

Traumatic Brain Injury Fund Advisory Committee Meeting

December 9, 2010

Utah Department of Health (Room 125)

1:00 pm – 2:30 pm

Minutes

Committee Members Present:

Nita Smith, Sarah Sanders, and Natalie Whatcott, Eileen Maloney (via phone)

Committee Members Absent:

Ron Roskos, Elaine Pollock, Ann Russo, and Troy Roper

UDOH Support Staff:

Sue Dubois, Trisha Keller, and Missi Leak

Welcome & Introductions:

- Sarah welcomed the committee to the meeting.

Approval of October Minutes:

- There were not enough members for a quorum to approve the minutes.
- Both October and December minutes will be approved via email.

Update on Funding & Contracts:

- Of the funding we have spent approximately \$21,000.
 - This is less than we hoped.
- We extended Ron's contract and gave him some additional funding (\$6,700).
- We reallocated funding to help both Phoenix Services and BIAU.
- UDOH have an agreement with U of U Neuro-Psychological/Psychosocial Department.
 - The University took indirect from the contract, so they didn't want to do another contract.
- They want to work on a case by case basis.
 - They are ready to take cases.

Update on Joint Sustainability Efforts with UBIC Members:

- Joyce Dolcourt has worked with a group of students at the U of U.
 - This group is learning marketing techniques.
 - Their group runs like a business and is called Absolute Communication.
 - Their mission was to prepare an advertising campaign that would work partly for prevention aimed at people their age.
- They are presenting today at the UBIC Meeting.
 - This falls under the Sustainability committee.
 - We are hoping that this campaign will generate money for the TBI Fund.
 - The students are probably going to turn this over to us and we will be in charge of implementing it.

- Joyce and Nita met with Representative Litvack.
 - Representative Gowans lost his re-election bid this year.
 - Representative Litvack is very supportive of us.
- Nita suggested that the committee members track changes in leadership.
- The 8 committees have been restructured down to 6 committees.
 - Committee members need to go to legislative website @ le.utah.gov Click on committees, and sign up for those listservs you are interested in.
- Sarah will take the lead for TBI Advisory Committee and Nita will step down as the co-chair to be the representative to UBIC for sustainability efforts.

Legislative:

- Report:
 - Trisha distributed a draft copy of the TBI Fund legislative report for everyone to review.
 - Committee looked at the draft and gave feedback to Trisha.
 - Overview
 - Accomplishments/Graph
 - Needs/Accomplishments
 - Bump the rest down
 - Add to Needs and Concerns section:
 - Suggestions: Insurance Barriers; Reimbursement fee with Medicaid issues/TBI Waiver; Outreach and the importance of it; Isolation and lack of support; People avoid asking for help because they don't want to hear no again; Suicide concern.
 - Nita gave Trisha a copy of her suggestions.
 - Please let Trisha know if you have any other suggestions/feedback concerning this report.

TASK: Trisha to make the changes to the document that the committee suggested. (Note: Report was revised and published to the website with a link sent to all the legislators.)

- Plans:
 - Making connections with all those new people.
 - Ron, Nita, and Joyce will spend time at the Capitol.
 - We really appreciate all the time and efforts that Joyce has made.

Strategic Plan – Review and Next Steps:

- It has been reformatted.

TASK: Sue to send out the newly formatted State Plan to the committee.

Other Items:

- Eileen received her letter and is now officially a member of the committee.

TASK: Missi to check on Troy since we haven't heard from him and that is unusual for him.

- Trisha to look at Nita's email about the new member she suggested.

Meeting Schedule:

- Next meeting to be scheduled in March, due to the legislative session.

TASK: Missi to send reminders to committee about meetings; schedule telephone conference lines for each meeting.

Agenda Items for Next Meeting:

- We will be discussing the same items of agenda as today's meeting.

Next Scheduled Meeting

March 10, 2011

Utah Department of Health

1:00 – 2:30 PM

Room 125

(Conference Line: # 801-521-3615)