

Brain Injury Report Out Day

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COMPELLING NEED

- No brain injury (BI) program in the Commonwealth to provide comprehensive behavioral service needs
- Increasing disposition issues regarding appropriate service/placement for individuals with a brain injury who also exhibit behavior challenges



DMAS INITIATIVES

- Internal
- Community
- Agency Representation



INTERNAL

- Dedicated staff to:
 - Provide BI resource information to consumers, service providers, stakeholders, and caregivers
 - Provide case management services for complex care cases, some out of state oversight
 - Work with stakeholders, service providers, etc. to develop framework for service options



COMMUNITY

Past Efforts

- Participation in JLARC study
- Lead advisory committee (DMAS, various stakeholders, family) towards developing a framework for services and costs for a BI Waiver
- Conducted automated town hall meetings throughout the Commonwealth to gather feedback regarding proposed waiver services



COMMUNITY

Current Efforts

- Leading Neurobehavioral Workgroup (DMAS, service providers, stakeholders)
- Exploring neurobehavioral rehab program options
- Participation in VBIC Ad-Hoc Committee on Funding Priorities for submission of funding recommendations to DRS Commissioner



AGENCY REPRESENTATION

DMAS is dedicated to the development to a system of care in the Commonwealth to meet the needs of the BI population and their caregivers through:

- Community events, such as the Report Out Day
- Represent DMAS on the Virginia Brain Injury Council (VBIC) and ad-hoc committees as necessary
- Continuing efforts towards Virginia BI Waiver
- Discussions with CMS



AGENCY REPRESENTATION

- Small group/committee meetings (to include stakeholders, service providers, caregivers)
- Research
- Exploring legislative options for new systems of care, for example, nursing facility based or community neurobehavioral rehabilitation programs
- Support identification of recommendations for no cost options and those that will require General Assembly appropriations



SUMMARY OF INITIATIVES

- Supports and will pursue a BI waiver
- Ongoing efforts with stakeholders, service providers, and survivors/families towards development of a BI system of care for the Commonwealth
- Support Governor's legislative initiatives based on recommendations identified in both the JLARC report and the VBIC Position Paper in response to the Commissioner of the Virginia Department of Rehabilitative Services



“Never believe that a few caring people can’t change the world. For, indeed, that’s all who ever have.” Margaret Mead

