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Happy New Year!

Lots of excitement as we begin the new year with four new board members, strategic planning, the wonderful activities possible under the Inglis Award, and the progress of the Brain Injury Caucus. More on all these throughout this newsletter.

Estelle Richman, former Secretary of Public Welfare, is now in Washington D.C. with the Obama administration. Harriet Dichter has taken her place and we have requested a meeting to discuss Estelle's 11/18/2009 promise of a Bureau for Brain Injury.

The response to our Annual Fund Appeal has been heartwarming—please join in with those listed if you haven't responded yet. Even a dollar will help us with our mission.

Please plan to come to a Leadership event this spring. I am sure you will enjoy meeting leaders in disability advocacy and hearing their inspiring stories. We must learn from them and empower our own community.

Barb Dively

ABIN-PA SCHEDULE

2010 Board Meetings (Phone in!)

Sundays 2-4pm on 1/10 (Potluck 4-6pm), 2/7, 3/7, 4/11, 5/16, 6/13 (Potluck), 7/11, 8/ 8, 9/ 12, 10/10, 11/7, 12/12.

(PH:1-218-862-1300, PassCode 127105)

2010 Newsletter Mailing Parties

Tuesdays 1-3pm on 1/5, 2/2, 3/2, 4/6, 5/4, 6/8, 7/6, 8/3, 9/7, 10/5, 11/2, 12/7.

SAVE THE DATE !

BUILDING A BETTER FUTURE 2010 Leadership Training for Survivors & Family Members

Saturday 9am—3pm

10am—Leadership for Change

11am—Cross Disability Panel

12—Lunch

1pm—Brain Injury Panel

2pm—ABIN-PA Peer to Peer
Training on Building a New Life

THREE LOCATIONS

4/17/2010—Liberty Resources

Philadelphia

4/24/2010—UCP / CLASS

Pittsburgh

5/8/2010—Giant Super Store

Camp Hill (Harrisburg)

Watch for registration forms!

\$10 per person

Scholarships Available

Sponsored by ABIN-PA through an
Inglis Foundation Award

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BOARD MATTERS

MEMBERS

Congratulations to our new board members: Maria Martin (Greensburg), Corinne Gries (Lansdale), Maureen Neve (Norristown), and Michel Florijn (Lansdale). Barry Childress (Schwenksville) was re-elected, while Pat Strenk (Telford), Steph Knarr (Reading) and Barb Dively (Lansdale) continue.

STRATEGIC PLANNING

Linda Collins will shepherd our Strategic Planning Meeting at the DoubleTree on Saturday, January 23, 2010, as part of our Inglis Award activities.

BRAIN INJURY AWARENESS MONTH

Dorene Pasekoff is coordinating a group effort to decorate Senator Dinniman's office window in West Chester with a safety helmet theme. Hoping to have a photo to share.

INGLIS AWARD UPDATE

Thanks to the Inglis Foundation, ABIN-PA now has: a new high speed printer with stapling and envelope attachments; a spare bulb for the projector; and a portable sound system. ABIN-PA has received board training from the LaSalle Nonprofit Center and now will hold a Strategic Planning Meeting with Linda Collins. For information tables, ABIN-PA now has tablecloths, display panels, promotional pens and magnets. ABIN-PA will also provide Leadership Training in April and May for volunteers, survivors and families.

PA BRAIN INJURY CAUCUS COMMITTEE UPDATE

By Michael J. Miller, Chair

MEMBERS

The collaborative effort between individuals with brain injury, the Brain Injury Association of PA, the Acquired Brain Injury Network of PA, the Disability Rights Network has expanded again. Joining the effort recently is the Pennsylvania Association of Rehabilitation Facilities.

NAME

The committee has adopted the name *The Pennsylvania Legislative Brain Injury Caucus Committee*, and is now developing a list of initial legislative issues that they would like to target for action.

HEARING OFFERED

In addition the committee has been informed that Representative Stevenson's office is planning a hearing for sometime late in January or in February. This offers us an exciting opportunity to present our story to members of the House of Representatives.

MARCH LEGISLATIVE DAY

Another activity being planned by the committee is a "Legislative Day" in Harrisburg. This is a day when we will encourage individuals with brain injury, their families and advocates to travel to Harrisburg to meet with their legislators to discuss issues of importance to them.

ADVERTISING RATES

SIZE	ANNUAL	TO YEAR END
Business Card	\$250	\$25 per month
Quarter page	\$350	\$35 (vertical)
Half page	\$500	\$50 (vertical)
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RESOURCES

(PDO = “PA Department of”)

Brain Injury Help Line—PDO Health
[1-866-412-4755](tel:1-866-412-4755)

Brain Injury InfoLine—ABIN-PA
[1-800-516-8052](tel:1-800-516-8052)

Brain Injury Resource Line—BIAPA
[1-866-635-7097](tel:1-866-635-7097)

Brain STEPS—school children—BIAPA
[1-724-944-6542](tel:1-724-944-6542)

Client Assistance Program for
OVR & CIL Complaints
[1-888-745-2357](tel:1-888-745-2357)

Consumer Protection—PA Atty. General
[1-800-441-2555](tel:1-800-441-2555)

Crime Victim Benefits—PDO Corrections
[800-322-4472](tel:800-322-4472)

Disability Rights Network
[1-800-692-7443](tel:1-800-692-7443)

Domestic Violence Hotline—Nat'l
[1-800-799-7233](tel:1-800-799-7233)

Head Injury Program—PDO Health
[1-717-772-2762](tel:1-717-772-2762)

Health Law Project—Public benefits
[1-800-274-3258](tel:1-800-274-3258)

Managed Care—Health Insurance
[1-888-466-2787](tel:1-888-466-2787) PDO Health

[1-877-881-6388](tel:1-877-881-6388) PDO Insurance

Resources for Daily Living—Inglis
www.easiresources.org

Self-Determination Housing Project
[1-877-550-7347](tel:1-877-550-7347)

Special Ed Consult Line—PDO Educ.
[1-800-879-2301](tel:1-800-879-2301)

National Volunteer Programs
www.nationalservice.gov

Voting Issues—PDO State
[1-877-868-3772](tel:1-877-868-3772)

Waiver Help Line—PDO Public Welfare
[1-800-757-5042](tel:1-800-757-5042)

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Suggested by Robin Gane

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Documentation is required such as: a statement by a licensed physician; a document issued by a Federal agency such as the Veteran's Administration, Social Security Disability Income or Supplemental Security Income; or a document issued by a State agency such as a vocational rehabilitation agency.

