

# **Traumatic Brain Injury Fund Advisory Committee Meeting**

*October 14, 2010*

*Utah Department of Health (Room 125)*

*1:00 pm – 2:30 pm*

## **Minutes**

### Committee Members Present:

Nita Smith, Ron Roskos, Eileen Maloney, Elaine Pollock, and Ann Russo (via phone)

### Committee Members Absent:

Sarah Sanders, Natalie Whatcott, and Troy Roper

### UDOH Support Staff:

Sue Dubois, Trisha Keller, and Missi Leak

### UBIC Members Visiting:

Kris Dawson and Joyce Dolcourt

### Welcome & Introductions:

- Nita welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### Approval of June, July, and September Minutes:

- All three sets of minutes were approved.
  - Eileen motioned the approval and Ron seconded the motion.

### TBI Fund Logo:

- Ron reported Jason (a Vista volunteer) worked quite a bit on these draft logos. Is there anything we want changed?
  - The logos seem a little too busy.
  - The cleaner and simpler it is will be better for those with brain injuries to understand.
  - Suggested to take off the graphics and just have the state shape with letters inside, and the color blue fading inside the state.

### Update on Funding & Contracts:

- We are working on getting BIAU's contract amendment finalized.
  - They used all of their funding, and will be continuing efforts in resource facilitation with some additional funding.
- U of U has submitted some neuro psych bills and has spent approximately \$2,000.
- U of U should be able to get more done now that they have moved and have more people to help.

- It is easier to get U of U contract though because they are a sister agency to the UDOH.
  - Hopefully within the next month that will go through.
- Phoenix and BIAU contracts or amendments take a few months.
- The U of U Educational Assessment and Student Support Clinic under Dr Pompa is not doing a complete neuro-psych exam, they are providing a psychological/psycho educational evaluation (focusing on impact and a few other things) to get an idea of what services the participant needs in order for BIAU or Phoenix Services to be able to facilitate getting the participants into those services.
- Ann shared the IHC's model in working with people immediately after hospital discharge.
  - PT and OT Psych Screening Evaluation are done via telephone.
  - Computer system issues have limited their progress.
- Committee discussed changing the funds around to where there is some for those with more current TBI's, and some funds for those with longer/outstanding TBI's.
- Phoenix Services and BIAU will start to focus on referring clients with a more current TBI to the U of U.
- For this to happen, the resource facilitators (Phoenix Services & BIAU) will need to do contract amendments.
  - Trisha asked them to look at their existing contract and notify her of what needs to be changed, then she can get it submitted.

**TASK:** Trisha to let Nita and Ron know what she needs from them to get this option moving quickly.

- By January, the advocates at the legislature will need to know the amount expended.
- The position has been offered to fill Kevin's old position, but VIPP is waiting to hear back from the applicant.

#### Update on U of U Neuro-Psych Evaluations:

- The Educational Assessment and Student Support Clinic under Dr Pompa is willing to continue working with us.
  - UDOH will work on getting that in place.
- Committee suggested renewing services contract with Phoenix Services along with BIAU.

#### Update on Joint Sustainability Efforts with UBIC Members:

- Some UBIC members met with Representative Gowans.
  - He is very supportive of the Fund.
  - He was impressed with the information that both Ron and Nita gave him.
  - He thinks that there is national funding out there to help sustain this fund.
    - He suggested that he has contacts in Washington that he can bring in to meet with UBIC.
    - Committee would be pleased to meet with his contacts from Washington.

- There is money going towards research for TBI, is that the source of which he is thinking?
  - The U of U has not applied for any research grants.
  - They are focusing on what their next move is going to be.
- There is a class at the U of U - Department of Communications that is working on a fundraising strategy for the Fund.
  - They will be sharing their work with UBIC on October 22<sup>nd</sup>.
  - The Fund does not have funding to hire anyone to do fundraising for it.
  - It was noted that the committee doesn't want to tap into any of the resources that will take away from the BIAU or Phoenix Services.
- Nita shared that there has been some changes in the Banking Law.
  - There is now a regulation of Credit Cards produced by a business.
  - Each business that has company credit cards are now required to establish a bank.
    - Example: Since Target has credit cards, they now need to establish a bank.
  - Those businesses need to have community reinvestments of 3%.

**TASK:** TBI Fund and UBIC members need to talk to those "new banks" with need for community reinvestments to let them know how they can help the TBI cause.

- Kevin Bishop might have some contact with the Workers' Compensation Fund.
- A concern the committee voiced is that once the students come up with a plan, we will need to implement it.
  - Let's have it broken down into small bits, so that one person isn't overwhelmed.

#### Legislative Reports and Plans:

- Due November 30<sup>th</sup>.
- We submit the written report, and then post it online.
- A notice then goes out to all the legislators.
- Unless funding is requested, the legislators will not know that it is needed for the TBI Fund.
  - This year, the advocates plan to ask for funding for the TBI Fund.

#### Strategic Plan – Review and Next Steps:

- We will compile a summary of what has been accomplished under the existing plan and share it with everyone one at the next meeting.
  - Sue will put it into an action plan.
  - This will cover things such as what we are doing, when is it going to be done, etc.
- Hopefully this will be easier for the committee to read.

**TASK:** Trisha and Sue to send out a draft of the format changes to the committee to have them review it and send back their feedback with additions/changes, etc. to Sue.

Nominee's for New Members:

- Need a new survivor member to replace Cindy Wilmshurst.
- We need to submit at least 3 names to Dr. Sundwall.
  - Dr. Sundwall is the one that determines if this committee continues and he appoints committee members.
- Parents or spouses can also represent survivors.

**TASK:** Please send Trisha the contact information for any nominees and a paragraph about their qualifications or interest and why they would be an asset for this group.

- Whoever is appointed, we want them to feel needed and not like a token survivor.
- A professional member representative must be working at least 10 hours/week in the Brain Injury field and must be a professional.
- Ann has sent out a couple of emails to potential members for the committee, she is just waiting to hear back from them.

**TASK:** Nita will visit with members that have not been here in a while and determine their level of interest and commitment to continue.

Other Items:

- Draft will be sent out of the legislative report.
- There will not be a meeting in November, due to Veterans Day.
- Eileen motioned that we adjourn the meeting and Ron seconded the motion.

Agenda Items for Next Meeting:

- Legislative report status
- Strategic plan
- New member introductions

Next Scheduled Meeting

December 9, 2010

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1:00 pm – 2:30 pm