

# Vermont Traumatic Brain Injury Advisory Board

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**Traumatic Brain Injury Program**  
Vermont Agency of Human Services

**TBI Steering Committee Meeting**  
**January 26, 2010**  
**Weeks Building, Waterbury, Vermont**

Present: Marsha Bancroft, Maureen Mayo, Glen McClintock, Trevor Squirrell, Al Urpsis, Erin Weaver  
Notetaker: Jane Culver

Minutes from previous meeting reviewed and approved with changes.

### BIA-VT update

- Jess has resigned to continue her studies towards a Masters degree. Barb has picked up her administrative duties.
- Part time NRF position in Washington County may become a full time position by adding ½ time office work. There are two strong finalists.
- The outreach person may also provide tech support to the NRF program.
- Legislature in session – Bill H 467 proposes incrementally higher point system penalties for different degrees of speeding on Interstate highways and imposing enhanced penalties on super speeders with proceeds to benefit the Vermont Traumatic Brain Injury fund
- Other legislation in the house - George Till of Jericho, has drafted a bill concerning school sports and concussion which would require that all coaches have training around the impact of concussion in sports. It would establish policies and protocols. The bill also addresses educating parents and athletes. The Vermont Principals Association supports the bill.
- The New England Collaborative group is coming together to look at and prioritize challenges that all the states share across and where they might collaborate.
- TBI conference planning - 1<sup>st</sup> planning meeting is on January 28<sup>th</sup>. It would be good to have a TBI provider on the planning committee.
- Walk for Thought June 19, 2010. Sue Tidd formerly of BIA ME is helping with this.
- The NRF Program is currently serving over 30 clients. The program is starting to build. There have been over 50 applications.
- New BIA-VT Board members include: Linda King, Miriam Monahan, and Lorraine Wargo.

### TBI State Program Update

- The Program remains frozen. Current State budget cuts do not include TBI.
- The Program can not approve anyone to come on the program without the Commissioners permission.

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## Traumatic Brain Injury Program Vermont Agency of Human Services

- Moving first individual out of corrections into the TBI Program. He is doing well.
- Probation and Parole continue to want training and education around people with brain injury.
- Current focus is on the web based system for all TBI providers for electronic submittal of client documentation.
- Mary Beth McCaffrey has taken Lorraine Wargo's position as DDAS Director.
- Glen and Erin are going to a grantee meeting in Bethesda in March.
- Switch to Daily Rate January 1, 2010 has made billing more flexibility for providers.

### TBI Grant Update

- Current HRSA grant ends April 1, 2010.
- Earmark is signed and out to Joint Fiscal for 30 days.
- HRSA Grant reapplication 13 applicants only 3 will be awarded. Decision has been made and will be announced soon.
  - It would help with training.
  - The training collaborative would be coordinated by BIA VT.
  - There would be training modules on line.
  - Work with DCF, Corrections to integrate TBI Training into the existing culture and language of those service organizations.
  - Needs Reassessment and State Action Plan.
  - Strategic plan to form a TBI registry.

### Overview of Agenda for Advisory Board Meeting

- Vote on new members
- Leadership nominations and vote
- Explain 3 legged stool – State / BIA-VT / Advisory Board.
- Add an activity after the break to encourage members to get to know each other.

### Outline goals and objects for 2010

- Discussed goals and focused on Board outreach.

Meeting adjourned at 11:36

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