

Traumatic Brain Injury Fund Advisory Committee Meeting

January 15, 2009

Utah Department of Health (Room 201)

4:00 pm – 5:30 pm

MINUTES

Committee Members Present

Ron Roskos, Nita Smith, Adina Zahradnikova, Troy Roper

Committee Members Excused

Kari Peterson, Sandy Brooks, Elaine Pollock, Sara Sanders, Breanne Berg

UDOH Staff Support

Kevin Condra, Trish Keller, Missi Leak

Welcome

- Nita Smith called the meeting to order and welcomed the members to the meeting.

Approval of September Minutes

- Minutes were approved by committee.

Legislative Issues

- **Status of fund:**
 - The fund is “frozen”, meaning, the fund is still there but the money that the legislature put into it may be cut.
 - The website has been updated and notes that the one time appropriation to the fund has been placed on a budget cut list by the legislative fiscal analyst.
 - Private donations can still be made to the fund and we can spend anything that is put in from outside sources, just not the legislative appropriation (\$50,000).
 - By continuing the discussion and collecting data, we will be ready for future prospects.
 - Kevin will look at the web-hits and send the committee an update..
- **Other Issues:**
 - Legislature issues:
 - As citizens state employees can have a voice but all state agencies are prohibited from lobbying.
 - If State employees need to be on an advocacy list, send Ron a home email address.

Review Draft Brochure for Fund

- Kevin passed around the brochure.
- The committee looked it over and overall was pleased..
- Add: Will you help section, include that the fund has been frozen - here is how you can help.
- Kevin will send out the revised brochure and post it on the website.
- He will send it to the committee in both color and black/white.

Discussion of Committee Membership

- Dr. Sundwall has asked for the committee to continue.
- We need to send the list of candidates to Dr. Sundwall for approval and to provide names of a couple of survivors and a couple of professionals for replacements.
- Replacements probably need to be recommended for Sandy Brooks and Kari Peterson, since neither has been able to participate.
- Send suggestions of new committee members to be considered, with a brief description of each, to Kevin by Monday, January 19th.
- Kevin will send it on to Dr. Sundwall.
- Once a replacement is appointed, we can send a thank you, your services will no longer be required letter.

Meeting Schedule Monthly v. Quarterly

- Every other month was agreed upon for a meeting schedule.
- The next meeting will be in March.

Agenda Items for Next Meeting

- Legislative Discussion
- New Members Discussion

Next Tentative Meeting
March 19, 2009
Utah Department of Health
288 North 1460 West (Room 201)
4:00 pm – 5:30 pm