

# Vermont Traumatic Brain Injury Advisory Board

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## TBI Steering Committee Meeting December 1, 2009 Weeks Building, Waterbury, Vermont

Present: Glen McClintock, Erin Weaver, Marsha Bancroft, Trevor Squirrell  
Notetaker: Jane Culver

### Introductions/Announcements

- The Earmark Grant had been approved.
- The minutes from the September 8, 2009 Steering Committee Meeting were reviewed and approved.

## BIA-VT update (Trevor)

### **TBI CONFERENCE**

- People noted that it was the best TBI conference they've attended.
- Jennifer Fields presentation was very well received.
- Tim Feeny got rave reviews – may be a good keynote speaker for next year.
- The Survivor panel was strong.
- Evaluations from participants were strong positive with a few not.
- 380 registrations - around 365 actually attended.
- Sponsor revenue up was up, but overall revenue was down a few thousand from last year.
- The BIA-VT gave out 87 scholarships and only 54 were given last year. The BIAVT had previously decided that they would not refuse any scholarship applications.
- Conference fees remained the same as last year and the BIA-VT will look at raising prices next year.
- Logistics at the Sheraton worked out well.
- May consider a mental health / social work track for future conferences.
- Some thought there were too many tracks / break outs. May consider cutting down the last session, perhaps something at the end in the afternoon for consumers sponsored Pride, Lenny Burke
- Everyone on the planning committee wants to come back next year, but the BIA-VT would like to add members from social work and mental health fields.
- The next TBI Conference is scheduled for November 2, 2010 at the Sheraton

### **OTHER NEWS**

- NASW Veteran training went well and it was good to see connections that hadn't been made before.
- Trevor attended the Military Civilian Cooperative Conference in RI which had many evidence based presentations.

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- ADRC partners are working with BIA-VT and they are moving forward on a v centralized database with REFER software.
- Trevor attended the New England Cooperative meeting in Devens, MA.
- The BIA-VT may form a partnership with the BIA-NH and the BIA-VT Maine to utilize the services of Sue Tidd who is currently the Development Director for BIA-Maine.

### **TBI State Program update Erin**

- Funds are limited and the program is frozen. The program is in the red because the budget was reduced by \$200,000 at the beginning of the year
- Currently moving 1<sup>st</sup> client from corrections on furlough to services in Morrisville area. Corrections paying for him to come on to program until beginning of the year. Will be with Sterling Area Services.
- Erin is working with providers to convert over to a web based system for reporting / records. 1<sup>st</sup> state to mandate web based
- Interviews are happening next week for Lorraine's position.
- Lorraine and Erin will be co-chairing NASHIA/NABIS conference next year.
- HRSA leadership conference in Bethesda MD in March and Glen on planning on presenting on NRF.
- HRSA Grant Application is very competitive – 16 applicants for 3 grants.

### **Advisory Board Leadership**

- Seek representation from Mental Health, Corrections, veterans, or clinicians.
- Margaret Higgins is not on Board anymore and Joy Barrett might be a good replacement.
- Reach out to TBI parents / spouses family members.
- Conduct outreach at Conferences
- Consider representatives from Vet to Vet

### **Advisory Board Agenda**

- Include purpose of Advisory board
- Review mission and vision
- Explain training grant.
- Explain collaboration between State / BIA-VT/ 3<sup>rd</sup> legged stool
- Review how we've spent grant money so far.
- Review plans for new funding and possible collaborations
- Ask Board to think about who would be valued members of the TBI Board (recruitment goal?)
- Review Responsibilities as members
- Possible members Sheila Maynard, Bob Degeus from Parks and Forests (Glen or Marsha) will invite him to the Advisory Board, Eleanor Yahn and her husband may consider at a later time (Trevor will contact).

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Meeting adjourned at 11:25

Respectfully submitted,  
Jane Culver  
TBI Grant Assistant

### **Upcoming Meeting:**

TBI Advisory Board Meeting

Tuesday, February 2, 2010 (9 A.M. – Noon)

Stanley Hall Room 100