

Statewide TBI Educational Network Meeting Minutes

Nov. 7, 2011

Updates and Resource Sharing

- TBI Materials from Judy Wolff (State) library were set out on tables and available during and after the meeting for checkout.
- Deb purchased resources for network members (tip cards, blue folder with concussion resources)
- Deb will send out RLIF contacts with map of regions to network members.
- Review of My Path research study; they are in need of more participants, review network framework.
- CDC has new fact sheets for concussions. They are included in handouts, and are available at no cost to anyone; go to website at: www.cdc.gov/concussion
- Evaluation of CRAM II conference passed around and discussed. Future discussion to determine if we will pursue a CRAM III at future date.
- Child count chart/graph sent around. TBI is 0.3% of total special education child count as of 12/1/2010. New child count info available in late Jan or Feb.
- Updates from Barb Sisco, MN Low Incidence Specialist, MDE: Brain Injury/ILC committee, (created by Dept. of Human Services with wide agency representation- working on strategic plan & fact sheet
- Jodi Greenstein: DHS TBI Advisory Committee- met, presented annual report, update of sub-committee plan will be sent out by Deb
- BI Consumer/Family Conference (Aug. 2011)– great feedback, well attended. Will plan to again host a session at this coming summer’s event.
- Annual Conference: March 29-30, 3 RFP have been received for school-age children; RFP is online. Same location as last year (Northland Inn, Brooklyn Park)
- Annual TBI Family retreat: Overall things went well, many different levels of need, not as many severe TBI. Planning will change; will have steering committee involved in planning instead of whole network, with network providing feedback as needed. Next retreat will be in October 2012.
- TBI webpage on the MN Low incidence projects website- continues to post new resources for TBI, such as meeting minutes, event agendas, resources, etc.

Document Review: General Considerations/Return to School following Mild TBI

Guidelines have been revised to reflect current interpretation of language in the Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1974. According to current interpretation, school teams need to wait 6 months before creating a 504 plan or initiating evaluation because of the transitory nature of mild TBI/concussion. Teams may use general accommodations during the 6 month wait-time. (Note: Deb will be pursuing additional clarification about 504 language with MDE staff in the coming week.)

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Discussion: Framework for Future Network Meetings

Outcome of discussion: 9:30-3:30 time works well, as do two meeting per year (1st Mondays in Nov. & March). Continue with keynote in the morning with afternoon time to be used for committee work or special initiatives.

Proposed network committees to include:

1. Guidelines for School Nurses (Robin)
2. Early Childhood Screening and TBI (Kim Kang, Anne Lindgren)
3. TBI Family Retreat (Jenny Lee Burns , Jodi Greenstein)
4. Prevent, Teach, Reinforce Focus Group (Amy Gode, Mary Ruprect)
5. Revised TBI Training Module (Judi Azar, Christina Kollman, Jane Corkery, Candace Vegter, Mary Ruprecht)
6. TBI Manual Work Group (Erika Frake, Kathry Clark, Monica Capra, Jan Weelborg, Kim Kang, Kary Lehman
(Readers: D. Mae Ceryes, Darwin Dyce, Mary Jo Boehning, Sue Zmyslony)
7. Other?

Guest Speakers

Jon Roesler, Injury Epidemiologist Supervisor, MDH

Incidence of Abusive Head Trauma (formerly Shaken Baby Syndrome) in Infants and the Effect of Hospital-based Education.

Taskforce developed in 2001, implemented Dias's design in 15 hospitals. Questions posed "how many cases in MN", used 4 data sources, no single source identified all cases. Intervention may not be working; SBS video not always being offered in hospitals. Approximately 30 incidences per year in infants.

Kim Kang, Midwest Shaken Baby Alliance

Legislating Prevention Efforts

Mark Dias model (NY Shaken Baby Prevention Project): educational materials given to both parents, parents asked to sign commitment statement. Results of project- 50% reduction in incidence of abusive head trauma. MN law requires that hospitals "make available" video to parents (if possible both parents). Child care providers & licensed foster care providers must receive training. Intro to SBS for Educators Class given in Spring (beginning April 19) at Hamline as an elective class for the TBI certificate.

Formal large group meeting adjourned at 1:30pm.

Retreat committee continued to meet into the afternoon.

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