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Report to Iowa Advisory Council on Brain Injuries

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Access

-The Brain Injury Advisory group met on 1/19/11. Their meetings this year will be January 19, March 16, June 15, October 19 and December 21. Feedback was elicited from the group during the January 19 meeting on the BIA-IA scholarships, IACP externship program and regional trainings. A group was also formalized to make recommendations to the Cognitive Rehabilitation task force on how to increase access for Iowans to community based cognitive rehabilitation.

-IACP staff continues to work with the Iowa Department of Corrections on developing educational materials and opportunities pertinent to brain injury. Please see attached diagram for further details of those efforts.

Effectiveness

-9 agencies received training and 2 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.

-An additional agency was assisted in development of their own curriculum to use as part of their internal staff training programs. This process involved development of materials, training on materials and coaching through the implementation process of the developed training.

Efficiency

-IACP received a contract amendment this week from IDPH to fund the development of a brain injury externship program and regional trainings. These opportunities will help to increase the amount of high quality brain injury training opportunities to providers throughout the state and also will offer a more intense course of study for providers who have a solid knowledge base.

-IACP also plans to work with brain injury providers to utilize enhanced training opportunities such as Behavioral Analyst trainings and free access to the College of Direct Supports curriculum. IACP through a contract with IME will be offering technical assistance statewide to HCBS waiver and habilitation service providers. It is anticipated that this will increase the demand for technical assistance to brain injury service providers.

Corrections Brain Injury Training Continuum

Corrections Counselors
Social Workers
Psychologists
Probation Officers

Treatment Staff
Corrections Officers
Re-Entry Staff

Increased BI Awareness & Knowledge

15-30 Intro

1 hr Annual

In-Service in a Box

ICA Conference

Individual Case Consult

Conferences

CBIS Training & Testing

Improved Rehabilitation & Re-Entry of
Prisoner Who has Experienced Brain Injury

Decreased Recidivism
Increased Public Safety