

Iowa Mental Health Counselors Association
May 12, 2011
Annual Board Meeting Agenda Minutes

- I. Call to Order- 12:30 p.m.
- II. Acceptance of Business Agenda- agenda approved.
- III. Approval of minutes- Minutes approved
- IV. President's Report:
 - Kelly introduced all of the board members present and let everyone know the open positions we have on our board.
 - Kelly reported we would like to join with the Play Therapy Association in memorializing Carol Charles Rolff who passed away this year in purchasing a bench to give to her daughters.
 - Erik read the Children's Mental Health Week Proclamation signed by Governor Branstad.
 - We are working on getting a providers status ID from NBCC for conferences in the future.
 - We did send an email to all members about our new database and this process should be more streamlined when people renew their membership.
 - Our next newsletter articles are due May 16th but please feel free to submit articles for future newsletters.
 - Governor Brandstad signed into law SF233 which requires IME and Magellan to include licensed mental health counselors. The bill is effective on July 1, 2011 and the department must adopt rules to incorporate LMHC's into the plans.
- V. Treasurer's Report
 - As of bank accounts include a total of \$8,344.02. This does not include the conference expenses yet or paying our lobbyist for her services, which is \$5,000.
 - We paid \$400 to get IRS approval for 501 c 6 status.
 - We had our first annual golf outing this year which was very successful for a first year event. We made \$400 on this event.
 - Jim went over the Annual Golf Outing for this year, which is August 19, 2011 at Rolling Hills Golf Course, Norwalk. The cost is \$40 per person. See Isabelle or Jim if you have questions.
- VI. Lobbyist Report
 - Emily Piper our lobbyist spoke on what she is working on for us this year.
 - The senate is in session today but it will probably be early June before a budget decision is made.
 - She worked on the Medicaid reimbursement for all LMHC's and it goes into effect July 1, 2011.
 - Bill was signed recently for mental health records given to defendants in criminal trials to be more difficult to obtain. The judge would review the records in a closed setting and make a decision whether all or some of those records should be released.
 - Social workers are working on a loan forgiveness for those working on a low income state and that bill died. It resurfaced today but Emily will be challenging when there is money put into this fund it is not exclusive to social workers.
 - Another thing they are working on is some legislation that if they provide mental health coverage they don't only pick social workers, they include all therapy backgrounds, including LMHC's.
 - Continuum of care is another topic for children, how do we keep them out of PMIC's and how do we make sure they are successful when they leave and there will be small groups forming to address these issues.
 - There is some talk about redesigning mental health centers.
 - Bill 228 and 229 are also being re-evaluated by Mark Smith.
 - Renee Schulte is on our side and understands mental health issues so will advocate for leveling with social workers.
 - Erik announced that due to only three people signing up for legislative presentation he will just meet with people individually or they can attend a different presentation.
 - Erik brought up the CACREP approved programs and that not everyone has had to go through

these programs. Tricare is wanting to have a standard that only people who attended a 60 hour program at a CACREP approved program and taken the CMCC test will be approved as providers.

VII. New Business:

a. Goals for the association

b. Other new business

- People brought up that they would like the conference in April next year and we explained that due to Easter and Drake Relays and the social work conference it was moved to May this year.

- Poster presentations would be a way to get students more involved in our organization and conference attendance.

VIII. Old Business

IX. Next board meeting- Saturday, September 9th at 9 A.M. in Des Moines (Place to TBD)

X. Adjourn- 1:30 p.m.