

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

*October 23, 2008*

*Utah Department of Health (Room 132)*

*4:00 pm – 5:30 pm*

## MINUTES

### Committee Members Present

Sara Sanders, Ron Roskos, Nita Smith, Adina Zahradnikova, Elaine Pollock

### Committee Members Excused

Troy Roper, Breanne Berg, Kari Peterson, Sandy Brooks

### UDOH Staff Support and Guests Present

Kevin Condra, Trish Keller, Missi Leak, Dr. Richard Melton

### Welcome

- Sarah Sanders welcomed committee to the meeting.

### Approval of September Minutes

- Change the spelling of Erin Biggler.
- Committee approved minutes with previously mentioned change.

### Overview of Contract Awards

- (3) applicants have been notified of their awards:
  1. IHC – contact emergency room patients with Brain injuries (ER Discharges).
    - Can reach approx. 20 people.
  2. Phoenix Services – resource facilitation through their existing system; they will make sure they don't double facilitate with BIAU.
    - Can reach approx. 80 people.
  3. BIAU – people who call into the association; use database to bring up file and track through that.
    - Can reach approx. 30 people.
- Getting contracts drafted, legal and out for review before signatures.
- Nita, Ron, and Trisha / Kevin – meeting on to discuss what we want in the report for the legislators. (How we want it to look; format; etc.)
  - Talk after this meeting for a time to meet next week to discuss.
- November 1<sup>st</sup> will be the starting date for the contracts.

### Discussion about Funding Priorities & Application Process

- Update from Sub-Committee
  - Sarah passed around the list from the sub-committee.
  - Discussed fund eligibility requirements and fund eligibility prioritization.
  - Changes:
    - Under Fund Eligibility Prioritization and the concluding paragraph:
      - “First priority shall be given to a candidate who requires a...”

- “Second priority shall be given to a candidate who requires an ...”
  - “...following the submission of a written application prepared...”
    - These are for resource facilitators
- One resource facilitator generates the main list (wait list) and gives to the others
- IHC will be doing the neuro-psych exams on all the ones that they serve.
- It would be nice to accommodate people according to their location.
- Nita will contact both Mark and Dave to see if they will help out with testing.
  - Get an estimate.
- This sub-committee can set the qualification of the medical doctor or whatever we want it to be interpreted as.
  - MD or PhD neuro-psychologist or psychologist.
- Everyone agreed that this should be the qualifications for professionals for this year.
- Nita will develop a written form or application.

### **Report to Legislature**

- A progress report is due November 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Kevin passed around a tentative TBI Fund Report to committee.
- Additions:
  - Ongoing efforts mention in the report to get funding.
  - Ways we have tried to get the word out; Website; BIAU Conference; Newspaper; etc.
  - Collaboration with Division of Human Services.
  - Come up with a story or two.
    - Nita is working on a story; Ron has a story too.
- If you have a story, please send it to Kevin or Trisha.
  - These are examples of what the fund can do.
- Is there anything that we can use for short-term for the report?
- New York tracks the TBI waiver with health and human services.
- Judy Avner – Director of the BIA in New York.
- Questions from the report:
  - If the resource facilitator for every dollar spent, they gain more in other services.
  - Resource Facilitator tracks the cash and does a list of how much money was saved.
  - Money reinvested (if mother goes back to work after), ect. Taxpayer’s money saved by this.
  - Resource Facilitator plan to track diversion – estimated cost savings.
    - Nita will make a form for estimated cost savings.
- We need to stick to the bigger picture when it comes to additional funding.
  - Legislatures do not look at state funded items as “savings”.
  - They look at non-profit as a “savings”.
- TBI victims are having a hard time staying employed.
  - There is a problem with other employees playing games with those who have brain injuries (saying they don’t have to work when they do).
  - Trying to get them back into work instead of having them un-employed.

- How do we obtain additional funding?
  - This may be a year where there is no additional funding available.
  - Rep. Gowan's told Ron that the TBI Fund was almost cut.
  - We need to make sure we have at least \$10,000 a year.
    - We need to find other community donors.
    - Come up with an outline, so we do not duplicate efforts in obtaining more funding.
      - NASHA is our best resource for getting an outline on funding.
    - Ron will call for examples in Colorado.
- If you have any other information to add or help Kevin with this, please email him.
  - Share this with Kris and Joyce to get ideas / feedback.
- Representative Ray is up for re-election, so he is hard to reach right now.

### **Agenda Items for Next Meeting**

- Nita doing written form for application.
  - Also doing a form for estimated cost savings.
- Update in legislative report – Kevin will develop a draft and have committee provide feedback.
- Debbie Headen's replacement - connect with him on when we are meeting and what to expect.

### **Other Items:**

- Ron and Representative Cosgrove- Formed a group for those who serve our country and come back with a brain injury (how are we taking care of them?)
  - BIAU finding what services are available and out there for them.
- Resource conference in June to be held.
  - Resource Booklet (first draft) will be introduced at the conference.
  - Also can be downloaded on the website.
  - Let VIPP know when it is on their website so we can link it.
  - Look through and send changes to Ron.

### **Next Meeting**

November 20, 2008  
 Utah Department of Health  
 288 North 1460 West (Room 132)  
 4:00 pm – 5:30 pm