



## Utah Traumatic Spinal Cord (SCI) and Brain Injury (TBI) Rehabilitation Fund FY2013 Legislative Report

### Accomplishments

- The SCI and TBI Rehabilitation Fund Advisory Committee held three meetings in FY2013. A fourth meeting was cancelled due to lack of a quorum. Andy Curry was elected as Chairman.
- The Traumatic SCI and TBI Fund rule went into effect on December 18, 2012.
- Request for proposal (RFP) for distribution of SCI and TBI Rehabilitation funds to the 501(c)(3) charitable clinics were reviewed by the Committee, revised, and published on Bid Sync by State Purchasing on March 26, 2013.
- RFP applications were reviewed and scored by a review panel. Results were presented to the committee on April 19, 2013. The cost component was scored by State Purchasing.
- Five year contracts were prepared and awarded to Neuroworx and the University of Utah Sugarhouse Clinic. Standardized outcome measures were negotiated with each contractor. Each contractor received \$100,000 for services and \$50,000 for approved equipment purchases for Year One. Contracts were finalized in September 2013 and clients are currently being seen.
- Standardized outcome measures were negotiated with each contractor to obtain measureable data that is comparable across the contractors, in order to be able to report to the legislature on outcomes.
- Committee members were invited to attend the University of Utah Sugarhouse Clinic Open House.
- Contractors made presentations to the committee on their facilities and the status of rehabilitation.

“Clinical research shows that a person with a neurological injury has a better quality of life if they have access to the necessary therapy. Unfortunately, most won't be able to afford the type of therapy needed. That's why the the SCI and TBI Rehabilitation Fund is so vital. Without the services the fund provides, there will be increased costs for nursing care, accessory equipment, and medical care. Better outcomes create a much greater likelihood of a person returning to work, school, and family life.

- Dr. Dale Hull, Neuroworx - ”

### Overview

The SCI and TBI Rehabilitation Fund was established during the 2012 Utah Legislative Session (Section 26-54) as a restricted special revenue fund that consists of gifts, grants, donations, or any other conveyance of money that may be made to the fund from private sources; a portion (\$20) of the impound fee as designated in Section 41-6a-1406; and amounts as appropriated by the Legislature. The Legislature appropriated an initial allocation of \$200,000 for SFY 2013.

The fund shall be administered by the executive director of the Department of Health in consultation with the advisory committee. Funds shall be used to assist “qualified IRC 501(c)(3) charitable clinics” to provide physical, occupational, and speech therapy; and equipment necessary for daily living activities for people with spinal cord and brain injuries.

## Advisory Committee

The SCI and TBI Rehabilitation Fund Advisory Committee was created in Section 26-54-103 and shall be composed of five members.

### Members of the advisory committee are:

- David Patton, Executive Director, UDOH
- Representative Eric Hutchings
- Senator Curtis Bramble
- Nita Smith, family member of a TBI survivor
- Andy Curry, SCI survivor

## Rule Status

The SCI and TBI Rehabilitation Fund Rule was drafted and approved by the advisory committee. Draft rule was filed and posted for a 30 day comment period which closed December 3, 2012. No comments were received so rule went into effect on December 18, 2012.

## Contract Process Status

The request for proposal (RFP) for distribution of funds to the 501(c)(3) charitable clinics who “qualify” for the SCI and TBI Rehabilitation funds was drafted and approved by the advisory committee. The RFP was submitted to State Purchasing. The RFP was published on Bid Sync by State Purchasing.

Qualified applications were accepted, reviewed and scored by a committee. Results will be presented to the SCI and TBI Rehab Fund committee on April 19, 2013. State Purchasing evaluated the cost proposals. Five year contracts were drafted and initiated with NeuroWorxs and University of Utah Sugar House Clinic at the end of May 2013. Standardized outcome measures were negotiated for each contract. Each contractor received \$100,000 for services and \$50,000 for approved equipment purchases for Year One. Contracts were finalized in September 2013 and clients are currently being seen.

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