

Title: TBI Advisory Board Workgroup Quarterly Meeting

Date: 5/7/2019

Time: 100-1200

### Underserved Populations

Attendees: Stacy G., Sara H., Aleecia S., Kelsey, Eddie W., Tina B.,

The group had a discussion about the currently identified list of underserved populations. Now, due to PAS, the group also includes pediatrics. We came to the conclusion that 'everyone' in AR with a TBI is underserved with PAS. Tina said that she thought the governor addressed this. Sara pointed out that there's an attorney in Benton that's filing a class action lawsuit concerning PAS and TBI.

Sara pointed out that in order for a pediatric patient to enter Timber Ridge, they must have a PAS Tier III for brain injury.

Aleecia said that they are finding that most brain injured pediatric patients also have a mental health component and they are being admitted to psychiatric facilities or going home rather than medical facilities to treat their TBI.

Kelsey recently spoke with some social security personnel related to the appeals process and educated them about the fact that even though someone can walk and talk doesn't mean that they can work. She said that they were very receptive.

Based on the above information, it was decided that it's better to approach this problem from a 'systems' angle rather than individual groups of underserved populations. Tina pointed out that each patient should have someone who represents them through PAS. It was suggested that a representative from PAS should be invited to speak to this workgroup. Stacy interjected that when someone is asked to speak to a group, they are normally more open to listening to the concerns of the group and that it is better that we listen to them and work with them to figure out solutions to the problems rather than bombard them with problems.

Sara said that we should focus our education efforts on social security officials, caseworkers, PAS decision makers, and insurance companies such as Blue Cross and Blue Shield. Tina said that Peds Place is an interactive video system that might be an educational avenue and that Susan Dodson Smith plans the content.

Tina also shared that the stroke program had good success in Arkansas communities by teaming with EMS providers at ball games to raise awareness of strokes and we should be able to do the same with TBIs.

Deliverable: Tina with find out who the PAS persons are.