

Iowa Mental Health Counselors Association

Board meeting June 21th, 2014 (9am) –

Attendees:

Kristy Johnson- (President)	Present
Don Gilbert (Treasurer/ President Elect)	Present
Amy Mooney- (Secretary)	Present
Christy Johnston- (Conference Chair Committee)	Absent
Kacey Peterson- (Government Relations Chair)	Present
Open Position- (Networking and Communication Chair)	-
Jessica Romey- (Member at Large/ Secretary Elect)	Absent
Carol Hinman- (Publication Committee Chair)	Absent
Susan Heitshusen - (Nominations Committee Chair)	Present
Chad Brownsfield - (Ethics Committee Chair)	Absent
Vicky Saulog - (Membership Chair)	Present
Heather Harris- (Website Coordinator/Public Relations Chair)	Present
Katie Blair - (Student Representative)	Present
Jessica Volk - (Student Representative)	Present
Stacy Papineau- (Member at Large Elect)	Present
Emily Michener-(Student Representative Elect)	Present
Jason Stark- (Website Coordinator Elect)	Present

Meeting started 9:00 am:

- Agenda approved vote brought forward, 2nd and approval of minutes -*Approved*
- Minutes approved vote brought forward, 2nd and approval of minutes- *Approved*
- Introductions: New Member Introduction
- President report:
 - Kristy discusses AMHCA logo on website.
 - Amy suggest website have left side tab. Heather will check with Jenni.
 - Applied for grant state chapter award. Carol applied for the grant. Discusses the growth in 2014.
 - Email list and phone numbers updated by board members.
 - Jenni updated our pricing for website. (270.00 per year as base). 60.00 per hour for changes. Kacey discussed the IMHCA grant from last year specifically targeted reduction of website cost.
- Treasurers Report:
 - Balance is 19,320.35 as of June 21th, 2014

- Conference brought in approximate 30,000\$
- Conflict of interest policy: 501C3 status
 - Need a new conflict of interest policy. Utilizing the state of Iowa policy with the foundation and has a financial interest. Annually sign policy. Sue discussed the by-laws. Email conflict of interest to all members. Amy Mooney made motion and second of Veronica – Approved

- Conference Report:
Christy is absent. No report.

- Legislative report & Licensing issues: Kacey
 - Gearing up for the 2015 session: Several legislative committees are using the interim to examine factors surrounding the state’s ability to establish adequate resources for consumers looking to access mental health services (especially in rural counties). There is also an examination of the fiscal oversight involved with the implementation of the integrated health homes and discussion on the effectiveness of those programs. While still in the preliminary phase of this process, key areas to explore include but are not limited to:
 - Identifying and eliminating barriers and that inhibit providers from being able to expand services into rural areas. This includes reviewing supervision requirements and reimbursement guidelines for temporary licensed providers, as well as the site application and approval process for expanding practitioners.
 - Seeking the same recognition social workers have under the law; allowing for equal opportunities amongst providers (highlighting areas of loan forgiveness and the ability to serve additional populations under the law).
 - The impact that the IHH model is having on access to referrals for smaller providers and the challenges that are arising that relate to maintaining healthy competitive markets based on federal guidelines.
 - Protection under the law to engage in the practice of Biofeedback as a Licensed Mental Health Counselor.

- A need exists for individuals to serve on the committee this session given the number of meetings and the level of outreach that helping to pass legislation requires. We discussed encouraging members to join this committee in the newsletter and possibly in an email from Sue.
- Discussion of health homes through Medicaid and Kacey possible conflict of interest with her agency and role as IMHCA legislative chair.

- Newsletter:
 - Carol requested for Newsletter parts for (July 7th to Carol) publication
 - Amy – will write up Golf Tournament 2014
 - Don- will write up about 501C3
 - Vicky –will write up on membership
 - Kacey- will write up goal for legislation
 - Kristy- will write up goal for legislation

- Membership:
 - Discussion of social media and increasing connectivity and communication.
 - Spotlight of members- will “hold” with spotlights until position is filled.
 - 77 members
 - 50 student members
 - 66 unified dues
 - 2 retired members

- Ethics Report:
 - No report at this meeting.

- Scholarship:
 - Email will be sent for voting

- IMHCA Board OPEN Positions:
 - Treasurer -

- Student Position-
- Marketing Communication Chair-
- Membership Chair -
- Legislative Chair –

- Golf Tournament
 - Volunteer sign up
 - Don discussed Golf Tournament
 - 72 players is a goal for tournament

Conclusion of meeting.

NEXT MEETINGS:

- **August 9th, 2014 -9am**
- **August 23rd -IMHCA 2nd Annual Golf Fundraiser in Ames, Iowa (Coldwater Golf Links)**
- **October 11th, 2014**