World Congress in San Francisco, CA.
- In recognition of March as “Brain Injury Awareness Month”, a press release was produced. A copy can be found at: http://www.idph.state.ia.us/IdphNews/Reader.aspx?id=9B2FDD37-408C-4EE9-B994-DADD89443FFC
- Maggie continues to chair monthly meetings of the Iowa TBI Community of Practice. The group has developed a pediatric “Brain Care Guide” for children and youth with moderate to severe TBI (attached) and will be piloting this guide later this month through June. A Guide for children and youth with mTBI/Concussion will be developed in the upcoming months.
- Maggie has initiated a Rapid Cycle QI for review of the current TBI outreach process at IDPH. The current process has outreach, via letter, occurring no sooner than 9 months post-injury. We are optimistic that we can reduce this lag time to no more than 6 ½ months post-injury. (2013-2017 Iowa State Plan for Brain Injury Focus Area 3, Goal 3)
- The epidemiologist position supporting the Office of Disability, Injury and Prevention continues to be open. The job posting has closed. Resumes are currently being reviewed and scored for candidates to interview.
- The state fiscal year will end June 30, 2014. Contracts with BIAIA (services) and IACP (training) for the next fiscal year will be written in the upcoming months for a July 1 start date.
- If you are interested in continuing your council appointment, please complete and submit an application to the Governor’s office in the next few weeks. Thank you to all for your dedicated service to the council!
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