

**STATE COUNCIL FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES'
BRAIN INJURY COMMITTEE**

**August 1, 2016 – 2:00 PM
Smyrna Rest Area Conference Room, Smyrna**

PRESENT: Ann Phillips, Chair/Family Voices; Brian Hartman, Vice-Chair/Disabilities Law Program; Linda Brittingham, Christiana Care Health System; Tammy Clifton, DVR/BIAD; Dr. Jane Crowley, A.I. duPont Hospital for Children; Debbie Dunlap, Parent; Dr. Katie Freeman, DPBHS; Carrie Hocker, DDDS; Sharon Lyons, BIAD; Lenore Reynolds, UHCC; Ron Sarg, DMD, DE Commission of Veterans Affairs (DCVA); Tiffany Stewart, Point of Hope; Jamila Waigwa, DSAAPD; Kyle Hodges, Staff; and Amber Rivard, Support Staff.

Guests: Kim Pettyjohn, RN – DMMA
Marcella England – DMMA
Anne Dunlap

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2:15 pm.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Announcements - Kyle

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Brian made a motion to approve the minutes. Ron seconded the motion. The May 2, 2016 minutes were approved as submitted.

BUSINESS

DMMA Presentation on TBI Assessment Pilot & Data Collection

Kim spoke about preliminary data on the TBI Assessment Pilot (handout), which included a breakdown of the first three months (11/1/15-1/31/16) and the last three months (2/1/16-4/30/16) of the pilot. She distributed the same information in a color document (handout). She spoke about the data collected in the last three months because the previous data had previously been discussed. There was a total of 333 community referrals compared to 279 referrals in the previous three months. There were a total of 257 applicants screened, with 250 that were approved and 7 denied. There were 39 approved and 3 were denied using the PAE and TBI Form. There were 37 applicants identified with a TBI after asking the trigger questions, which would not have been previously identified. There were 11 people that were already known to have a diagnosis of a TBI. There were 34 applicants who withdrew, expired or changed their request.

Kim stated that using the trigger questions brought to light that people were being missed as having a TBI in the previous assessments. Next steps include meeting with the MCOs (Managed Care Organizations) and DMMA's Managed Care Operations in the next couple of weeks to discuss incorporating the information gathered and what tools they will utilize. Kim stated that she

reviewed United Health Care's and Highmark's assessment tools, and most of the questions that Highmark uses are the same questions that are on the MPAI4 tool.

Kim spoke briefly about the new CMS Managed Care Rule that is forthcoming. This Rule will have significant changes and there will be one assessment tool that all MCOs will be required to use. The effective date for this is unknown. Kim could not answer the question about those identified with TBI getting extra services since that is done by the MCOs. Ann stated that the CMS Rule has specific dates for implementation of each category. Kim added that Glyne would have more specific information regarding this. Kim explained that Pre-Admission Screening would still continue the pilot, including asking the trigger questions until a decision is made on how the MCOs will incorporate it into their process. Ann expressed concern as to what will happen to those who were in the system before the pilot. Kim said that the trigger questions did not affect eligibility.

Debbie asked if CMS would be developing the new evaluation. Kim explained that CMS would most likely state what needs to be included in the assessment tool rather than having an assessment tool. Each state has the flexibility to do more. A question was asked if Highmark was using their form for any type of brain injury or just TBI. Kim explained that once everyone is financially and medically approved, the MCOs do an initial comprehensive assessment using their assessment tool, and care planning and eligibility for services is based upon this assessment. Marcella added that the questions would be included. Kyle asked how many were identified in the first three months of the pilot. Kim stated that 12 had been identified in the 11/1/15-1/31/16 period. Debbie spoke about the care plans not meeting the needs of the person. She stressed the importance of cueing people with brain injury.

Brian commented that it would be helpful for Glyne to let us know the expected timeline for the assessment tool, and offered the Committee's assistance from a TBI perspective. Kyle asked if Glyne could send an email to him regarding the outcome of the meetings with the MCOs. Kyle will also follow-up with Glyne. Brian asked if the data collection will continue. Kim explained that they would not repopulate that data since the answer is now known. The trigger questions will continue to be used in Pre-Admissions Screening. Kyle stated that the Committee will continue monitoring. Lenore commented that the information from the Committee is shared and reviewed with United Healthcare. Kyle commented that if people receive the needed services in the community, it diverts nursing home care, which is more costly in most cases. There was some discussion about capitated rates and that there is a standard capitated rate for all services in the community and nursing homes. Debbie spoke about the safety aspect of living in the community which is a huge issue. Kim commented that the Pre-Admissions Screening nurses look at safety issues.

Ron commented that the VA and the military are seeing a higher significance of TBI reports and the insurance companies are seeing a higher number of claims and monetary awards. He suggested following the data from insurance companies to get the numbers of those with TBIs. Sharon spoke about the even larger number of people with brain injuries not identified as TBI. A question was asked if the same trigger questions are asked of those who had a stroke. Kim explained that the Pre-Admission Screening would show cognitive limitations. Ann spoke about the concern for consistency and that people get needed services. Brian asked about the number of care plans that are reviewed. Kim explained that they do not review care plans and would be done through the MCOs. The MCOs have nurses that do ride-alongs which includes QA and QI. Brian suggested that 50 percent of the 37 care plans be reviewed to see if the services are matching up with the need.

