

Council Members Present

Nan Kennelly, David Biberdorf, Shannon Cook, Jean Herauf, Austyn Kloehn, Sarah Ring, Representative Dick Anderson, Skipp Miller, Cheryl Hess-Anderson, Denise Harvey, Tami Conrad, Janna Pietrzak, Nicole Brunelle, Kevin McDonough, and Krista Fremming

Council Members Not Present

Lisa Anderson and Mandy Slag

Others Present

Rebecca Quinn, Nickie Livedalen, and Alyson Downs

Call to Order

12:12 pm by Nan Kennelly, Chair. Quorum is present by way of roll call.

Approve Agenda

Jean motioned to approve the agenda; Janna seconded. Motion passed.

Review of 11-9-18 Minutes

Tami provided edits to clarify information regarding upcoming peer support trainings. Shannon moved to add the change above and approve minutes from last meeting; Jean seconded. Motion passed. The January 14, 2019 minutes will be held over until the May meeting.

Update from Subcommittees

Continuum of Care Subcommittee: The subcommittee has been working on a handout regarding services to assist with returning to work. The handout was shared with the council and explained by Cheryl Hess-Anderson with Vocational Rehabilitation. There was discussion regarding ways to add in information regarding the skills and rehabilitation level of the individual. Suggestion regarding utilizing more medical information and possibly the Rancho Los Amigos Scale to assist therapeutic providers to know which programs would be a fit for the individual's needs. The subcommittee will look into the Rancho Scale and assess if it could be added to the guide.

Education and Awareness Committee:

Education-The subcommittee has been assisting with the Mind Matters Conference planning and finding speakers. Sanford Health in Bismarck is doing some restructuring and will not be able to send a speaker to the conference this year. Sarah mentioned that she could speak to the staff at Sanford in Fargo regarding having someone come from there; possibly an Occupational Therapist who can talk about driving after a brain injury. Another thought is to fill a spot on the agenda with information on the Rancho Scale. The conference registration will be available next week on the NDBIN website. Amy

Zellmer will be launching her new faces of TBI campaign soon and the conference is on her schedule. Amy will be at the social event at HIT, Inc. on March 26 and will speak at the conference. She is going to be gathering photos of individuals of TBI from all 50 states to put in a coffee table book.

Subcommittee has also helped with the selection of online modules and NDBIN is moving forward with contract negotiation with North Carolina to get their 6 video modules to be available for CEUs in North Dakota. Alyson Downs from HIT, Inc was asked to provide input on what training HIT provides for their staff. Currently they have used training from NDBIN but are looking forward to having standardized training available. Subcommittee has also recommended moving forward with bringing in the Brain Injury Association of America's Certified Brain Injury Specialist training to the state. It is a 2-day training with content designed for professional level staff. NDBIN would like to develop more trainers and begin offering this training at least annually.

Awareness-NDBIN is launching a Brain Injury Awareness Month online toolkit with updated infographics, suggestions for events, opportunities to partner, proclamation from the governor and sharing your story. Will be partnering for Brain Injury awareness day at the capitol on March 26th and everyone is invited to attend and invite others to attend. Subcommittee developed new brain injury playing cards that have a fact about brain injury on each card. These will be available for order by any ND resident or any group via the website.

Update Brain Injury Relevant Legislation:

House Bill 1099: This bill would allow for Qualified Service Providers to be able to assist with medications in the home. Also would allow for small group homes which are stated as Residential Rehabilitation in the bill draft. Community rehabilitation and the ability for Qualified Service Providers to assist with medication management are also listed in the bill which would allow for 24-hour home care. The House Human Services Committee has met on this but not yet voted. This has been something that has been discussed in the Continuum of Care Subcommittee and one that will greatly benefit those with TBI. Shannon moved to follow this bill, testify as needed and officially support through the council. Jean seconded. Motion passed.

Rebecca can provide a template of how to testify. Council members willing to testify as long as they are provided with bullet points and the proper procedure are Jean and Denise.

House Bill 1359: An amendment is in the works for this bill to move the funding from Medicaid to the General Fund. Krista stated that she directed Representative Anderson to Mandi Pederson at the Center for Rural Health regarding writing a paper regarding the study. Dr. Biberdorf stated that Dr. Petros will be heading the thesis project and in charge of writing the paper regarding the trial. Blue Cross Blue Shield is doing the same sort of pilot project and attempting to get the study published. Dr. Denham has a lot of information on the Acute Concussion treatments and feels that this needs to be done right away. The improvements with the hyperbaric treatments is phenomenal. Then, the next

phase would be to work with the chronic concussions. This has also been brought up with Work Force Safety. The council agrees to wait and see how this one goes. The council will continue to follow.

House Bill 1378: Supported decision making – this would create a formal process for a notarized decision maker to be able to be chosen for individuals who may not need a legal guardian but could benefit from some help with decision making. There would be protections in place for both sides. The council agrees to watch and support this bill. The bill is not specific to just TBI but is seen to be a benefit for those with TBI as well.

There was some discussion regarding the Department of Human Services making a movement to include TBI in any area where benefits can be utilized. This is largely in part of the Continuum of Care Group that has been meeting and discussion all the roadblocks that individuals with TBI come across.

Senate Bill 2027: This is the definition of brain injury bill. It has passed the Senate and has moved to the House. The definition was written by the council at the August meeting and so Sarah moved to back the bill and testify when needed. Janna seconded. Motion passed. Rebecca will be the point person on this bill and keep the council up to date on what is happening. Janna states that she will testify and also has a stroke survivor who is willing to testify as well. Nan states that she is willing to be a 3rd person to testify.

Janna asked if council members need to register as lobbyists. Council members do not have to register as lobbyist if they are testifying on behalf of the council and with permission from the Chair of the Council.

Senate Bill 2060: This bill relates to the required use of seat belts in vehicles. This bill barely passed in the Senate. This is one that the council will definitely follow but does not appear to be one that testifying on will make much of a difference.

Brain injury is now included and viewed as part of Behavioral Health so when Behavioral Health is being talked about, brain injury is usually included in all of the recommended services. This is something that the council should be aware of.

Member Updates:

None

Public Comment:

None

Next meeting will be May 17, 2019 at the HIT, Inc offices.

Jean moved to adjourn the meeting. Sarah seconded. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 3:21pm