The pass provides access to, and use of, Federal recreation sites that charge an Entrance or Standard Amenity. The pass admits the pass holder and passengers in a non-commercial vehicle at per vehicle fee areas and pass holder + 3 adults, not to exceed 4 adults, at per person fee areas (children under 16 are admitted free).

The Access Pass provides a 50 percent discount on some Expanded Amenity Fees charged for facilities and services such as camping, swimming, boat launching, and specialized interpretive services. In some cases where Expanded Amenity Fees are charged, only the pass holder will be given the 50 percent price reduction.

The pass can only be obtained in person at the park. The pass is non-transferable and generally does NOT cover or reduce special recreation permit fees or fees charged by concessionaires.

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REHAB FACILITIES SERVING CHILDREN UNDER AGE 21

Facilities on this list serve children under 21—some state a minimum age.

- Acadia (18+) (13-17 day only)
Lancaster 1-800-694-3466
- Alternatives in Community Treatment
Malvern 800-622-1228 (18+)
- Beechwood Rehabilitation Services
Langhorne 215-750-4299 (18+)
- Bloom Outpatient Center
Neuroscience Rehab Center
Harrisburg 717-657-7520
- Bryn Mawr Rehab
Malvern 610-251-5411(16+)
- Crichton Center for Advanced Rehab
Johnstown 814-534-7900 (14+)
- Community Skills Program
(your location) 610-376-3380 (6+)
- Geisinger Living Unlimited
Harrisburg 717-526-2111 (0+)
- Geisinger Wyoming Valley Med.Ctr
Wilkes-Barre 570-808-7300 (14+)
- Good Samaritan Hospital
Lebanon 717-270-7500 (18+)
- Good Shepherd Penn Partners
Philadelphia 610-776-3100
- Good Shepherd Rehabilitation Hospital
Allentown 1-888-44-REHAB
- HealthSouth Geisinger Rehabilitation
Danville 1-800-232-8260 (14+)
- HealthSouth Harmarville Rehab Hosp
Pittsburgh 412-826-2716.(16+)
- HealthSouth Nittany Valley Rehab.
Pleasant Gap 814-359-5896 (16+)
- HealthSouth Reading Rehab Hospital
Reading 610-796-6314 (14+)
- HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital
Erie 800-234-4574 (13+)
- HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital
Sewickley 412-826-2716 (18+)
- HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital
Monroeville 412-856-2400
- HMS Sch. for Children with CP
Philadelphia 215-222-2566
- John Heinz Institute of Rehab Medicine
Wilkes-Barre 1-888-JH-REHAB
- Keystone NeuroRehab
Jeannette 724-527-5104
- Lancaster Rehabilitation Hospital
Lancaster 717-406-3034 (14+)
- Magee Rehabilitation Hospital
Philadelphia 215-218-3900
- Main Line Rehabilitation Assoc.
(your location) 610-280-0180
- Maple Farm Nursing Center
Akron, PA 717-859-1191
- Memorial Hospital & Skilled Nursing Unit
Towanda 570-265-2191
- Milford NeuroAdvance
Milford (difficult) 800-259-9050(18+)
- Milton S. Hershey Rehabilitation Center
Harrisburg 717-782-2730
- MossRehab Drucker Brain Injury Ctr
Elkins Park 1-800-CALL-MOSS (14+)
- Penn State Children's Hospital
Harrisburg 717-782-2730
- Penn State Hershey Rehab Center
Harrisburg 717-782-2730
- Progressive Health of PA, Inc.
Milford 570-296-5156 (16+)
- Success Rehabilitation, Inc.
Quakertown 215-538-3488 (18+)
- Susquehanna Health Rehab Services
Williamsport 570-321-2100 (18+)
- Susquehanna Health Systems Hospital
Williamsport 570-321-1000
- The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia
Philadelphia 1-800-879-2467 (0+)
- The Children's Institute
Pittsburgh 412-921-1489 (0+)
- U of P bgh Inst. for Rehab & Research
Pittsburgh 1-877-AT-REHAB
- VA Pittsburgh Health Care Systems
Pittsburgh 412-360-1471 (18+)
- Whitemarsh House Long Term Care
Flourtown 215-836-1846 (18+)

Newsletter Sign-Up, Donations & Tributes

ABIN-PA is dedicated to increasing public awareness about acquired brain injury and to providing support, education, information, advocacy and other services for individuals with acquired brain injury and their families.

DATE: _____ NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

STREET: _____ CITY: _____

STATE: _____ ZIP: _____ COUNTY: _____ SURVIVOR: _____ FAMILY: _____ OTHER: _____

EMAIL: _____

DONATION: Amount \$ _____ Check # _____ Monthly: _____ United Way: # 45813

IN HONOR OF (Name): _____ (Reason): _____

(Address): _____

IN MEMORY OF (Name): _____ (Family contact): _____

(Family address): _____

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