INDIANA ASSOCIATION OF BEHAVIORAL CONSULTANTS

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2006 EXECUTIVE BOARD

- **Gail Kahl, President**
- **Kelly Hartman, Vice President**
- **Jim Sanders, Director**
- **Jane Ford, Secretary (resigned position)**
- **Dr. Bridget Harrison, Treasurer (resigned position)**

PRESIDENT'S GOALS FOR 2006

Although I have been on the Executive Board since the inception of IN-ABC in 2001, I had never realized how enormous this role would be.

One of my goals was to maintain and increase the membership in 2006. The frustration of not having reliable contact information for all providers of behavioral support services across the state of Indiana made it difficult to feel confident that the membership packets would sufficiently reach everyone in our field. We continued to increase our membership through October 2006. To date we have 27 corporate memberships and 14 individual memberships with a total of 125 consultants on our mailing list.

A second goal was to develop partnerships with other organizations in the state of Indiana. I am proud of the relationships that have developed with DDRS, ARC of Indiana, IN-ARF, Southeast Outreach, Indiana University's IIDC and Self Advocates of Indiana. My third goal was to ensure that IN-ABC gained non-profit status as an organization. The association hired Andrew Einterz, Esc., to file all needed forms federally as well as at the state level. We have not received confirmation of this status but ,with fingers crossed, this will occur within the next 90 days.

My fourth and most important goal was to dedicate this presidency to increased involvement and meaning for each individual member of IN-ABC. This began with updating our mission statement and holding a forum in May to identify and establish action plans for each committee. Although this was simply a starting point, it was most helpful in developing a foundation and to begin movement toward a more mature organization.

2006 has been a challenging year for all of us in this field. I can never minimize the importance of the relationships that have developed due to having this association. It is through these relationships that enduring some of the struggles were less painful and definitely less frightening. I thank each of you for your involvement and support. -Gail Kahl

SO WHERE DID THEY GO?

Jane Ford resigned from her position as IN-ABC secretary in July due to her commitments at the University of Indianapolis and the demands of her practicum experience as well as fulfilling the service needs of the consumers in her role as a behavioral consultant.

Dr. Bridget Harrison resigned from her position as IN-ABC treasurer in September. The membership determined not to nominate and elect either position. Both functions were fulfilled by other executive board members for the remainder of 2006.

The knowledge, dialogue and challenges that Jane and Bridget brought to the executive board and IN-ABC membership at large prompted us to make changes and improvements. Their on-going involvement in IN-ABC was and always will be acknowledged and appreciated.

A FEW IMPORTANT THINGS TO REMEMBER….

All e-mails distributed from indianaabc@aol.com are to be originated from an executive board member. Each member is asked to respect that membership e-mail addresses are not to be used or distributed for other communication needs.

Remember that IN-ABC has a yahoo discussion board for other postings. Use http://groups.yahoo.com/group/IN_Behavior_Consult/?yguid=183089130

You may also send other requests of postings to Rob Westcott. As our "webmaster", Rob can place your posting on our website. Email Rob at robwestcott@insightbb.com

The Indiana ABC website is updated as needed and is a resource for your use. Visit www.inabc.org to review the by-laws, the code of ethics, and to become familiar with the other members and the areas of the state those members provide services.

2006 IN-ABC approved expenditures to

- *An information booth at the annual INARF conference.*
- *Scholarships for consumers to attend the Self-Advocates conference in Bloomington.*
- *Be an exhibitor at the Brain Injury Association of Indiana Educational Conference.*

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETS WITH DAVID GOOTEE

Dave Gootee, Assistant Director, DDRS, requested to meet with the executive board monthly throughout 2006. These meetings allowed IN-ABC to understand the expectations and concerns of behavioral support services that DDRS has. IN-ABC, in return, was able to provide historical information of the service and budgetary decisions that had been made by DDRS previous to the annual plan process.

Three main issues were discussed during these meetings. The outcomes are as follows:

(1) Invite to have representation at multiple committees facilitated by DDRS.

- Jim Sanders continued with INTRAIN and curriculum development.
- Gail Kahl joined the 460 rewrite committee and the Oasis project.
- Kelly Hartman attends the Advocates Meetings.

(2) Improve standards of service provided by behavioral consultants.

