

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

*September 18, 2008*

*Utah Department of Health (Room 132)*

*4:00 pm – 5:30 pm*

## MINUTES

### Committee Members Present

Sara Sanders, Troy Roper, Ron Roskos, Nita Smith, Adina Zahradnikova

### Committee Members Excused

Breanne Berg, Kari Peterson, Sandy Brooks, Elaine Pollock

### UDOH Staff Support and Guests Present

Kevin Condra, Trish Keller, Missi Leak

### **Welcome - Sarah Sanders & Nita Smith**

- Nita Smith welcomed the committee.

### **Approval of August Minutes - All**

- Minutes were approved from last meeting by the committee.

### **Update on Request for Proposals Submissions - Trisha Keller**

- RFP closed on the 10<sup>th</sup>.
- We received 3 proposals. They have been sent out to the reviewing committee.
- One of the proposals is for Acute Care Orientation (for follow-up and work with patient right after emergency room release).
- The committee wanted it to be more long-term, because it is “payer of last resort”.
- There will be people who are leaving the hospital that will need that level of intervention.
  - That might not be the best place to spend out neuro-psych dollars.
- Picture from neuro-psych doctor is different from the ER picture (more accurate).
- There would be cases that are severe enough but never receive post services because they don't really know what happened to them.
- Next week we will notify people of their awards.
- 6-12 weeks for the contracts to be in place.
- Sub-committee reviewing the contracts: Adina Zahradnikova, Elaine Pollock, Trisha Keller, Kevin Condra, and Rich Harvard (Health Care Needs in UDOH).

### **Updates on TBI Fund Website - Kevin Condra**

- Web hits to the page: Month of July we had 45 hits to the TBI Trust fund Page, August = 81; September = 43 (169 total).
- Advisory Committee page updated, Kevin reviewed it with Committee.
- If you would like any changes, let Kevin know.
- Timeline – Changed to committee's suggestions.
- Donations are tax deductible!!
- Helpful Links added. Only added non-profit organizations.

- TBI Waiver –all Kevin got was the administrative rules.
  - Sarah shared the direct link with the committee, scroll down to “Brain Injury” link for the waiver.
  - Kevin will contact Rolf and get the direct link for the webpage, so that we don’t have to search for it each time.
- Add <http://www.biausa.org/> (Brain injury Association of America).
  - NASHIA - <http://www.nashia.org/> - (Steve Rigly has ongoing communication with these people) – we need to let them know where we are.
- There are a couple of types of brain injury.
  - People who have injury from trauma or other means, not traumatic brain injury, just brain injury.
    - This matters to neurologists and those giving funding.
- Do everything we can to publicize it.
- Publicize the BIAU Conference.
  - Channel 4 is going to do an interview on Good News Utah about the BIAU conference.
  - A Deseret News reporter will be doing something about the BIAU.
  - Kevin will give a plug about the trust fund as a way that others can help.
  - BIAU has put it on the front page of their newsletter (the trust fund).
  - 2-1-1 website (Kevin will get the Trust Fund link to cross-link – find out both the Utah County website and the State website).
  - Add VA to website (contact Jennifer Rommeser)
    - Make sure they have a link on their website to the TBI Trust Fund site.

**Update & Discussion of Possible Neuro Psych Exam Providers - Kevin Condra & Elaine Pollock**

- Kevin has the list of providers that Elaine found.
- Passed around the list:
  - Janice Pompa/students (U of U)
  - Julien Smith (PCMC – availability to increase in January)
  - Sam Goldstein (SLC)
  - Jennifer Gayle (Park City)
  - Ann Russo (Cottonwood Hospital)
  - Dave Newbold (Layton)
  - Janice Jensen (on maternity leave – availability to increase in January)
  - Chrer King (Ogden)
  - Mary Hales (SLC)
  - Dave Nilsson (SLC & Idaho)
- Do we have a state contract with any of these?
- Trisha asked Medicaid about a Provider that they have – their response was that they are having problems with that they will contact us.
- If you would like to add anyone to this list, please contact Elaine Pollock.
  - Yana Suchy (U of U)
  - Aaron ? (BYU, IHC)
  - Mark Corgiat (Ogden)
- Janice Pompa may be with the University but not the Hospital.
- Students under the direction would be an adequate neuro-psych exam.

