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**Indianapolis Protection and Advocacy Services
Mental Illness Advisory Council (MIAC)
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**Public Meeting Minutes
May 11, 2015 – 1:30pm**

Members Present: N. Slater, L. Barber, V. Copeland, D. Switzer
Members Absent: L. Snider, D. Switzer, R. Ames

IPAS Staff Present: D. Adams, D. Boes, M. Keyes, G. Helms, M. Wickham,
D. Morris

Guests: B. Carr, C. Miller

1. N. Slater called the meeting to order at approximately 1:40pm.
2. L. Barber reviewed the minutes from the 2/16/15 MIAC meeting. V. Copeland motioned that the 2/16/15 minutes be accepted, as read. N. Slater seconded. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

L. Barber introduced Brian Carr who was attending as a potential member of MIAC. She also shared with the group some background information from his questionnaire. B. Carr discussed in more detail his background and work experience.

3. L. Barber motioned to accept two other candidates as new council members, who had previously attended a MIAC meeting, Dana Renay and Lael Hill along with Brian Carr. Council was reminded that the three prospective candidates first have to be submitted to the Commission for approval. Information on the three candidates will be provided to the Commission on Saturday, May 16, 2015 for their review and approval.

L. Barber motioned that Dayna Switzer be removed from MIAC due to her non-attendance at meetings. V. Copeland seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. D. Adams stated she will contact Dayna Switzer regarding this issue. L. Barber also suggested a letter be sent to Ronda Ames regarding her attendance. To-date, Ronda has missed three council meetings. D. Adams stated she will also contact R. Ames.

4. D. Boes began discussion on amending MIAC by-laws. L. Barber motioned that the maximum number of MIAC members be 10. V.

Copeland seconded the motion. G. Helms advised the Council that the proposal to change the by-laws has to be in writing to council members 7 days prior to the meeting for their review. Council stated that a proposal to change the by-laws as discussed will be provided to members before the August meeting.

- 5. G. Helms began to discuss the reformatted Quarterly Report, but deferred to D. Adams so she could discuss in greater detail. D. Adams asked for feedback from council members. She stated that highlights from a particular program can be added, if requested, to the Legal Director report. D. Adams stated she would like to publish a survey to all members to gather their feedback on the new report. She will discuss further at the Commission meeting.**
- 6. D. Adams discussed the 2016 Proposed Goals & Priorities. She asked the council to review and make any suggestions/changes to the new layout. R. Walson asked whether there is a tool for self-measurement that will show the success of our efforts. M. Keyes stated that the PPR (Program Performance Review) which is forwarded at the end of each year to the government will detail which programs were successful.**
- 7. D. Adams asked which council members are attending the June 1 -4, annual NDRN conference. She also needs to know who is planning to attend the Tuesday reception, including spouses/partners. Parking at the hotel is \$37/day but will be reimbursed for MIAC members. D. Boes stated he's still in process of working out parking logistics for conference attendees. B. Carr stated, if he is approved for MIAC, he would be interested in attending the conference.**
- 8. Miscellaneous: B. Carr asked the length of MIAC terms. Council stated that terms are for three years. D. Switzer stated there is a conference in October she would like to attend.**

Next MIAC meeting is Monday, August 3, 2015. Suggestion was made that we look at the holidays when scheduling the meetings for the year.

- 9. L. Barber made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by V. Copeland. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Meeting was adjourned at 2:35pm.**

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