

TBI Advisory Board Retreat Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

A TBI Advisory Board Meeting was held on Tuesday, August 11, 2020 via Zoom meeting. Kim Lamb called the meeting to order at 9:31 A.M and introductions were made.

Attendees

Kim Lamb, MS (Assistant Director of Programs, TBI State Partnership Program, UAMS)
 Terri Imus, RN, BSN (Director of Operations, Trauma Telemedicine Coordinator, IDHI, UAMS)
 Daniel Bercher, PhD, NRP, CBIS (Assistant Director, TRRP, UAMS)
 Kristen Alexander, MPH, MPS (Health Educator, Trauma Rehabilitation Resources Program, UAMS)
 Edward Williams, RN, BSN, CBIS (Nurse Educator, TRRP, UAMS)
 Amber Watson, MBA (Administrative Coordinator, TRRP, UAMS)
 FranSha' Anderson, MBA, DD (Executive Director, Arkansas State Independent Living Council)
 Charlotte Bishop (State Long Term Care Ombudsman, AR Division of Aging and Adult Services)
 Tom Masseau, (Executive Director, Disability Rights Arkansas)
 Josh Moody (Web & Software Developer & person living with TBI)
 Miranda Morris, MA (Executive Director, Arkansas Center for Health Improvement)
 Amy Moses, M.S.Ed (Program Manager, IDHI, UAMS)
 Gigi Parker (Retired SLP, Parent & caregiver of person living with TBI)
 Susan Pierce (Director of Policy and Planning, Disability Rights Arkansas)

Session One: Arkansas State Plan

Terri Imus began the discussion about the Arkansas State Plan for TBIs.

- Feedback for the state plan needed by August 22, 2020.
- The state plan has been a work in progress since the beginning of the grant as it is one of the deliverables.
- Top Needs in Arkansas:
 - Case management and appropriate referral to rehabilitative services
 - TBI in Arkansas is underrepresented
 - Concerns over what happens to these patients once they leave the hospital or if they don't qualify for inpatient case management or rehabilitation
 - At this time, there is not a lot for these individuals if they do not require long-term care or have the means or support to seek out the appropriate case management or referrals for rehabilitation services.
 - Case management and referral to rehabilitation is important in this community.
 - Need to find a way to help facilitate case management for these individuals.
 - Resource Facilitation
 - Those who live in areas that are more rural have very limited resources.
 - Goal is to be able to provide resource facilitation once the individual leaves the hospital or rehabilitation setting.
 - Employment supports and job training advocacy
 - Job/career training is one particular resource that is limited in rural Arkansas.
 - Individuals with TBI may need longer training and more assistance.
 - Trust fund and/or Medicaid waiver program
 - This would help facilitate access to case management, job training and rehabilitation

- Need to get recognition at the state level so can provide resources

Session Two: TBI Advisory Board

Terri Imus began the discussion about the TBI Advisory Board.

- Why do we need a board?
 - Have all the needed components for a board, only missing a few gaps
 - To help advise the state of Arkansas on the needs for the TBI population
- How do we get the board recognized?
 - Have worked with NASHIA on building the board
 - Need a voice, a chairman or someone to represent the ideas of a TBI advisory group and be able to present to legislation the needs of TBI in Arkansas
 - In 2008, the governor appointed a commission for TBI, they did a good job for 3 years and the needs align very closely with the state plan.
 - How do other states do it?
 - Some boards are governor appointed, some are volunteer, some non-profit
 - BIAA recommended getting a champion, someone who would be the voice; it would help get further along with trust fund and waiver program building.
 - BIA in either Minnesota or Iowa is willing to take care of the fees to get Arkansas into the national program but need to identify the champion first.
 - This may not be a good time to try the governor for a commission since it is near the end of his term.
 - Suggestion that instead of the governor, find a legislator and have a small workgroup to identify what a commission would look like for the state of Arkansas.
 - Subgroup could work alongside of the state plan
 - UAMS cannot take this on. Someone in the workgroup will have to take the lead on this.
 - Suggestion for a survivor to be a champion.
 - The Community Foundation may be someone to reach out to for support.
 - Previously spoke with Lauren but they were not able to take it on
 - Suggested to speak to Heather S. Miranda Morris will provide contact information.
 - Disability Rights Arkansas may be able to help in assisting with forming a BIA for Arkansas
 - How to fund this?
 - Governor appointed boards can get a stipend.
 - Tom Masseau can reach out to colleagues across the country, what their experience has been with private non-profit brain injury alliances, and how they are funded.
 - Was not able to get funding for an Executive Director through UAMS Foundation.
 - Private payors are looking for areas to invest that will bring benefits. A multi-payer education session may be a good idea.
 - Idea to involve the Drakes who already have a foundation for brain injury survivors. They have expressed interest in collaboration.
 - Gigi and Dan Parker are willing to speak about their experience but would need advice on how to present. Terri Imus can go through liaison and ask them involvement and for advice on talking points.
 - If a survivor steps up to take the role, be sure to acknowledge that the programs will help facilitate. Not all responsibilities will lie solely on the survivor or their families/caregivers.

Next Steps

- Tom Masseau and Susan Pierce will reach out to colleagues and will bring information back to the workgroup.
- Miranda Morris will provide a list of private payors that are looking for new avenues to form a small education group.
- Tom Masseau and Susan Pierce can try to contact the former TBI Advisory Council members to see if they are still interested in being involved.
 - Reach out to the Drakes to ask for their involvement.
 - Once any interested former TBI Advisory Council members are identified, reach out to survivors/families that have been featured in the Brain Waves newsletters to fill in remaining gaps.
- Tom Masseau and Susan Pierce will reach out to the CMS national representative that Terri Imus has had previous contact with.
 - Terri Imus will provide contact information.
- Kim Lamb will reach out to each of the workgroups to get meetings scheduled.

Adjournment

The next TBI Advisory Board Workgroup will be held on October 27, 2020 from 10:00 A.M to 11:30 A.M. Meeting location to be announced. Meeting adjourned at 10:58 A.M.