Working with Veterans with Traumatic Brain Injury: Idaho's Collaborative Approach

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Idaho State HRSA Grants

- Planning Grant 2000-2003
- Implementation Grant 2003-2006
- Partnership Implementation Grant 2006-2009
- 2nd Partnership Implementation Grant (2009-2013)

NEW Partnership Grant Goals

- Establish a Trust Fund
- Move TBI Advisory Council Forward
- Support Families of Returning Service Members with TBI
- Monitor Implementation of State’s Trauma Registry & Use of Medicaid Waiver.
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<td>• Complete a feasibility study</td>
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<td>• Document the need among civilian and military populations</td>
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<td>• Contact legislators to determine support</td>
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<td>• Identify funding sources</td>
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<td>• Educate Idaho’s citizenry with respect to importance</td>
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<td>• Solidify the statewide TBI advisory council</td>
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<td>• Establish support groups for OIF/OEF returning service personnel</td>
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<td>• Provide training materials to support group leaders/facilitators</td>
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<td>• Connect family members of returning service members to one another via technology</td>
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Support Families of Returning Service Members with TBI, contd.

- Advance educational activities
- Update Idaho TBI Virtual Program Center with best practice resources specific to family members of returning service members
- Conduct a new Idaho TBI Needs and Resources Assessment

Monitor Idaho’s TBI Medicaid Waiver & Trauma Registry

- Facilitate promotion of TBI to registry planners
- Increase awareness and access to the aged/disabled waiver
- Support increased funding and a new rate methodology specific to Medicaid waivers

TBI Partnership Grant Goals (2009-2013)

Augment Idaho TBI Virtual Program Center:
The Telehealth Idaho Virtual Grand Rounds Presents:

Veterans With Traumatic Brain Injury VGR Series, 7th Edition

In this series, we will have 12 VGR’s on Mondays from February 2007 through December 2007. Each VGR will be one hour in length from 10:00 am to 11:00 am (Mountain Time) and will focus on topics of interest to the veterans who have sustained traumatic brain injuries and their families. TBI-VGR’s are geared toward those working in the field of TBI, model programs, long term planning & advocacy. Family members, state agency personnel and the general public who work with or have an interest in traumatic brain injuries are invited to attend.

TBI Partnership Grant Goals

(2006-2009)

3. Advance TBI Virtual Grand Rounds/
   Educational Activities:

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Sample Prior TBI VGR Evaluation

Positive Comments

- “Gave me more insight that will enhance my practice”
- “I liked the comments from the couple that had experienced this situation”
- “Having theory and demonstration as you did is always most effective”
- (next)

Sample Prior TBI VGR Evaluation

Positive Comments

- “Hearing personal stories, very insightful to the inside of head injury”
- “I most liked the discussion on behavioral indications of the problems”
- “Practical, relaxed, easy to follow and apply”
- “I liked the ‘telehealth’ format”
TBI Partnership Grant Goals (2009-2013)

Sustain the TBI Virtual Program Center:
- Maintain contract with Assist Guide Incorporated Services (AGIS)
- Build capacity via information links for family members of Veterans with TBI

http://deploymenthealthlibrary.fhp.osd.mil

TBI Partnership Grant Goals (2009-2013)

Move From TBI Virtual Grand Rounds/ Educational Activities For Families via Distance Learning classrooms to online desk top videoconferencing (live and archived).

Rocky Mountain Learning (RML)

- RML is a new non-profit organization operated by the ISU Institute of Rural Health
  http://www.rockymountainlearning.com/node/1
- Dedicated to providing distance learning with a focus on healthcare
- Utilizes web based platforms to increase the reach of distance learning from the traditional videoconferencing methodology

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Rocky Mountain Learning (RML) cont’d

- Online meeting and training provider
- The IRH has used web-based resources in multiple projects by developing virtual program centers, webinars, video-conference distance learning, and information portals for health topics see:
  
  http://www.isu.edu/irh/telehealth.shtml

Cross-Cutting Goals: Collaboration 2009-2013

- Networking with colleagues
- Advisory board – diverse membership
- Focus on TBI – other issues surface
- Awareness of community resources
- Idaho Seat Belt Coalition
Cross Cutting Goals: Collaboration cont’d (2009-2013)

- IRH and Youth Suicide Workshops
- ID Trauma Registry – now tracking TBI
- IDHW - Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention Program – Capacity Building Grant from CDC.
- Five Operational Brain Injury Support Groups statewide

Cross Cutting Goals: Collaboration cont’d (2009-2013)

- Catastrophic Health Care Program – Administered by the Counties in ID
- Plan for TBI Ombudsman – June 09
- Person-Centered Hospital Discharge Planning Grant – CMS – ID one of Seven States funded.

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- Your input is welcomed
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