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Report to Iowa Advisory Council on Brain Injuries

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Access

-The Brain Injury Advisory group has met twice this year and has also developed a sub-group to give feedback on the current work of the Cognitive Rehabilitation Task Force. This group has been active in giving feedback and guidance in increasing the access to cognitive rehabilitation services for individuals experiencing brain injury. Several members of the advisory group are also participating in the workgroup sponsored by IME to develop community based neuro-rehabilitation services.

-IACP staff continues to work with the Iowa Department of Corrections on developing educational materials and opportunities pertinent to brain injury. Staff continues to act as a resource for IDOC staff through phone conferences and individual consultation. Two trainings specifically aimed at training corrections staff are planned for the next quarter with more anticipated throughout the next year.

Effectiveness

-11 agencies received training, providing training to 232 individuals, and 5 agencies received technical assistance during the reporting period. Each agency reported that these trainings and technical assistance increased their ability to serve individuals who had multiple challenges and whose services may have been at risk of being discontinued.

-IACP staff is pursuing certification as a Certified Brain Injury Trainer from the Academy of Certified Brain Injury Specialists. This certification will help to make ACBIS more realistic and cost effective for community based service providers.

Efficiency

-IACP anticipates expending all funding for the previous contract cycle. The Association continues to look for ways to fund portions of this project through alternate sources of funding but have not identified an ongoing source for funding. Possibilities of partnering with IME are being discussed.

-IACP continues to infuse brain injury as a prominent part of the overall training opportunities offered by the association. Brain Injury will be prominently featured at the IACP annual convention in April, as part of the HCBS Technical Assistance project and as part of ABA training offered statewide.