- They will have someone looking over their shoulder every step of the way. Also, these are graduate students that may get access to things those others psyches don't get.
- When looking at quality compare “apples to apples”, but credentials are going to be different.
- The advantage with working with the U of U – would be that we would not have to go out on bid, state agency to state agency.
- Have a contract with a couple of places (U of U and IHC), giving patient a couple options depending on their insurance agency and providers.
- Kevin will ask providers which ones only specialize with kids or adults. Also he will find out if they have a waiting list.
- Time vs. Variety? Which do you prefer?
- Almost all of the clients will need neuron-psych exam.
- Most people go to their physicians instead of a neuron-psych, and they won't go to one unless their physician recommends them to one.
- We won't be able to meet all the needs.
- We won't be paying for a neuron-psych exam unless we already had a resource facilitator look at the situation and determine that there is no other payer, and look to see if the person will benefit from it.
- What if someone is in the process of applying for Medicaid? We want to catch them before.
- Medicaid will not pay for a neuro-psych exam.
- If a person does not have Social Security, chances are they do not have Medicaid.
- If they don't have Social Security, chances are they are not going to get another payer.
- SSCI gathers the medical information that the client has.
  - If there is not medical information, they rely on the DDS Assessment.
- The people that pay them are those who do not want them to determine that it is a disability.
- We need a resource facilitator to make a decision on the medical records.
- Is there a condition for us to say that they do not need neuro-psych funding?
  - Look at the payer of last resort (they-those receiving contracts- have to be able to assure that there is NO other payer.)
  - Vehicle accident and someone is being represented by an attorney
  - Eligibly curve, neuro-psych is better done a year out. Look at it case by case.
- Help them find another facilitation if we are not able to fund them.
- The funding is just “a drop in the bucket, but at least it's a wet bucket!”

**Update & Discussion of Criteria to Consider for Neuro Psych Exams - Trisha Keller & Adina Zahradnikova**

- Kevin passed around Adina's list.
- Adina had posted a question on the TBI listserv, and she had 7 different responses.
  - Range from paying everything to paying nothing.
- Committee discussed handout.
- Adina will follow-up with some of these responses.
- Nita liked how Texas spelled out their exams.

- It looks like a theme, they get a referral from their doctor, and then they get some trust fund monies.
- Adina has a list of how much each trust fund in other states has.
- Some states don't have to worry about a TBI trust fund, because Medicaid provides it for them.
  - We are talking about people who don't have insurance.
- We need to get the criteria referral from the resource facilitator.
- Have the contractor do everything they can to make sure that there is no other provider.
- Committee will follow-up with the resource facilitator to make sure they didn't have anyone else to go to.
- Easier if there is a set of priorities, and a resource facilitator, then the committee to review cases can go in and say yes or no, etc.
- Committee for reviewing cases:
  - Nita Smith, Adina Zahradnikova, Ron Roskos.

**Agenda Items for Next Meeting - All**

- Committee that will be reviewing case by case.
- Kevin responsible to talk to Rolf (waiver on webpage) and Steve with NASHIA.
- Reports from other states that they have made to give back to their legislators (look at New York's). If anyone runs across any, please send them Kevin's way, he would like to get some ideas from other states.
- Talk to the legislative fiscal analyst (Debbie) to find out the format the legislators like their reports in.
- Nita to talk to Representative Ray on Saturday.
- Troy showed the committee a flip chart for the bus. This chart shows the driver what bus the person is looking for. If you know of anyone that can use them, UTA has them available.

Next Meeting

October 23, 2008  
 Utah Department of Health  
 288 North 1460 West (Room 132)  
 4:00 pm – 5:30 pm