

# Vermont Traumatic Brain Injury Advisory Board

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## Traumatic Brain Injury Program

Vermont Agency of Human Services

### TBI Steering Committee Meeting

September 7, 2010

Weeks Building, Waterbury, Vermont

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

### Introductions/Announcements

- Glen and Erin will attend the NASHIA & NABIS Brain Injury Partnership Conference in Minneapolis at the beginning of October.
- Al Urpsis has moved to Minnesota. The new Quality Assurance Manager is Paula Black.
- Minutes from previous meeting approved and accepted.

### BIA-VT Update

- Walk for Thought event in June was very successful. This year it was moved to a web based process. The walk made close to \$18,000. Sue Tidd from Maine helped organize the Walk.
- The TBI Conference brochure is out and Trevor is pleased with the program. There are new exhibitors this year. The conference is coming together well.
- Burton/Kevin Pearce collaborative project was good PR and resulted in additional funding for the BIA-VT
- NRF organizational changes and additions:
  - John Swartz is the new NRF in the Southeast
  - Joe Nusbaum is the new job developer.
  - Next area for NRF coverage - NE Kingdom
  - Vet outreach person - interviewing for this position
- ADRC project is moving forward. Moving to Refer software which is a web based set up to do call management and share resources with VT 211, VCIL, AAA.
- Education and training outreach is reaching lots of people.
- Concussion and Sports Bill got through resistance in the legislature. Trevor met with all Fletcher Allen doctors and they are working through the wording of the bill. The hope is to get it passed during the next legislative session.
- Vermont Principals Association has sports concussion training on line. The National Federation of Sports now mandates that all school coaches must take the training every two years. CDC also has an online training – Youth Sports Training on the CDC web site.

### Disability Rights Vermont Update

- Barb Winters and Marsha Bancroft spent a day at the VA. They got a lot of interest.
- The VA will have a table at this year's TBI Conference.
- The BIAVT is getting calls from the VA for referrals.

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- Erin, Glen and Merle are meeting with the VA Medical director around the VA self directed services initiative. The meeting will set priorities, next steps, and options.

### **State TBI Program Update**

- Last year the TBI program was \$338,000 over budget.
- There is a continued need to grow as there is a large unmet need for people not being served on the State TBI waiver program.
- NRFs advocating for services has been very helpful.

### **Update on TBI Needs & Resources Assessments**

- Seven people have taken the provider survey and seven have taken the survivor survey.
  - Trevor will have the BIA-VT Board take the survey.
  - Revision is needed on 1<sup>st</sup> page. It has too much information.
  - The challenge will be how to distribute the survey.
  - Provide assistance for people to take a print version.
  - The survey will run from October 1st through the end of November.

### **Overview of Agenda for next TBI Advisory Board Meeting**

- Present the TBI history time line and give an update and overview with background information on TBI program.
- Develop a marketing approach that helps people understand the issues around TBI.
- Develop a strategy for distribution of the Needs Assessment survey.
- How to reach out and distribute the survey to providers and survivors.
- Collect email addresses at the conference then send a reminder and link to the survey.
- Have support groups play a role in distributing and taking the survey. BIA has contacts for support groups.
- It's important for hospitals, acute rehabs, and social workers to take the survey.
- Involve the Advisory Board. Ask who they are connected to and have them help get their contacts to take the survey.
- Distribution is key
- Ask for input on a final version of survey. Work on making it more user-friendly.
- Give background of where we got the survey

Meeting adjourned at: 11:22

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jane Culver  
TBI Grant Assistant

### **Next Steering Committee Meeting:**

Tuesday, November 30, 2010 10 A.M. – Noon  
Weeks Building, 2A Porch