

HRSA TBI Implementation Grant Update  
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Prepared by Megan Hartwig for ACBI 1/21/2011 Meeting

Megan Hartwig (Brain Injury Program Manager), DeAnn Decker (Bureau Chief) and Binnie LeHew (IDPH Council Staff) participated in the HRSA TBI Implementation Grant monitoring call on December 16, 2010.

Megan submitted the HRSA Non-Competing Continuing Application on January 10, 2011. A narrative of the program accomplishments in the second grant year and work plan for the third year of the grant was included along with a budget narrative, Megan's resume and biography.

Megan's plans for the third year of the grant include continuing to work on goals and objectives for the current and upcoming grant year. Work on some objectives has been delayed due to transition in program staff over the past two years.

Megan has met with contractors and taskforces to begin work on goals and objectives. Work on the following items will take place in grant year three (April 1, 2011 to March 31, 2012). Below is a portion of the NCC narrative:

- Implementation and promotion of the Family Ambassador position will be completed. The position will be promoted on the IDPH TBI Council website and in the Registry Outreach Letter that is mailed quarterly to anyone hospitalized for at least 24 hours because of a concussion up to cranial fracture resulting from trauma.
- IACP in partnership with DHS will implement an online Brain Injury training which is mandatory for all providers who work with consumers under the Brain Injury Waiver.
- The BIA-IA will hold two additional family caregiver conferences, and will continue work reviewing the needs of family members of people with brain injury regarding their education and training needs. The BIA-IA is working on expanding local collaboration and sustainability by the involvement of the local IBIRN members who are helping to plan and host the conference. This partnership is helping to make the conferences sustainable by utilizing donated space, copying, etc. Continued development of additional measurements for assessing changes in capacity of the local IBIRN groups will be carried out.
- The partnership with the Iowa Department of Corrections will continue to be enhanced in the next year. The relationship will help facilitate a linkage in providing resources and training for staff of the IDOC as well as begin dialog regarding how to assist offenders with brain injury to keep from reoffending. Currently the Brain Injury Program Manager is meeting on at least a monthly basis with IDOC staff including Katrina Carter-Larson, the BIA-IA staff and IACP staff. Discussion at these meetings has included trouble shooting on specific cases of individuals who are incarcerated who have been diagnosed with brain injury. Carter-Larson has been, and continues to be a great advocate of brain injury screenings in the correctional system. She was able to attend the National Association of State Head Injury Administrators/North American Brain Injury Society conference this year to learn more about brain injury and best practices. Her enthusiasm and collaboration is a wonderful asset and will continue to help further grant goals and objectives in the coming year. Carter-Larson, Hartwig and Ben Woodworth from IACP are submitting a proposal to present on the topic of TBI at the Iowa Governor's

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Conference on Substance Abuse. Carter-Larson will also be involved in a TBI breakout session at the Iowa Corrections Association conference in May 2011.

- The BIA-IA, IACP, IDPH, and TBI Council's Cognitive Rehabilitation task force will continue to strategize both pragmatic recommendations and data driven strategies to make Cognitive Rehabilitation service more readily available to all Iowans.
- IDPH in partnership with ICADV will train the BIA-IA staff on identification of domestic violence and how to intervene effectively with victims, and provide information on available domestic violence resources.
- BIA-IA in partnership with ICADV will develop population specific brain injury resources for survivors of domestic violence.
- Data on people screened positive for brain injury will begin to be collected from the domestic violence shelters on an ongoing basis.
- Regional trainings, case consultations and ACBIS training and certifications will continue.
- Data will continue to be collected to produce reports on the prevalence of TBI in Iowa.
- The TBI Council will make recommendations to IDPH on methods and tools to be used for a comprehensive statewide needs assessment.
- IDPH will facilitate the completion of a statewide needs assessment.

Following are the Grant Goals:

1. Improve care access to individuals and families by increasing the capacity of the Iowa Brain Injury Resource Network (IBIRN).
2. Increase the availability of appropriate supports and services for people after brain injury by expanding availability of cognitive rehabilitation services in the state of Iowa.
3. Increase the availability of comprehensive and coordinated services for individuals harmed by domestic violence and individuals who are incarcerated that have experienced TBI.
4. Strengthen the Iowa TBI system to enhance further systems change efforts.
5. Enhance Iowa's brain injury data collection, analysis and reporting system.
6. Update Iowa's statewide TBI needs assessment and develop the Iowa Plan for Brain Injury 2013 – 2015.