

Virginia Brain Injury Council Meeting
Meeting Minutes
July 24, 2009

Members Present:

Carole Norton, Ph.D.
Kelli Williams Gary, Ph.D., OTR/L
Jason Young, MSW
Lisa Garver, MA, NCC, CBIS
Theresa Ashberry
Michelle Nichols
Jeff Carpenter
Mark Salisbury
Gerald Showalter, Ph.D.
Brian Shenal, Ph.D.
Anne McDonnell, MPA, OTR/L
Tori Harding, MBA, MS, CCC/SLP
Leigh Wion, CTRS
Alan Towne, M.D., MPH
Linda Redmond, Ph.D.
Scott Bender, Ph.D.

Beacon House Clubhouse
Virginia Commonwealth University
Community Futures Foundation
Brain Injury Services, Inc.
Family Member
Defense Veterans Brain Injury Center
Survivor
Family Member
Woodrow Wilson Rehabilitation Center
Salem, Virginia Veterans Administration Center
Brain Injury Association of Virginia
Lakeview Healthcare Systems
High Street Clubhouse
Virginia Commonwealth University
Virginia Board for People with Disabilities
University of Virginia

Members Absent:

Juanita Thornton
Terry Miles
Julie Triplett
Advocacy
Russell Payne

Virginia Alliance of Brain Injury Service Providers
Survivor
State Agency: Virginia Office of Protection and

Paul Sharpe, R.N., NREMT-P

State Agency: Virginia Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation & Substance Abuse Services

Nancy Bullock, R.N.

State Agency: Virginia Department of Health, Office of Emergency Medical Services
State Agency: Virginia Department of Health, Office of Children, Youth With Special Needs

Jenny Toth
Patricia Goodall, Ed.S.
Department of
Rehabilitative Services

Brain Injury Association of America
State Agency / Staff: Virginia

Other in Attendance:

Bobbie McCarty
Rick Sizemore
Christine Biaginni
Tony Gentry, Ph.D.
Heidi Balsey
Sue George
Karen Trump
Melissa Gonzalez

Lakeview Health Centers
Woodrow Wilson Rehabilitation Center
Brain Injury Association of Virginia
VCU Dept. of Occupation Therapy
Woodrow Wilson Rehabilitation Center
Woodrow Wilson Rehabilitation Center
Virginia Department of Education
Neurological Living Rehabilitation Center

CONVENING OF THE MEETING

The Virginia Brain Injury Council meeting was called to order at 9:00 am by Carole Norton, Chair. Council members and guests introduced themselves.

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes of the April 24, 2009 were distributed and reviewed. Four minor grammatical errors were pointed out. VCU was added as the second subcontractor, along with BIAV, to report on the TBI Grant update. Leigh Wion made a motion to accept the minutes as amended; Mark Salisbury seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Meeting agenda:

Anne McDonnell approved the agenda; Leigh Wion seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment:

No public comment was given during the Public Comment period.

Nominations and Elections Committee:

Victoria Harding, Jeff Carpenter, Teresa Ashberry, and Brian Shenal all volunteered to serve on the Nominations and Elections Committee. New officers (Secretary and Vice-Chair) will be elected in October and new members are scheduled to be elected in January 2010. Jason Young and Kelli Williams-Gary are both eligible for re-election to Secretary and Vice-Chair positions, respectively.

Appointment of Council Representative to the Dept. of Behavioral Health & Disability Services TBI work team:

Anne McDonnell nominated Jason Young to be the second Virginia Brain Injury Council representative on the Department of Behavioral Health and Disability Services (DBHDS) work team looking at how to work with individuals with brain injury who are in crisis. Mark Salisbury seconded the nomination; Mr. Young was unanimously nominated to serve on the work team.

Remarks from the Department of Rehabilitative Services (DRS) Commissioner:

Commissioner Rothrock provided the following updates, announcements and suggestions:

1. Based on current budget situation, Governor has asked state agencies to prepare budget cuts ranging from 5%, 10%, to 15% due to the downturn in the state economy. The Commissioner met last week with Anne McDonnell, Jason Young, Michelle Witt, and Karen Brown about the potential use of Federal stimulus funds to offset potential budget cuts and help enhance vocational rehabilitation outcomes for persons with brain injury. Proposal will be submitted.
2. Commissioner Rothrock discussed collaborative with other state agencies, including the Virginia Department of Juvenile Justice in targeting services for juvenile offenders in the juvenile justice system, and with the Virginia Department of Veterans Services through the Wounded Warrior Program. He discussed the

role of the "Brain Injury Report Out Day" as an important impetus in facilitating better interagency collaboration on brain injury issues in Virginia.

Adjournment of the Meeting: At 9:30 Carole Norton made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Anne McDonnell seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Next Meeting: The next meeting is October 23, 2009 from 1-4 at Woodrow Wilson Rehabilitation Center in Fishersville, VA. Specific location to be determined.