- Licensure Committee investigating process of certification with the Professional Standards Board.
- IN-ABC will change the process and recognition from "registered" behavioral consultant to "certified" behavioral consultant for members that apply for that designation.
- 460 IAC may include a mandatory completion of a DDRS approved curriculum by all behavioral consultants providing waiver services.
- Redefine the function of HSPP's per waiver service definitions.

(3) Impact of the annual plan process on behavioral support services.

- On-going loss of funding has created critical impact for preventative services.
- Due to challenge from CMS to the state of Indiana pertaining to the annual plan process, the action plan specifically for behavioral support services has been tabled by DDRS. DDRS has requested that we as an association gather more data regarding the structure of service delivery and billing methods. A survey of the membership will be completed in November at IN-ABC meeting.

"To laugh often and much; to win the respect of intelligent people and the affection of children…to leave the world a better place…to know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived. This is to have succeeded."

Ralph Waldo Emerson

COMMITTEE ACTION PLANS

Committee Name: Ethics Committee

Committee Members: Rob Westcott, Brian Thomason, Mike Lowe, Fritz Kruggel, Kelly Hartman

Mission: The Ethics Committee will maintain the INABC Code of Ethics and amend as necessary. The committee will address ethical concerns and questions between individual members, as well as the practices of the association in general.

Committee Function	Action Steps	Who is Responsible	BY WHEN
1. explore voting protocol as noted in the By-Laws – re: agency votes / individual votes – suggestions will be offered	Meet prior to INABC meetings and present discussion and recommendations to the association	Committee	12/15/06
2. review the entire Committee section in the By-Laws and suggest revisions if deemed necessary	Meet prior to INABC meetings and present discussion and recommendations to the association	Committee	12/15/06
3. review the entire Executive Board section in By-Laws and suggest revisions if necessary	Meet prior to INABC meetings and present discussion and recommendations to the association	Committee	12/15/06

Committee Name: Licensure Committee

Committee Members: CJ Gallihugh (Chair), Kim Adkins (Secretary), Jane Ford, Jim Sanders (Board member), Ann Baloski, Sarah Schaefer

Mission: Enhance the profession of Behavioral Consultant through state licensing. To ensure consistently high standards, while working toward becoming the state organization representing behavior consultants with consistent standards of licensure, education, training, practice, advocacy, and ethics.

Committee Function	Action Steps	Who is Responsible	BY WHEN
Obtain state licensure	Step 1: Present packet to BDDS (through Gail Kahl)	CJ	7/1 – ultimate goal achievement determined by state
Review RBC application process	Put application steps in writing	CJ	7/1
Change RBC to include BCBA	Modify RBC application (through Rob Westcott)	CJ	7/1
Process RBC applications	Review submissions	Committee	On-going until state licensure obtained

COMMITTEE NAME CHANGE

In September, IN-ABC membership unanimously voted to change the name of the Licensure Committee to the Professional Credentialing Committee.

This committee meets at least six times each year. As the committee receives application packets (available from IN-ABC website) they are reviewed and eligibility is determined.

Refer to www.inabc.org for a complete list of behavioral consultants that have received designation as a Registered Behavioral Consultant.

We are on the Web: www.inabc.org

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IN-ABC MISSION STATEMENT:
THROUGH PROFESSIONAL ADVOCACY, SUPPORT AND DEVELOPMENT, IN-ABC PROMOTES EFFECTIVE, ETHICAL AND QUALITY BEHAVIORAL SERVICES.

Please mail to:

PROFESSIONAL LIAISON COMMITTEE

The Professional Liaison Committee is applauded for one of the best years ever of CEU presentations. The topics this year have been:

- "Enhancing your relationships with other providers amongst the interdisciplinary team (even the difficult ones)"presented by Trena Anderson
- "Social Stories as an Intervention Strategy" presented by Teresa Griebelbauer
- "Assessment of Dual Diagnosis—Ruling Out Mental Illness" presented by Dr. Steve Adelmeyer
- "Hydration/Constipation/GERD: Health risks that influence behavior" presented by Becky Smitha, OTR

IPMG Waiver Case Management - Indiana Professional Management Group (IPMG) began providing case management services to all recipients of the DD, Autism and Support Services waivers effective September 1, 2006.
IPMG can be reached at **1-866-672-IPMG (4764**)
IPMG's web site is: http://www.gotoipmg.com/