Kim will take this suggestion back to Glyne and Kyle will follow-up. A question was asked if they have seen an increase in telephone calls since the pilot began. Sharon spoke about the large number of telephone calls she gets from people looking for services and there are no resources. Sharon will track this information. Ann and Kyle thanked Kim for today's update.

Ron spoke about a program under the DCVA--Delaware Joining Forces, which is a network of state agencies, and external service providers who proactively work together to provide solutions for military members, veterans and families. The website is: <https://delaware.gov/djf>.

Concussion Protection Legislation Update & Implementation (H.B. 404)

Kyle provided an update on the H.B. 404. This legislation passed the House and Senate and is waiting for the Governor's signature. A summary of the bill is included in the meeting packet. Kyle thanked Jane for her efforts. The amendment adds officials, along with coaches, that need to be educated on concussions. Kyle referenced line 42 of the legislation (handout), in which the Council will provide information sheets to the athletes and parents or guardians. He added that there is a year before implementation.

Kyle opened for discussion the next steps. Brian recommended contacting DIAA and finding out what forms they are currently using. He noted that our training requirements cannot exceed theirs. Kyle will see if DIAA has their forms online. Jane commented that they are using CDC materials. Jane added that Arizona has a whole media DVD-based athlete education package and using this may be an option for us. Brian noted that the law does not require the athlete to watch a video; it requires that they sign a statement saying that they received the information sheet. Kyle commented that we need to discuss how to reach, monitor and track the coaches. Kyle will follow-up with DIAA. Kyle commented that there most likely will be a bill signing event scheduled and will keep everyone informed. Brian recommended having a working group. Kyle added that Representative Heffernan may want to be part of this working group and will follow-up with her. The working group included Jane, Brian, George Meldrum, and Pat Redman (A.I. duPont Hospital). He stated to let him know if anyone else wanted to participate. Jane commented that this was a group effort and thanked Kyle for keeping this legislation moving forward; she also thanked Brian for drafting the legislation and Pat Redmond (A.I. duPont Hospital) for her efforts. Brian asked if the online training was from one source and was it being documented. Kyle commented he did not think there would be a lot of documentation because DIAA trust that their members will comply. Brian commented that since so many different parks and locations are used for the recreational leagues, the logistics become a nightmare. Ron asked if this type of legislation would be considered for those over the age of 18. Kyle stated that we mostly likely will not expand this further.

Brain Injury Trust Fund Update

Kyle stated that we received another \$50,000 in the State budget for the Brain Injury Trust Fund. With the leftover funds from last year, there is about \$95,000 in the Fund. He asked everyone to spread the word. He asked the review team to stay after today's meeting to review some applications. Kyle will send Representative Heffernan a thank you for this funding. Kyle stated that they asked for a reporting the first year, but have not request one since then. Kyle will send out an email about the Brain Injury Trust Fund that can be shared. Ron requested a summary that he would put in the DCVA quarterly newsletter. Jane commented that A.I. duPont Hospital has summer volunteers that could develop with a brochure. Jane will forward the brochure to

Christiana Care, HealthSouth for distribution in waiting rooms, etc. Sharon stated that she has forwarded the paragraph explaining the Fund to various groups, including HealthSouth, Christiana Care, St. Francis, etc. Kyle will add the brochure to the SCPD webpage. Kyle will contact Kathleen Boyer from ThinkFirst Injury Prevention Program.

BIAD Report

Sharon stated that they are searching for an Executive Director. The theme for next year's conference is "You've already done your acute, you've already done your rehab, what now?" They want to focus on new advances, with two learning tracks—one for professionals and one for survivors, caregivers and family. Planning is continuing.

Sharon met with Nancy Ranalli and Ray Brouillette regarding the Easter Seals camp. She explained that BIAD teamed up with Easter Seals last year for summer camp. Only five kids were interested in participating. Funding was provided from a grant. Sharon commented that there just is not enough manpower or interested participation to continue this effort. Kyle added that Easter Seals still has a summer camp and we have provided funding for several people to attend (through the Brain Injury Trust Fund).

The Crab Feast will be held on September 17, 2016 (4:00-8:00 pm). The new and larger venue will be the American Legion on Bay Road, Dover. The admission price is \$35. Online registration is now available. Sharon stated that they are also working on increasing participation on the Board.

Other Business

Kyle spoke about the Division of Public Health's (DPH) application for a violence and injury prevention grant and this Committee had a role. Our role with this grant was to provide information and education materials to the recreational leagues to expand their awareness. DPH was not awarded the grant.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kyle stated that he will be retiring, but an official date has not yet been determined. He has informed the Executive Committee. He will be available by phone, email and text through the transition process. Kyle thanked everyone and plans to keep in touch. Ron thanked Kyle for all his many endeavors and his incredible capacity to get things accomplished.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:43 pm.

Respectively submitted,

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