



Minutes For  
August 11, 2010

# IARP

## Washington State Chapter

### Monthly Board Meeting

10:00 am to 12:00 am Auburn, Washington  
Meeting held monthly @ Rainier Case Management

**Mission:** *The Chapter endorses the Mission and Goals of IARP, which are to enhance the competency of private rehabilitation professionals, advance the professional field, improve the effectiveness of state level affiliates, and lead in the resolution of public policy issues that affect private sector rehabilitation. To pursue this purpose, the chapter will work in concert with IARP.*

#### 10 a.m. Call to Order

**In Attendance:** Craig Bock, President; Chris Fascilla, Sec-Treasurer; Board Members at Large: Catherine Parker, Bradley K. Ehrlich, Barbara Bengston, Marilyn Thomas and Ryan Guppy.

**Via Telephone:** Kari D'Aboy

**Absent:** Lisa Parker, President-Elect

#### Secretary's Report – Chris:

- The July minutes were reviewed by board members. Regarding the letter submitted by Craig, about the Department's change in travel mileage reimbursement, we added the name of the recipient, Bob Mayer. It was also recommended that a copy of the letter be sent to Rich Wilson with the Department.
- Craig moved that the July minutes be approved. Barbara seconded the motion and the motion was passed.

**Treasurer's Report –Chris:** Checking: \$16,633.90 Savings: \$17,674.73.  
Chris reported that we received our IARP debit card for the checking account.

#### President's Report –Craig:

- Craig explained that he received a phone call from Carl Gann about a grant that is being written to provide services through the "Share and Care Housing" project. The grant is being written by Charlene Hamblin. The services are to be provided to homeless men in the East Peirce County area. These services would like to include funding from outside organizations and pro bono vocational / job placement services. The board expressed an interest in participating in this project by way of disseminating information to its members to see if anyone is interested in pro bono work and/or making a direct financial contribution.
- Craig and Kari met with Dr. Polissar about his recommendation to the Department regarding the new vocational profile and the need to study the indicators before implementation. Dr. Polissar

advised IARP to approach the Department collaboratively. Dr. Polissar states that while it is important to do a study, his role is to offer opinions.

**IARP International Report – Barb:** The International IARP committee will meet on 8/12/10.

**Newsletter Report** – The next newsletter dead line is 8/31/10. We will promote the Fall Conference in this newsletter.

**Education Report** – There were 10 participants in the June CDMS test prep class. Kari will do some updating on the seminar before the 11/30/10 credentialing deadline.

**Membership Report - Marilyn:** Washington has 169 members. Total national IARP membership is 2,263, down 11 from 2,252. Nationally, there were 28 new members and 37 dropped.

**2010 Conference:**

- There is a change in speakers. Dr. Battaglia dropped out and he was replaced with Dr. Cooper.
- Update on vendors booths – 5
- Update on sponsors – 5
- Craig moved that we reimburse conference participants who travel 150 miles or more one way with a \$30 gas card. The motion was seconded by Catherine and past by unanimous vote.

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- Rich Wilson and Janice Orcutt gave an update on performance measures. There was discussion about funding a contract with Dr. Polissar to do a study of the performance indicators.
- There was discussion about ADM1 vocational outcomes. It was suggestion that certain surgical protocols should be defined to allow that the ADM1 voc closure be a neutral outcome.
- Concern was expressed about the Departments plans to move ahead with their New Vocational Profile implementation date of 9/25/10.

**VTSG – No Report**

**OLD BUSINESS: None**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- There was discussion about an apparent increase in the number of Vocational Plans that are being reviewed and rejected after initial submission. VRCs are reportedly receiving an increase in “P5” letters from the department. This issue is of particular concern since training plans being approved the first time is one of the new indicators. It is recommended that IARP initiate conversation with the department to determine exact criteria for submitting plans and recommending eligibility so as to avoid these rejections.
- Bradley received a call from rich Wilson wondering why IARP does not forward to its members VSS job posting under the “What’s New For Vocational Counselors” website. IARP does

forward other “What’s New” notices to members by e-mail. Rich was questioning the differentiation. It is the board’s opinion that such an e-mail forward would conflict with our current advertising policy, which states that we do not post job openings. Job postings may be placed through the National IARP Website ([www.Rehabpro.org](http://www.Rehabpro.org)) or the Washington Chapter Website ([www.wa-iarp.com](http://www.wa-iarp.com)).

- There was discussion about when to have another Spokane event. It was determined that the next Spokane event will be in the spring 2011.

**Next Meeting: September 8, 2010 - Hosted by Rainier Case Management – Thank You!  
815 E. Main St., Auburn, WA 98002**

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