ADVISORY COUNCIL ON BRAIN INJURIES
October 21, 2011

Iowa Lutheran Hospital
700 E. University, Des Moines, Iowa
Conference Room 1 (Main Level)

MINUTES

1. Welcome/Introduction Jack Hackett, Chair

Members participating:
Staci Bell, Thomas Brown, Jill Crosser, Jack Hackett, Kathy Herring, Rhonda Jordal, Joseph Linn, Renee Moravec

Members not in attendance:
Dave Johnson, Michael Hall, Dennis Byrnes, Donald Heckert, Sue Lewis, Peggy Parker, Stacy Simatovich

IDPH staff participating:
Megan Hartwig, IDPH, Brain Injury Program, Dr. Ousmane Diallo, IDPH, Epidemiologist

Ex Officio Representatives participating:
Kathy Winter, Div. of Voc Rehab; Toni Reimers, Dept. for the Blind, Binnie LeHew, IDPH, Injury Prevention Program

Others Participating
Geoff Lauer, BIA-IA; Ben Woodworth, IACP

Meeting was called to order at 10:14 a.m. –Quorum was not present until 10:21 a.m.

1. Welcome Jack Hackett, Chair

Hackett called the meeting to order and welcomed the group. Hackett explained no business could be carried out due to lack of a quorum. The group reviewed the agenda and minutes. At 10:21 a.m. Bell arrived; quorum was met at this time. Introductions were made.

2. Review and Approval of the Agenda & Minutes Jack Hackett, Chair

Linn motioned to accept the agenda as written; Jordal seconded. Motion carried.

Brown motioned to make an addition to the agenda under new business regarding the State Plan Task Force and the number of survivors on the task force. This motion was tabled.

Minutes were reviewed.
Brown motioned to accept the minutes as written, Bell seconded. Motion carried.

3. Vote on Executive Task Force Members Hackett

Hackett called for nominations from the floor. He read the slate of nominations:
Chair-Hackett
Vice Chair-Herring
Secretary-Brown
Service Chair-Hall
Service Vice-chair-Crosser
Prevention Chair-Johnson
Prevention Vice-chair-Lewis

Hackett called for nominations from the floor three times. No nominations from the floor.

Jordal motioned for nominations to close, Linn seconded. Motion carried.

Members turned in ballots. Votes were counted by LeHew. All members were voted into positions above. Members identified interest in either the Prevention or Services task forces.

Action: Hartwig to inquire with ACBI members not present regarding preference for Prevention or Service task force.

Action: Hartwig to send out finalized task force list to ACBI members.

4. Mental Health Redesign Update Hackett & Hartwig

Hartwig provided a brief update on activities related to the MHDS Mental Health Redesign. ACBI members can view all redesign documents on the following website: http://www.dhs.iowa.gov/Partners/MHDSRedesign.html. Jordal and Woodworth provided comment on the redesign workgroup. Woodworth expressed the ACBI might want to include information about the redesign in the legislative agenda. Hackett expressed the ACBI will begin in state plan process when the final MHDS report is completed in December.

Action: Hartwig to email ACBI with redesign website.

Action: ACBI members to contact Hartwig if interested in being involved in the State Plan Task Force.

5. ACBI Planning for Next Year **Hackett**

The group discussed potential projects to take on in the next year. Ideas included:

- State Plan process
- Building support and awareness of the Brain Injury Resource Teams to include the following:
    - Brain Injury training
    - Ongoing training specific to each Area Education Agency
    - Developing focus for the teams
    - Strengthening the partnership with the Department of Education
    - Building support through advocacy groups
    - Including the BIRT teams as a part of the HRSA project in the future
- Build collaboration with groups working on different brain injury topics (e.g. Stroke program)

Brown recommended the ACBI use the state plan to guide the task forces in their activities.

Action: ACBI members to contact Hartwig if they would like a printed copy of the current state plan (document can be found online: http://www.idph.state.ia.us/bh/common/pdf/brain_injury/ia_brain_injury_2007_2010.pdf.

Action: ACBI members to review the State Plan before the January ACBI meeting.

5. Healthy Iowans **Hartwig**

Hartwig requested volunteers from the ACBI to assist in developing objectives and strategies to submit to the Healthy Iowans plan.

Herring and Crosser volunteered to assist with developing objectives.

Action: Hartwig to contact Herring and Crosser to schedule a phone call for Healthy Iowans.

6. IDPH Budget Report **LeHew**

Hartwig reviewed the attached budget report provided by LeHew with the group. The group discussed how the state and federal dollars interact.

7. IBIRN Report & Surveillance Report **Dr. Diallo**

Dr. Diallo gave highlights from each report. The group discussed the report findings and requested additional information regarding where people are discharged based on age. Diallo will edit the report and make it available to the ACBI for comment.

Action: Diallo to update reports.
Action: Hartwig to send reports to ACBI.
Action: ACBI members to review reports and provide comments by date to be determined.
Action: Final reports to be published on ACBI website.

8. HRSA Report Hartwig

Hartwig reported HRSA project officer has requested a revised work-plan. Hartwig will be working on plan in November.

The group broke for lunch at 11:55 a.m.
12:55 p.m. the group resumed meeting.

9. Recap of ACBI Business Meeting

No recap needed.

