

Vermont Traumatic Brain Injury Advisory Board

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TBI Steering Committee Meeting

November 30, 2010

Weeks Building, Waterbury, Vermont

Present: Marsha Bancroft, Maureen Mayo, Glen McClintock, Trevor Squirrel, Erin Weaver
Note taker: Jane Culver

Minutes from previous meeting - overview

- Minutes from previous meeting reviewed and accepted.

BIA-VT Update

- The Annual TBI Conference
 - The conference was successful and 385/390 attended. Over 400 registered.
 - There were a record number of exhibitors.
 - A silent auction was added this year which generated close to \$2000 and was a fun event.
 - More people have asked to be on the planning committee which will start meeting in January.
- NRF Program
 - There have been 8 to 10 new NRF applications since the TBI Conference. As the program grows some issues need to be addressed:
 - NRF designed to be short term. How do people graduate or become inactive?
 - Procedures for NRF boundary setting?
 - How to differentiate NRF services from case management services?
 - Need to be working with more veterans.
 - John Swartz is leaving the Southeast NRF position.
 - New England Brain Injury collaborative contacted Trevor to create a template around vets going back to school in Vermont. There are pilot programs in NH and MA which interface with colleges around Veterans and PTSD. Community College of Vermont has Veteran outreach counselors that would be a good contact to approach about helping vets access further education.
- Legislation
 - Return to Play legislation is in good shape – everyone is on the same page. The bigger issue is how to take the legislation and address the issue of youth sports with the schools and also how to address the issue of youth sports for groups that use school facilities. This could become a problem with schools not letting outside youth groups use their facilities.

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- Working to introduce getting the TBI Trust Fund funded. Looking at this being a 2 year process.
- School concussion legislation passed in several states is having a good affect but sometimes legislation is being ignored on the local level. Vermont will need to have local level educational outreach. We may consider doing a pilot in 2 or 3 different districts to work out issues before full implementation.

Disability Rights Vermont Update

- The Executive Director has taken over as Interim Director for Vermont Coalition for Disability Rights
- They are getting intakes for people having long standing TBI.

State TBI Program Update

- Over budget even with a \$700,000 adjustment.
- The program now has a funding committee that will approve all new TBI waiver clients.
- Two new waiver clients were part of the NRF system and are now on the State TBI program.
- There have been many new TBI applications.
- Currently there is only 1 person on the wait list.

Update on TBI Needs & Resources Assessments

- There have been 109 responses so far. The aim is for 200 responses.
- Still hoping for VR and DAIL input.
- Should remind the Advisory Board to take the survey.

Overview of Agenda for next TBI Advisory Board Meeting

- Cover mission and vision.
- Linda King will do presentation around youth.
- Basic updates
- Take survey – all board members
- Add schedules for next year
- Suggestions for training for 2011
 - A TBI Provider, such as Northwest Counseling Services could present on how they provide TBI services.

Meeting adjourned at: 11:12 AM
Respectfully Submitted,
Jane Culver, TBI Grant Assistant

Next Steering Committee Meeting:

Tuesday, February 22, 10 A.M. – Noon
Weeks Building, 2A Porch