

# IN-ABC

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## 1/15/10 IN-ABC Meeting Minutes

### **2010 Board Members Present:**

**President:** Gail Kahl  
**Vice President:** Sandra Miller-Givan  
**Director (At Large):** CJ Gallihugh  
**Treasurer:** Rob Westcott  
**Secretary:** Sue Bauer

**Members present:** 25

**Call to order:**

**Introductions:**

**Discussion Old Business:** No old business

**President's Report:** Gail Kahl

### **Announcements/Updates:**

- Committee Work
- Membership has asked for afternoon sessions be devoted to professional development. Scott will be doing some ongoing training,

Sample topics:

What can behavior specialists do on teams that are resistant to change?  
Personality traits?

He would like to video tape himself doing the training. CEU opportunity. Possibly assigning homework for training, could include additional CEU's so that membership don't need to rely on the conference for all of their CEU's.

What if's? What's the state doing? Feeling of uneasy. Gail would like to talk more in depth, having a consortium among business owners to discuss \$ and cents. Want to ensure that association meets the needs of the membership. Request that members let us know of needs.

- October Conference: 2010 Strategic Plan

Reviewed strategic planning work from the conference.

**Treasurer Report:** Rob Westcott (see attachment)

Revisit rainy day fund in July.

**Secretary Report:** Sue Bauer (see attachment)

**Liaison Report:** Kelly Hartman

- Reviewed her job responsibilities. Large OASIS group. Every Tuesday meets downtown. NATs process (needs assessment teams). Preparing for possible 2011 legislation.

**Joint Meeting (ARC/INARF) January 14, 2010**

- Update on Revenue/The Economy
  - Budget, not just in Indiana but on a National level.
  - As economy gets worse, medicaid rolls go up.
  - Indiana is reliant on state taxes. When the economy is down citizens are spending less money.
  - For every \$ the state spends on services there is a fed match. 40% state/60% federal.
  - If we don't have the money to put in, the feds don't have to match it.
  - Of all the cuts in Indiana, our program has not been cut.
  - Trying to reduce the budget by 1,835.9 M decrease over two years
- Small and Large Group Developments/Oasis Implementation

- Testing Process
- High Cost Reviews. How can we look at things more systemically so that we can look at the allocation for all levels?
- New BMR process going to stop perpetual budget increases (i.e.. Roommate dies). They are going to be cut of after a certain period of time. Only giving BMR's for a month at a time. Max BMR is 2-90 day periods.

Housemate efforts:

Map that shows each county in the state and how many individuals are living by themselves. Picking counties with largest number of people living in that situation. If someone gets 40 hours or less of RHS (not bothering them). 2000 people being reviewed by NATS team.

In Marion county, 90 individuals living by themselves in that category, going to invite all these people to one common area. Providers are going to work together in cooperative efforts.

- Arc and Self-Advocates of Indiana Involvement
- FindMyRoommate.com
- Collaborative Communication Efforts

- Invoicing Tool Revisions:

As a result of concerns raised with the state throughout fall, the state issued a bulletin on December 17, 2009 discontinuing the use of the invoicing tool effective January 1, 2010.

It is the understanding of the work group that the invoicing tool does not need to be utilized for any claims submitted after January 1, 2010.

The work group believes that the practical impact is to return the basis of billing to consumer hours in a manner consistent with how billing was performed prior to the annual plan system. For example, billing for actual services delivered, not billing for planned services and maintaining a census sheet which shows the hours of direct service provided by each individual living in the service site.

- Joint Day Service Proposal:

SEFA Recommendations:

- Ensure Workplace Assistance is used as intended
- Require WPAS providers to meet criteria for SEFA providers and be accredited
- WPAS and SEFA must be included under a single prior authorization.
- Consumers offered the opportunity for community employment at least annually

Day Support and Training Recommendations:

- This is a PROPOSAL! The state requested potential solutions to the pre-voc issue.
  - Current System: Three different service definitions for facility based services (individual hab, group hab and pre-voc) with 10 different service modalities.
  - Proposed System: One service definition for facility based services called “Day Support and Training” that includes paid work activities as an option with 3 service modalities: individual, small group (4:1 or less) and large group (12:1 or less).
- Legislative updates

SCR0004 Alliance for full Participation--- doubling expectation of people with DD being competitively employed.

