

Iowa Mental Health Counselors Association
March 30, 2007
Annual Board Meeting Agenda

- I. Call to Order – 12:45
- II. Acceptance of Agenda – moved and approved
- III. Approval of Minutes – approved by membership
- IV. President’s Report
 - a. Requested AMHCA to pay for leadership training registration
Erik Oostenink and Christy Royston are both attending the leadership conference in New Orleans and are looking forward to it.
- V. Treasurer’s Report
- increased income by \$350
- VI. Secretary’s Report
-nothing at this time
- VII. New Business
 - Annual conference July 26-28, 2007. Don Meichenbaum volunteered to give a free conference due to his support of mental health counselors. We are also thinking about doing a Midwest region conference next year. This would include thirteen states and we are looking for a core group of people to help plan a conference if anyone is interested. Next year the conference will be in the Western Region, either Colorado or San Diego. There is another bill for medicare for IAMFT and LMHC and came close to getting it last year. Please call medicare and ask for this bill to pass this year. House resolution is 1663 bill. Encouragement co-sponsor resolution bill # 1588. www.house.gov and www.representatives.gov if you want to e-mail. The parity bill is much expanded to include children and all the DSM diagnoses. This is being disputed whether to pass this bill or not so please ask for this as well.
 - Carol presented awards to members. Berdina Beech, PHD for her support to our organization. Carol; mentor so a real honor to be able to present it to her. Karen Cordes, LMHC for her many years of support and involvement in the board. Very poignant and honest comments about the legislation, etc.
 - We need to promote ourselves more. We need to get equal insurance reimbursement rates with LISW’s.

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- b. Activities for National Mental Health Counseling Week May 7-11?
 - Contact the newspapers and governors office asking for some recognition for this week.

c. Membership Update

* As of 3/27/07 we had 105 members. Free membership to students. There are about 600 licensed mental health therapists in Iowa that are active. Why aren't we getting more members? One person suggested an outline in a letter of what can membership do for me and how can I get involved? Bridget did a letter to be sent out. Members who bring in new members contest and they can get a prize. We are not reaching a big enough audience. Need to advertise at conferences like the Governor's Conference on Substance Abuse, etc. What is the best way to advertise to people? Newspaper, internet, mailing, etc.? What about a reminder to check the website?

- d. Goals for the association (future conferences, promotion of MHC's, etc.).
- e. Other new business?

VIII. Old Business

- a. Update on job database for website
- b. Next Newsletter – When? Who will contribute? Ideas for content?
- c. Report regarding Day on the Hill
- d. Other old business?

IX. Next Board Meeting – Saturday, June 9, 2007 at 10:00 at the Veteran's Home in Marshalltown.