

Meeting Minutes of April 29, 2009

Mission Statement: Wyoming Acquired Brain Injury Task Force is dedicated to advocacy for improving the systems of care for persons with brain injury in Wyoming.

Attendees: Angie Mason, Jack Nokes, Bev Swistowicz, Shane Moore, Kerry Kimmel, Dorothy Cronin-Worrell, Ellen Baker, Cheryle Gingerich, Rodney Gingerich, Jana Meeks, Krisy Meeks, Fabiana Di Camillo, Stacey Wright, Mike Aurand

The meeting was called to order by Mike Aurand, ABI Task Force Coordinator, at 10:00 am. Minutes from September meeting were approved and circulated for signatures.

Treasurer's Report: Dorothy Cronin-Worrell - HRSA cut funding \$ 18,650.00. Task Force reviewed what the Conference cost last year. Questions were proposed on how to make up for HRSA cut. Ideas were given that maybe we should look into fundraisers for Conference, Partnerships 50/50, and Cut costs from each area to make up difference, Find supporters for Conference, or Find sponsors that will support clients to go. It was also discussed that we may need to cut out of state conferences, or schedule a one day conference with the other agencies at a 50/50 cost ratio. Bev informed us that this is the last year for the HRSA grant that the grant for next year will be a competitive one and that we will be working on a new grant for next year

Membership: Two new applicants were voted on and approved as new Voting members – Jane Nichols and Sean McQuire. Rodney Gingerich was also voted on and nominated as the new President and accepted.

Education Committee: Mike and Shane Moore Discussed that the CBIS testing will be held in July in Casper. Mike also discussed that the statewide ABI training is going really well and that Brain Injury 101 was the most popular statewide. He has been to Newcastle training their staff and will be returning a few more times but all around he is receiving a lot of demand for training.

Waiver Committee: Bev –The Governor has asked for there to be a 5-10% prepared cut to support BI Waiver. Bev discussed that BI awareness growing and waiver list is growing also. She stated that right now there are 40 people on the waiting list and there are 150 people being served. On the Children's waiver there are over 200 children waiting at this time and on the Adult waiver there are over 100 adults waiting. Bev stated that legislature has agreed no new monies but that to fill all three (3) waivers with other funds.

New Business: Cheryle discussed that Laramie support is up and that she is receiving more calls for that area. Case Management problems and solutions were discussed. The team was informed by Bev that there are going to be regional trainings for case mangers set up in the next few months to work on plans of care and on going support. Dorothy updated the team on the new newsletter and website format and all were pleased with the new changes.

