

Indiana Protection and Advocacy Services  
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**MIAC (Mental Illness Advisory Council) Public Meeting  
November 9, 2015**

**Minutes**

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

Absent MIAC

Members: R. Ames

IPAS Staff: D. Adams, D. Deuth, M. Keyes

Guests: R. Walson (IPAS Commission Member)

1. The meeting was called to order by N. Slater at 1:35pm.
2. After review of the minutes from the August 3, 2015 MIAC meeting, V. Copeland motioned that the minutes be approved, as written. L. Barber seconded the motion. Motion to approve 8/3/15 MIAC meeting minutes carried by unanimous voice vote.
3. D. Adams opened discussions regarding completion of the annual federal report. She distributed a copy what the narrative assessment will include when report is completed. D. Adams stated she will e-mail MIAC members a "draft" of the report for their comments.
4. MIAC began discussions regarding renewal of terms for three council members and nominations for officer terms. By a unanimous vote of 8-0, MIAC terms were renewed for L. Barber, V. Copeland, and D. Switzer. Nominations were taken for the MAIC Chair and Vice Chair Officer positions. Both N. Slater and L. Barber's officer terms expire 12/1/15. Nominees for MIAC Chair were L. Barber and V. Copeland. **Results: L. Barber voted in as MIAC Chair by unanimous vote.** Nominees for MIAC Vice Chair were V. Copeland and L. Hill. **Results: V. Copeland voted in as MIAC Vice Chair with a 7-1 vote.**

L. Barber began discussion related to R. Ames' lack of attendance at MIAC meetings. D. Adams shared an email from R. Ames regarding her attendance. L. Snider made a motion that MIAC vote to remove R. Ames from MIAC; motion seconded by L. Barber. M. Keyes read the by-laws related to removing a member from MIAC. D Adams suggested waiting until 2/1/16 to vote since R. Ames term ends 2/1/16, and just not renew her term. Following further discussion, D. Renay motioned to remove R. Ames from MIAC immediately; B. Carr seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to remove R. Ames from MIAC. D. Adams will present to the Commission MIAC'S recommendation to remove R. Ames from MIAC. D. Adams suggested that MIAC members have a replacement in mind to serve on the Council.

5. New Business: M. Keyes gave an update on the IDOC case. A settlement agreement has to be approved by the Attorney General Office, then by the courts. Once the agreement is finalized, there will be a formal press conference in conjunction with the ACLU to reveal the final disposition of the lawsuit.

M. Keyes discussed a program that will be available for people with mental illness that have been in the prison system which will allow them to receive a number of services. \$10M is earmarked for this program for this year; \$20M for next year.

MIAC discussed 2016 meeting dates. L. Barber motioned that 2016 MIAC meeting dates are as follows: **Monday, February 1; Monday, May 2; Monday, August 1; and Monday, October 31.**

B. Carr seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

6. L. Barber motioned that the MIAC meeting be adjourned. D. Switzer seconded the motion. MIAC meeting was adjourned at 2:35pm.

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