10. Iowa City VA Program Update Hall

Hall was unable to attend meeting. Hackett discussed current VA activities including the "Life After War" course that is offered at the University of Iowa. The Registrars' Office and the VA Polytrauma unit work together enroll veterans and soldiers in the course. The course covers different issues that relate war experience, symptoms a person might experience and needs they might have related to PTSD and BI. The course includes information on coping, study skills, peer to peer support. Hackett stressed the course is an education class and not therapy. The hope is to extend the program into the community colleges.

11. State Agency & Partner Reports

Department for the Blind Reimers

Dept. for the Blind will be exhibiting at resource fairs and the conference for aging issues. The website has been updated and includes a link to existing resources. The department is seeking a new PR person. Currently there is no waiting list for employment services with the Department for the Blind. Reimers expressed there needs to be more resources for supported employment for individuals with blindness and brain injury identified and developed.

Vocational Rehabilitation Winter

IVRS continues to work from a Waiting List. Most recently on October 13th, 529 cases were removed from the list. These consisted of 6 from the Most Significantly Disabled and 523 from the Significantly Disabled (that had applied and been made eligible on or before November 2, 2010). Thus there continues to be just under a 1 year WL for individuals that meet the SD Waiting list criteria.

As of 10/20/2011 the total waiting list consists of:
Release date

- MSD 0 10/13/2011
- SD 3,059 11/2/2010
- OE 382 10/23/2009
- Total 3,441

The ACBI requested information regarding the amount of funding it would take to clear the waiting list. Winter expressed it might not be possible to draw down enough federal dollars to clear the wait list. It may take state dollars above and beyond the maximum match for the cap.

Action: Winter to provide information to ACBI regarding how much funding it would take to clear the wait list for Vocational Rehabilitation.

DHS

The ACBI reviewed the report from Moskowitz. Report attached. Moskowitz was not able to attend the meeting.

Brown discussed the work the Neurorehab workgroup is doing at DHS. The program is looking at a roll out date of Sept. 2012 for the residential portion of the program. The program is designed to bring people back to Iowa and decrease the costs related to out of state placement. This will be a state plan service and not exclusively available to individuals receiving services through the Brain Injury waiver. The community based portion of the services are still in the process of being designed and will have a later implementation date.

Action: ACBI to write a letter to Director Palmer at DHS to start work between departments to identify and coordinate services.

BIA-IA Lauer

Lauer provided a brief verbal report on activities at BIA-IA.

- BIA-IA is currently on-target for contract deliverables.
- NRF caseloads continue to be the highest in the country.
- The advocacy training program is wrapping up in the next month (this has been a three month research project).
- Alabama is looking to Iowa for mentoring.
- BIA-IA continues to be involved in the Olmstead taskforce.
- Certified Brain Injury Specialist trainings have been held.
- Annual BIA-IA conference is scheduled for March 7 & 8th (there will be a pre-conference family track and a pre-conference concussion track, Harvey Jacobs will be speaking at the conference).
- BIA-IA is partnering with the Department on Aging to increase the capacity of the Aging and Disability Resource Center.
- There are currently 139 Iowa Brain Injury Resource Network sites.

LeHew commented on the video and grassroots movement for helmet laws at the Trauma System Advisory Council. There are currently many people very interested in

helmet laws—now might be a good time for the ACBI and BIA-IA to support helmet laws and partner with the Trauma System Advisory Council.

IACP Woodworth

Woodworth reported IACP has been very involved as an agency in the all of the MHDS redesign workgroups. He encouraged the ACBI to continue to seek equity in the system in Mental Health redesign and in all services. Since August, IACP has completed 10 brain injury trainings including one in the waterloo school district. IACP has seen an increase in agencies needing assistance when they have admitted brain injury survivors from out of state. IACP has been providing more training for agencies who are serving individuals with multi-occurring disorders.

The online waiver training should be up and running within the year. Woodworth encouraged the ACBI to request the NASHIA membership be approved. Woodworth explained two project partnerships IACP has with DHS. The first is providing technical assistance to help providers with compliance issues related to the Home and Community Based Services Quality Improvement framework. The second is a training contract to expand access to internet based training around the state. The contract is to increase the number of providers who are able to access the online training system. The training system is the same program the CDD is working with, but IACP is looking at expansion and increased support for users.

IDPH LeHew

LeHew updated the ACBI on activities at the Iowa Department of Public Health.

- The falls workgroup is ready to become a coalition and is still looking for members.
- Governor Branstad signed a proclamation for the first day of fall for falls awareness (Kathy Herring attended the signing).
- IDPH is waiting for an application announcement for the disability and health grant.

12. Member Questions

Members did not have questions. Members did discuss the following points:

- A letter from the ACBI regarding a NASHIA membership
- A letter to the Department of Education regarding special education and the BIRT teams
- A letter or phone call from the ACBI to Vocational Rehabilitation regarding the need for full state match for services

Brown motioned for the ACBI to draft a letter to advise a NASHIA membership be approved. Jordal seconded. Motion carried

Herring motioned a letter be drafted and sent to the Department of Education requesting information on how the DoE is meeting the responsibility to serve students with BI and the status of the BIRT teams. Moravic Seconded. Motion carried.

Action: Advocacy Task Force to develop and deliver a legislative agenda to the ACBI Executive Task Force.

13. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

14. Reminders/Adjourn

Next ACBI meeting is January 20, 2012. ***All members should plan to attend the meeting in person.***

Hackett adjourned the meeting at 2:15 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Megan Hartwig