

Brain and Spinal Injury Trust Fund Commission

2 Peachtree St NW Suite 26-426 Atlanta, GA

Commission Meeting

February 23, 2017

Minutes

Commissioners attending in person:

Chase Jones (CJ), Barbara Means-Cheeley (BC), Rajaunnda Gandy (RG),

Commissioners attending via teleconference:

Bob Bauer (BB), Gwen McKee (GM), Randy Owens (RO), Jane Warnock (JW), Cheryl Harris (CH), Susannah Kidwell (SK), Lisa Dawson (LD), Tim Wall (TW), Hank Fielding (HF), Andrew Dennison (AD).

Commissioners - Absent:

None

Staff:

Craig Young (CY), Leslie Berry (LB), Tyimeka Brown (TB), Dionne Braxton (DB), Keisha Zachary (KZ), Diana Ballard.

Guests:

Peter Lee – Georgia Technology Authority.

Chairman's Reports

CY – A quorum of 11 Commissioners are present.

CJ – call the meeting to order at 10:33 a.m. Welcome!

CJ – Our first order of business is to welcome the Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency's appointee to the Commission – Rajaunnda Gandy. Ms. Gandy is VR's Chief Strategy and Innovation Officer and replaces former Commissioner Kate Brady who is now with GCDD.

A quorum of 11 Commissioners is present.

1. Motion: to approve the January 2017 draft Commission minutes as submitted.

Motion by: BB **Second by:** TW

Vote: Unanimously approved.

Distribution committee:

TW – The applicant grid for February has no denials. Any questions regarding the February grid? CJ – what is the therapy requested by Bitt2224? TW – EMDR for therapy for PTSD. AD – usually this therapy is only for a diagnosis of PTSD. Use for TBI is debated. CY – the applicant has a TBI and the PTSD is sequelae of the injury. Can also be co-occurring. AD – we should be careful so we are not opening the door for treatment of individuals with only PTSD – could be a slippery slope. DB – this is the first request for treatment of PTSD that has been recommended to the Commission by the Distribution committee.

A quorum of 10 Commissioners are present.

2. Motion: To approve the February 2017 distribution grid as submitted.

Motion by: Distribution committee **Second by:** HF

Vote: Approved unanimously.

Commissioner BMC joins the meeting.

CJ – Peter Lee from the Georgia Technology Authority will provide a presentation regarding a new website proposal by GeorgiaGov Interactive.

PL – GeorgiaGov Interactive has created and administered websites for over 70 state of Georgia entities including the Department of Human Services and the Department of Revenue. Web architecture is customized to the agency and agency staff are provided training to enable them to maintain and update their website. The website is cloud-based and secure. Websites are Section 508 compliant and we have won awards for website accessibility for individuals with disabilities. The higher-end estimate of cost to produce the website is \$13,200 and we estimate \$50 per month to host the site. Cost may be less depending on the needs/capabilities of the Commission's staff. As a state agency GTA is able to provide secure and stable administration of portals to state of Georgia entities.

CJ – we will review your materials and presentation and communicate a decision within the allotted 60 days.

Call dropped – CY redialed and a quorum was still present.

Executive committee:

CJ – the committee met and discussed ways to implement objectives, activities and timelines to procure additional revenue streams for the Commission. Any input from Commissioners is welcome.

Executive committee – Updates:

CY – regarding Raymond Shields, I have a meeting with the AG's office scheduled for tomorrow. 2016 annual reports are available – only 500 printed so please let us know how many copies you need. Copies will be forwarded to

legislators. New surcharge data from DDS shows a 12% decrease in DUI convictions and a 2% increase in reckless driving convictions for 2016.

Collections update:

LB – collections were up in January. CY – February is lagging at this point in time – hope it will rebound.

Communications committee:

The committee met and this month and wrapped up the annual report project. Thanks to Paige for her skill in creating a beautiful report.

Public Policy committee:

CY – a quorum was not present and the meeting was canceled. Chase and I went to the capitol last week to speak with legislators and budget staff and will be heading out again today after our meeting.

I have provided you with other documents to review including a new 2016 SCI factsheet from UAB. Also first half FY2017 applicant grid characteristics and how applicants find out about the Commission. Any questions? None.

New Business:

CJ – any new business? GM – March is brain injury awareness month. BIAG's first 5k Fun Run/Walk will take place on March 18, 2017 at 11 a.m. Brook Run Park in Dunwoody. Registration starts at 10:00 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned by motion (TW) at 11:50 a.m.

The next Commission meeting will be on **Thursday – March 23, 2017** from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Commission offices at 2 Peachtree St NW Suite 26-426 Atlanta, GA 30303 in conference room 121.