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**MIAC Public Meeting
August 3, 2015**

Minutes

MIAC Attendees: L. Barber, B. Carr, V. Copeland, L. Hill, D. Renay, N. Slater, L. Snider

Absent MIAC Members: Ronda Ames, Dayna Switzer, Debra Switzer

IPAS Attendees: D. Adams, D. Boes, G. Helms, M. Keyes

- N. Slater called the Public Meeting to order at approximately 1:35pm following the Executive Session.
- Members reviewed the minutes from the meeting of May 11, 2015. L. Barber made motion to approve minutes as written. V. Copeland seconded. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
- G. Helms discussed the Proposed Amendment to By-Laws. L. Barber motioned to use paper ballots when voting on nominations to the Council. V. Copeland seconded. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Members discussed the maximum number of members for MIAC. V. Copeland motioned that the MIAC member roster remain at 10. B. Carr seconded. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Members also discussed the need for diversity on MIAC and how to target areas that will address this issue.
- D. Boes discussed the review and modification of 2015 P&Os. He stated that we may have to modify PAIMI 205 if we don't hit target. L. Barber motioned that if the need to modify a P&O that we go ahead and modify it. V. Copeland seconded. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

- **M. Keyes responded to questions as to “how does IPAS get cases from the monitoring of state operated facilities”. She stated it was through actual site visits of the facilities and interviews with patients, their families, and staff. D. Adams responded to a question on “how much training do IPAS advocates receive in regards to how to interact with people with severe mental and/or developmental disabilities”? She stated that we are assessing the advocates’ level of training in this area, but asked if anyone is aware of training that they feel may be beneficial to the advocates, to please pass the information on to her.**

- **MIAC members discussed and decided on the following meeting dates for 2016:
February 1, 2016 (Monday) - 1:00pm
May 2, 2016 (Monday) - 1:00pm
August 1, 2016 (Monday) - 1:00pm
November 7, 2016 (Monday) - 1:00pm**

- **Development of Priorities & Objectives for 2016 – Members reviewed 2016 Proposed Goals & Priorities. D. Adams stated that we have received 235 responses to our survey. More details on this subject will be provided at the November 9, 2015 meeting.**

- **D. Adams responded to a question on “how IPAS does community outreach”? She shared that IPAS has partnered with Self-Advocates of Indiana in this effort. Additionally, she suggested having someone from Self-Advocates of IN attend a MIAC meeting to explain what they do and how MIAC may be able to partner with them in some capacity. D. Adams stated that MIAC members can submit ideas to IPAS for Goals & Priorities. D. Renay shared that she is currently serving on a committee to change the rules “code” on restraint and seclusion in schools. A MIAC member stated she would like to see IPAS do more with local hospitals to make patients more aware of their rights, because many don’t know they have rights.**

- **New Business – No discussion took place on this topic.**

- **Annual NDRN Conference – Several MIAC members discussed workshops they attended at the NDRN Conference in June and found them to be informative and worthwhile. L. Barber stated that she took part in a Webinar for the PAIMI quarterly which she found very interesting. Members discussed the definition of “Informal Removal” of students, which means students are dismissed from school without discussion of their offense or other options. No formal action is taken against the student, they are just sent home.**

- **Fiscal Report – Members reviewed the fiscal report. Questions were related to the timeframe for the spending of funds.**
- **L. Hill shared with members that “Night Out Against Crime” events are coming up and feels IPAS would be a good agency to have a table/booth at these types of events to make people aware of what we do. Possibly could participate next year.**
- **L. Barber motioned that the meeting be adjourned. V. Copeland seconded. Motion carried with a unanimous voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 2:55pm.**

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