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INDIANA ASSOCIATION FOR BEHAVIORAL CONSULTANTS

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IN-ABC Welcomes New President

James Sanders accepted the position as President for the Indiana Association for Behavioral Consultants for the 2005 term at the January meeting. Upon accepting this role, Jim set out his proposed agenda for 2005. BDDS, DDARS, and FSSA has experienced many changes of personnel. IN-ABC is making it a priority to establish partnerships with those individuals.

An important mission of the Licensure Committee and IN-ABC is to increase the visibility and awareness across the state of the registered behavioral consultant designation. Read more about this process and the importance it has for each of us within this newsletter.

The challenge of appropriate and accessible Human Rights Committees is recognized for behavioral consultants. IN-ABC will develop and implement an association –based HRC.

The on-going need to increase the behavioral consultants' presence in state-wide committees and task forces as well as increasing our role as a resource to the state and other professional associations will be emphasized.

We recognize the need to increase attendance at the bi-monthly association meetings. This year, two meetings will go on the road and be held in the northern and southern regions of Indiana rather than all meetings being held in Indianapolis.

All members of the association are being held responsible to increase promptness in task and project completion. Realistic timelines and specific tasks are being assigned.

The association will also continue to provide CEU opportunities at each meeting. The CEUs will be free of charge to each member.

The privileges of a membership with IN-ABC are difficult to identify. Being able to build relationships, being involved in dialogues specific to our field , and enhancing professional standards are all major focuses.

Jim looks forward to accomplishing each agenda item with your participation.

Association Meetings for 2005:

- *January 21—Glendale Mall, Indianapolis*
- *March 18—Stone Belt, Bloomington*
- *May 20—Glendale Mall, Indianapolis*
- *July 15—TBA, Northern Indiana*
- *September 16—Glendale Mall, Indianapolis*
- *November 18—Glendale Mall, Indianapolis (election of officers for 2006)*

2005 IN-ABC Executive Board

James Sanders
President

Gail Kahl
Vice President

Kelly Hartman
Treasurer

CJ Gallihugh
Secretary

Brian Thomason
Director

IN-ABC Website

You are encouraged to visit the IN-ABC website at www.INABC.org. Via this access, the association's by-laws and the Code of Ethics can be reviewed.

All members of IN-ABC are listed as well as the ability to conveniently locate a consultant in a given geographical area of Indiana.

Download the packet of information to begin the process of being recognized as a registered behavioral consultant.

This website also has a useful link to other agencies that we so frequently need to use as a resource.

The contact information for each person on the Executive Board is also located on the website. Visit it often for updates and changes.

Registered Behavioral Consultants:
Kimberly Adkins, OPG, Inc.
Lisa Connolly, Stone Belt Arc, Inc.
CJ Gallihugh, Behavioral Interventions, Inc.
Laura Hinen, Your Friends and Neighbors
Jennifer Homan, OPG, Inc.
Gail Kahl, OPG, Inc.
Dana Klopfenstein, OPG, Inc.
Candice Render, Insights Consulting
Jim Sanders, Behavior Consultation and Therapy Services, Inc.
Alice Sobotka, Behavior Solutions
Brian Thomason, Behavioral Support Services, LLC
Tina Tinbell-Hageman, New Dimensions Consulting, Inc.
Rob Westcott, Autism Consulting Services of Indiana, Inc.

Licensure Committee

The mission of the IN-ABC Licensure Committee is to enhance the profession of Behavioral Consultants through state licensing, to ensure consistently high standards, while working toward becoming the state organization representing behavioral consultants with consistent standards of licensure, education, training, practice, advocacy, and ethics.

IN-ABC is dedicated to three specific areas within the practice of behavior consultation: principles of ethics, the growth and enhancement of the Behavior Consultation profession, and the use of behavior consultation for individuals with behavioral differences to enhance those individuals' opportunities each day.

The Licensure Committee of IN-ABC is assigned the specific task to ensure competence among behavioral consultants. Through the registration process, the Licensure Committee will ensure that the minimum level of competence is on record for each applicant, while providing continuing education and training. Currently the state legislature defines our roles without knowing or understanding exactly what we do as a profession. By being proactive through the registration process, IN-ABC has developed a process for consistency of required skills and experience.

For an application to be considered as a registered behavioral consultant visit www.INABC.org.

IN-ABC Committees

IN-ABC currently has three committees and will soon add a fourth. The Ethics Committee fields issues within our profession to ensure moral and legal standards are being upheld as found in the Code of Ethics for behavioral consultants.

The Provider Relations Committee is committed to promoting and enhancing behavior consultation as a profession. This committee has the responsibilities of planning each CEU presentation and the round-table discussion prior to each association meeting as well as increasing the awareness of IN-ABC through marketing approaches and networking with fellow professionals.

The Licensure Committee is vigorously working toward representing IN-ABC as the state organization to set consistent standards of licensure, education, training, practice, advocacy, and ethics.

The Human Rights Committee is in the planning stages. The hope is for this committee to be available to the membership by the Fall of 2005.

Each committee is in need of more members. Contact any of the officers to express your interest.

"Not everyone can be famous, but everyone can be great and great is determined by service."- Dr. Martin Luther King

Upcoming CEU Presentations

Scott Manning will present at the May 20 meeting from 11 AM-1PM. Scott is a private consultant to corporations in need of improving work performance as their employees are struggling with burn-out, inability to organize and use time most efficiently, and difficulties with poor team dynamics. This exciting opportunity will investigate how we as behavioral consultants struggle with working in isolation yet have various demands from team members with various interests for our caseloads. Methods to most efficiently use our time while remaining "client" focused will be investigated.

Future presentations will be linking our services with those provided by music therapists, interfacing of treatment and behavior management for offenders with mental retardation, and the effect on the BQIS auditing tool due to interpretive guidelines.

Remember, these presentations are free to IN-ABC members. 460IAC requires behavioral consultants to obtain at least 10 CEUs annually. A simple RSVP prior to each date will ensure you receive a certificate of attendance.