

Virginia Brain Injury Council Meeting
Meeting Minutes DRAFT
October 23, 2009

Members Present:

Kelli W. Gary, Ph.D
Jason Young, MSW
Karen Brown
Services, Inc.
Theresa Ashberry
Michelle Witt
Providers
Jeff Carpenter
Gerald Showalter
Brian Shenal, PhD
Center
Jenny Toth
Scott Bender, PhD
Linda Redmond, Ph.D.
Disabilities
Patricia Goodall, Ed.S
Rehabilitative Services
Anne McDonnell, MPA, OTR/L
Leigh Wion, CRTS
Tori Harding, MBA, MS CCC/SLP

Survivor
Community Futures Foundation
Proxy for Lisa Garver, Brain Injury

Family Member
VA Alliance of Brain Injury Service

Survivor
Woodrow Wilson Rehabilitation Center
Salem Virginia Veterans Administration

Brain Injury Association of America
University of Virginia
Virginia Board for People with

Virginia Department of

Brain Injury Association of Virginia
High Street Clubhouse
Lakeview Healthcare Systems

Members Absent:

Carole Norton, Ph.D.
Mark Salisbury
Terry Miles
Julie Triplett
Advocacy
Russell Payne

Paul Sharpe, RN, NREMT-P

Nancy Bullock, RN

Alan Towne, MD, MPH
University

Professional
Family member

Survivor
Virginia Office of Protection and

Virginia Department of Mental Health,
Mental Retardation & Substance Abuse
Services

Virginia Department of Health, Office of
Emergency Services

Virginia Department of Health, Office of
Children/ Youth with Special Needs
Virginia Commonwealth

Other in Attendance:

Daniela Ghadia, MD
Kristy Joplin
Heather Long
Kristie Chamberlain

Building a Bridge
Brain Injury Association of Virginia
Brain Injury Association of Virginia
DRS, Staff to the Council

Martha Meade
Program
Jim Gosney, MD
Christine Grauer
Michelle Nichols

Virginia Wounded Warrior

Virginia Commonwealth University
Defense Veterans Brain Injury Center

CONVENING OF THE MEETING

The Virginia Brain Injury Council meeting was called to order at 1:10 by Kelli W. Gary, Ph.D., Vice Chair. Members and guests introduced themselves.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the July 24, 2009 were distributed and reviewed. Three minor grammatical errors were pointed out, Kristie Chamberlain; staff to the Council will make those corrections on July's meeting minutes. **Anne McDonnell made a motion to accept the minutes as amended, Brian Shenal seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**

Meeting Agenda: Two changes to the agenda were noted. Commissioner Rothrock will not be in attendance at today's meeting and Kristy Joplin from the Brain Injury Association of Virginia will be giving the TBI grant update. **Jenny Toth made a motion to accept the agenda as amended, Teresa Ashberry seconded. The motion passed unanimously**

Public Comment:

A public comment period was offered, however, no public comment was given during the Public Comment period.

New Business:

Virginia Alliance of Brain Injury Service Providers Legislative Agenda:

Michelle Witt updated the Council on the Alliance's legislative Agenda. She stated the Alliance made a motion to support the Brain Injury Association of Virginia's (BIAV) legislative agenda for the upcoming legislative session. Anne McDonnell stated that BIAV's legislative agenda will include a request for a legislative study to be done by the Joint Legislative & Audit Review Commission (JLARC) to look at the acute care, crisis, hospital discharge, and nursing home placements for persons with brain injury in Virginia. The Alliance is also current pinning down a date for Brain Injury Awareness Day at the General Assembly. It looks to fall sometime in February 2010.

The Brain Injury Association of Virginia is conducting a training geared towards brain injury providers on the mental health system in Virginia on March 26, 2010. More information will be forthcoming.

Linda Redmond from the Virginia Board for People with Disabilities brought up a current workgroup looking at persons with serious mental illness and the criminal justice system in Virginia. The Virginia Mental Health/Criminal Justice consortium is headed by Victoria Cochran of the Department of Behavioral Health and Development Services (DBHDS) and is looking at ways that persons with serious mental illness can be identified and receive appropriate treatment before entering the criminal justice system. Discussion ensued on how persons with brain injury might also fit into this workgroup. **Kelli W. Gary, Ph.D. made a motion for Patti Goodall to contact Kathy Hayfield, DRS (who is a part of this workgroup) to get further information on the current jail diversion workgroup and report her findings back to the VBIC. Scott Bender seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

Old Business:

Nominations and Elections Committee:

Tori Harding updated the Council on the Nominations and Elections committee work to fill the Officer positions. The Nominations and Elections committee requested nominations for Vice Chair and Secretary positions in August. The committee received a total of 5 nominations for the two positions. Kelli W. Gary, Ph.D. had 3 nominations for the Vice Chair and Jason Young had 2 nominations for Secretary. The slate was formally presented to the Council. **Anne McDonnell called the nominations to a vote. The slate passed unanimously.**

Federal TBI Act Grant Update:

Patti Goodall and Kristy Joplin provided an update on Virginia's Federal Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Grant. A written update of the first and second quarter of the first year of grant activities was presented and discussed with Council members. The Department of Rehabilitative Services (DRS) is the lead agency on the grant and a subcontract is held with the Brain Injury Association of Virginia (BIAV) to carry out many of the grant deliverables. DRS is in the process of hiring a staff person to carry out the grant activities and BIAV has recently hired Kristy Joplin to carry out BIAV's related grant activities.

State Agency Report Out Day Summary:

Kelli W. Gary, Ph.D. gave an update on the State Agency Report Out Day which was held in July 2009. Eighty individuals registered for the event at the Science Museum of Virginia in Richmond. Of the 80 individuals that registered, about 65 were in attendance that day. Feedback from those who participated was positive. The only negative feedback seemed to be the acoustics of the room. The Council members discussed holding the event annually and due to the feedback on the acoustics, finding an alternate location.

Brain Injury Action Plan 2009-2013 "Executive Summary":

A summary of The Brain Injury Action Plan was given at the State Agency Report Out Day. The full executive summary is available on the Department of Rehabilitative Services (DRS) Website and the full action plan is still in the process of being completed. The target date for the completion for the full action plan is January 2010. A copy of

the executive summary of was distributed to the Council. Additional copies can be requested by contacting Patti Goodall or Kristie Chamberlain at DRS.

Other Old Business:

Kelli W. Gary questioned how we could better synchronize the terms of the Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary. This issue was discussed at the latest by-laws committee and no changes were recommended by the committee.

Changes to Brain Injury Funding Language:

Patti Goodall and Jason Young updated the council on some applicable changes that were made by the Department of Rehabilitative Services (DRS) Commissioner Jim Rothrock to clear up outdated language concerning funding in the Virginia's code for brain injury. The Commissioner suggested that the Council look at a formula for distribution of new brain injury funding, similar to how the Employment Services Organizations (ESO's) and the Centers for Independent Living (CIL's) have developed new funding formulas. Discussion ensued on this and the upcoming gubernatorial election. Patti Goodall is going to clarify the Commissioner's thoughts and timeline on this issue and report back to the Council as to whether the Council should develop a workgroup to further study funding formulas.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting is January 22, 2010 from 1-4 at the Department of Rehabilitative Services offices in Richmond. Kelli W. Gary, Ph.D. adjourned the meeting at 3:25.