

TBI State Partnership Program Advisory Board Workgroup Retreat

Camp Aldersgate, Little Rock, Arkansas | 2/5/19

Trust Fund/Waiver/Financial Strategies Sub-Workgroup Minutes

Attendees

Co-Chairs: Rani Lindberg, MD, Kevin Sexton, MD

Members: John Bishop, Miranda Morris, Dan Parker, Gigi Parker, Susan Pierce (sitting in for Tom Masseau), Jon Wilkerson (guest)

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Summary

The primary resource needed is funding for case management.

We need to assemble information packages for policymakers, including:

- National statistics, including epidemiology, cost of care, and losses in productivity
- State statistics, including epidemiology, cost of care (APCD), and losses in productivity
- Comparisons to other similar states
- Historical legislative efforts

Suggested Order of Initiatives:

- Trust Fund
- Medicaid Waiver for the long haul

Talking Points:

- Choosing a legislative champion and clear talking points
- Legislative research, cost, fees

Suggestion:

- Invite medical-legal representation - Kevin DeLiban, Legal Aid of AR, kdeliban@arlegalaid.org
- Invite Susan Pierce and Jon Wilkerson to join the sub-workgroup

Medicaid Waiver in Arkansas:

- Access is mainly nursing homes, other institutions – stringent limits
- Assistance is available in the home, but nothing for rehab
- Waiting lists – TBI at home not getting access
- No TBI specific Medicaid waiver
- Injury up to 22nd birthday falls under developmental, so support services are available
- Aging adult services waiver receive up to 20 hours/week, even on Medicaid
- New fee or licensing sources?
- ACS Waiver more comprehensive
- Raising taxes – 75% of legislative body has to vote for it

Trust Fund:

- How much would state-wide case management cost?
- Benchmark other states, such as Colorado

Considerations:

- Economic Impact of Criminal Activity related to TBI when support system doesn't exist, including violence and the use of emergency services
- Make case to DHS for money
- Legislator – Interim Study Proposal may be the way to go for either a waiver or a trust – Miranda Morris

Opt-in/Opt Out Fees:

- Driver's License
- Compare trust funds with other states
- Fee should be linked to TBI-like activity, such as traffic, highways, helmet laws
- Violation fee add ons – downside is regressive "tax"