



**Advisory Council on Brain Injuries
Ad Hoc Cognitive Rehabilitation Task Force
January 19, 2011 – Meeting Minutes
Conference Call**

The meeting was called to order by Julie Fidler Dixon, task force chair at 2:08 p.m.

ACBI Ad hoc Cognitive Rehabilitation Task Force Members Present

Julie Fidler Dixon David Demarest Emily Emonin
Geoff Lauer

IDPH Staff Present

Megan Hartwig

Julie began the meeting by reporting to the group about her conversation with Lynn Janssen. Lynn is currently in Des Moines and is interested in continuing her work with the Advisory Council on Brain Injuries. Julie updated Lynn about Task Force activities.

Geoff asked what a reasonable amount of time for Lynn to respond to a request from the Task Force. Julie felt Lynn Janssen would be able to respond to the group quickly. Emily asked what would happen if Lynn Janssen was not available. The group discussed some other potential people who could facilitate a work session with the Task Force. Geoff mentioned Susan O'Connors and shared he felt having a facilitator who knows and understands brain injury would be beneficial to move the conversation along. He asked if there was anyone at On With Life who could facilitate the conversation. Julie responded that Dave Anders would be good to facilitate but is currently very busy.

The group next discussed the HRSA Grant objectives. Geoff shared with the group information about the IME Cognitive Rehabilitation meeting to take place on February 4, 2011. His sense is that IME wants to make sure providers are able to be involved in a conversation about Cognitive Rehab funding. They want to look at different provider models.

The group discussed the need for Payers to understand cognitive rehabilitation including the issue of time and units to be able to pay. There needs to be an understanding of how much money can be woven into the system for all levels of providers from CNAs to highly trained professionals.

Megan shared the HRSA goals related to cognitive rehabilitation with the group. Part of the first objective has been met. The definition for cognitive rehabilitation has been established, but policy recommendations have not been developed and shared with lawmakers and key stakeholders in Iowa. Emily suggested adding the cognitive rehabilitation definition along with the Cognitive Rehabilitation White Paper to the BIA-IA Hill Day packet. Geoff wondered how this could be woven into Hill Day. Information in the packet should have content that is concrete enough to educate. There was general conversation about hill day. It was decided not to include Cognitive Rehabilitation information in the packet. Geoff mentioned that information could be presented to the legislators by taking information over to the Capitol letter box.



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Emily asked the group where they should start. Julie felt the group should start with the action steps from the white paper. She felt it was the Task Force's job to move the action steps along. Geoff felt the take away from the meeting was to get Lynn Janssen involved and if she would not be able to be involved then to find a reasonable plan B. Julie was fairly certain that Lynn Janssen would be available and be willing to facilitate a work group with the Task Force. Julie felt Emily came up with a very good definition for cognitive rehabilitation and that the group needs to now focus on action. Julie asked if the group was willing to commit a half a day to work with Lynn Janssen. The group agreed they would be willing to do this.

It was shared that Mike Hall has been restricted on the amount of time he can spend traveling to work on committees, etc.

Next Steps

- Julie will contact Lynn Janssen to see her availability and interest.
- If Lynn Janssen is interested, Megan will set up a meeting to talk with her about the HRSA grant goals and objectives related to Cognitive Rehabilitation.

Call ended at 2:42 p.m.

Minutes Submitted by Megan Hartwig