SCR 005 - FSSA Professional development programs- FSSA still has an obligation to get more qualified, better paid staff in the state of Indiana

*House Bills*

HB 1003 Contracting of Public Assistance Eligibility

HB 1109 Early voting by voters with disabilities

HB 1149 Variable local option income taxes

HB 1169 Volunteer advocates for incapacitated adults and seniors.

*Senate Bills*

SB 62 Removal of FSSA Expiration dates

SB 96 prenatal substance abuse commission

SB 146 Accessibility of voting locations  
SB 148 Corrections and developmental disabilities  
SB 295 Family and Social services  
SB 347 Administration of public assistance

- Health Care Reform

Resources of interest:

<http://www.thearc.org/NetCommunity/Page.aspx?pid=209>  
<http://www.ancor.org/national-issues/Health-Care-and-Other-Issues>  
<http://healthreform.kff.org>

### **Division of Family Resources Eligibility Project:**

From the joint INARF & ICEArc Meeting (January 14, 2010)

- Reaching out to clients, advocates and staff to create and model a solution that combines the best of the modernized and the pre-modernized systems

Hybrid Advisory Group  
Statewide e-mail: [hybridinput@fssa.IN.gov](mailto:hybridinput@fssa.IN.gov)

- Guiding Principals

Improve client experience  
Improve timeliness of application determinations, redeterminations and change processing  
Improve accuracy/reduce error rates

- Set-Up Strategies

Coordination of business processes  
Improving service  
Implement New Vendor Contracts

- The State is in the Lead on the Eligibility Project.

The program Management office formed to oversee and coordinate activities to support the Agency's strategy for implementation. The state will contract with some entities that were subcontractors to IBM.

#### DFR Regional E-mail Addresses

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#### **Committee Reports:**

**Ethics Committee** (see attachment):

Fritz Kruggel

Potentially 7 members now. Members met prior. No need for additional membership. Working on finalizing getting information posted on website regarding complaints. Updating the flow chart, confidentiality statement, release of information.

**Professional Credentialing Committee:**

Kim Adkins

One new RBC. Total is presently 66. Have not met for some time. Work has been in preparation for licensure. Waiting to see what next step could be and will be meeting next week.

Do need more committee members. Kelly Hartman suggests meeting soon to discuss preparations for licensure.

**Professional Development Committee:**

Kelly Howard  
Michelle Webster  
Sue Bauer  
Jamie Florez

**Risk Management:** Steve O'Dore:

- HRC work 2/2 next committee meeting at 10am at Tangram.

**Sub Committees:**

**Rate Setting:** Kelly Hartman (no updates)

**Quality Outcomes:** Gail Kahl (no updates)

**Self-Advocates:** Gail Kahl (no updates)

**Marketing committee:**

Looking for a committee chair.

*Respectfully submitted by: Sue Bauer, Secretary*

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January 13, 2010 (for 1/14/10 meeting)

## Secretary Report

We are ready to begin the 2010 IN-ABC membership drive! Please send in your 2010 membership packets as soon as possible.

### 2010 Membership Goals

1. Increase student membership
2. Increase membership of non-waiver providers
3. Increase total membership

2010- ?

2009-191 members

2008-166 members

2007-120 members

Membership increased by 13% from 2007 to 2008 and 28% from 2008 and 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Bauer, Secretary

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January 12, 2010

## Treasurer Report

### Current Balance / Funds as of 1/12/10:

Checking: \$7195.14  
Savings 1: \$5049.65  
Savings 2: \$2000.00\*\*

Total Funds: \$14,244.79

[\*\*Rainy Day Fund opened 1/11/10 with a \$1000 deposit for 2009 and 2010]

### Membership Revenue for 2010:

Membership Revenue 2010 = \$ 100  
Membership Revenue 2009 = \$11,776  
Membership Revenue 2008 = \$10,968  
Membership Revenue 2007 = \$ 9,450  
Membership Revenue 2006 = \$ 6,782

### Expenditures for the Previous Quarter:

\$350 for Liability Insurance and \$100 for a Community Hospital Cancer Center contribution in memory of Cheryl Waltermire

### Conference Revenue / Expenses:

2009: revenue = \$ 26,078  
expenses = \$ 18,933  
profit = \$ 7145

...and for reference,

2008: revenue: \$ 25,324  
expenses: \$ 28,100  
loss = \$ 2776