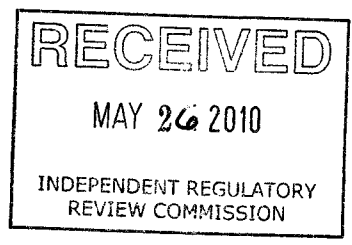


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May 25, 2010

IRRC Commissioners
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Dear IRRC Commissioners:

I am writing to convey the strong support of the Acquired Brain Injury Network for the Assisted Living Residence (ALR) final-form regulation.

The Acquired Brain Injury Network of Pennsylvania, Inc., a 501(c)(3) Pennsylvania nonprofit, is dedicated to increasing public awareness about acquired brain injury and to providing support, education, information, advocacy, and other services to individuals with acquired brain injury and their families.

- Our monthly newsletter has over 700 family, survivor, and community subscribers.
- Our website with 13,000 visitors includes 26 brochures, many PowerPoints, the state funded DVD on "The Challenges of Life After Brain Injury", a TV interview by Eric Forsyth, and our downloadable and highly acclaimed 24 page peer manual, "Building a New Life After Brain Injury: A Peer to Peer Training".
- Our recent 2009/2010 Inglis Foundation Award for Continuing Excellence funded three Leadership Training Events across the state and delivered a peer manual to 650 subscribers, among other benefits.
- Our volunteers arrange information tables, provide staff training, and participate in many state and nonprofit groups that are either cross disability or focused on brain injury.
- We receive about 1,200 information and advocacy calls per year from survivors, families, police officers, MH/MR case managers and providers, attorneys, psychologists, friends and other community members.

As part of our mission, ABIN-PA proposed the concept and language that was incorporated into the regulation that establishes Special Care Units for individuals with brain injury in ALRs. We were not just listened to by the Department but we were heard. Because of the transparency of the process, there will now be another option for those with brain injury about where they reside and where they receive services and support – an option for those who have been the most seriously harmed and broken by brain injury.

The Commission would do the residents of Pennsylvania a service by approving the ALR regulation.

Sincerely,

Barbara A. Dively
Executive Director

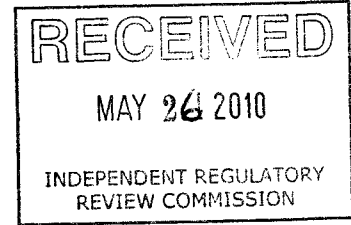
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The Acquired Brain Injury Network of Pennsylvania, Inc., is a nonprofit corporation with 501(c)(3) status. The official registration and financial information of the Acquired Brain Injury Network of Pennsylvania, Inc., may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll free, within Pennsylvania, 1 (800) 732-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement.

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Dear Commissioners,

Please find attached a letter of support for the Assisted Living Regulation from the Acquired Brain Injury Network of Pennsylvania, Inc.

Regards,

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