Report the Advisory Council on Brain Injuries  
(July 2014-September 2015)  
October 14, 2014

Return to Learn
Contract Goal #1: Identify or develop a training curriculum, with identified partners, to improve the skills of Iowa’s service providers and educators by April 15, 2015.
Quarterly activities/Progress:
The work group developing the Return to Learn curriculum met on August 25 in Grinnell to begin coordinating efforts and identifying resources. This group included staff from IDPH, BIA-IA, CDD and IACP. It was decided to utilize subject matter expert Ann Glang to begin moving forward with development. She was scheduled to come and meet with all partners on October 6 and 7 but this time had to be re-scheduled due to an illness in her family.

Training and Consultation
Contract Goal #2: Offer four (4) regional training sessions on promising practices to brain injury service providers throughout Iowa.
Quarterly activities/Progress:
- 11 trainings for service providers have been completed statewide since July 1st.
- Topic areas included: Cognitive Rehabilitation (5), Relational skills and working with challenging behavior (3), Brain Injury and Challenging behavior (2), and PEARL.
- 357 people participated in these trainings.
- Regions in which training occurred included:
  - MHDS of East Central Region
  - County Social Services
  - Southern Hills Regional Mental Health
  - Southeast Iowa Link

Contract Goal #3: Offer case consultation to a minimum of twelve (12) service providers annually.
Quarterly activities/Progress:
- 7 consultations were completed this quarter

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Contract Goal #4: Offer service providers the opportunity to become certified by the Academy for the Certification of Brain Injury Specialists (ACBIS).

Quarterly activities/Progress:
Coordination is currently in progress with two providers to do agency specific ACBIS training for identified staff. ACBIS trainings are scheduled for October (15-16) in Iowa City and November (17-18) in Des Moines. The October training was cancelled due to low registration (4) and will be re-scheduled for mid to late January of 2015. Iowa City registrants will be offered the option to train in Des Moines, currently there are 23 participants registered for the November training.

Contract Goal #9: Contract will provide support within 2 identified Iowa judicial districts to increase skills of staff working in community-based corrections.

Quarterly activities/Progress:
Coordinating with staff at the Iowa Department of Corrections to develop training opportunities for staff in community based corrections. These training opportunities will include distribution of the Brain Injury Re-Entry Guide For Corrections Staff.

Capacity Building
Contract Goal #5: Provide outreach and technical assistance within Iowa MH/DS regions and the Money Follows the Person (MFP) program to develop a plan for delivering and/or increasing brain injury capacity within the service delivery system.

Quarterly activities/Progress:
2 referrals have been made to the MFP program this quarter. Assistance has been provided in educating individual transition specialists about the Brain Injury Waiver, service provider availability and specific needs of individuals with brain injury exiting nursing facilities. Further training will be scheduled with MFP program administrators to train all transition specialists in this area.

Marketing materials developed and distributed, jointly with materials from BIA-IA, to MH/DS regional administration. Follow up will occur during the next quarter.

Contract Goal #8: Develop and launch a training program for the development of competencies in brain injury service delivery for mid-and upper level management of Iowa service provider agencies utilizing a cohort of at least 15 individuals representing a minimum of 6 service organizations.

Quarterly activities/Progress:
Met with staff from IDPH to discuss options for development of program. Have also researched training programs in place in Iowa currently among service providers.


**Needs Assessment**

*Contract Goal #6: Contractor will assess the needs of brain injury service providers in Iowa by December 31, 2014.*

Quarterly activities/Progress:
Survey tool will be distributed in Early to Mid November. Seeking input from ACBI on previous assessment tool to see if any additional data measurement areas would be helpful to include.

*Contract Goal #7: With identified partners, contractor will utilize findings from assessment in goal 6 to identify or develop a training curriculum to improve the skills of Iowa’s service providers working with challenging brain based behaviors among individuals with multi-occurring conditions.*

Quarterly activities/Progress:
Work will begin once assessment of needs is completed.