

**Division of Long Term Care
Treatment Review Committee (TRC): Autism and Other Developmental Disabilities**

MEETING MINUTES

September 23, 2011
12:30PM to 3:00PM
Department of Health Services
1 W. Wilson Street, Room B155
Madison, WI 53707

Present: Jenny Asmus (via telephone), Mike Axelrod, Roger Bass, Maribeth Gettinger, Lana Collet-Klingenberg, Christine Peterson, Linda Tuchman, Jill Kelly (DHS staff), Bill Murray (DHS staff)

Welcome & Introductions

Members of the committee welcomed one another and were updated on issues related to the current meeting. It was noted that the meeting is open to the public as notification was posted per open meeting requirements. Travel reimbursement forms were distributed to members and it was encouraged that this form be filled out and submitted to DHS staff. Finally, it was stated the next Governor's Autism Council meeting will be November 14th, in Room 630 at DHS. The Autism Council will be interested in knowing the progress the TRC is making and Lana will be making a brief presentation.

Discussion & Approval of Mission Statement

Please see below for the draft mission statement that was presented to the committee:

The mission of the DLTC-TRC is to advise DHS on the evidence supporting behavioral treatments so that resources are used most effectively. The committee will review evidence based research to determine proven and effective treatments for individuals with autism and other developmental disabilities and share this information with DHS to help improve the lives of WI citizens through ensuring quality treatment services are available.

Suggestions for revisions were discussed and a revised statement will be forthcoming, with the following submitted as a draft for the committee to work from:

The mission of the DLTC-TRC is to review the research to determine proven and effective treatments for individuals with autism and other developmental disabilities. The committee will share this information with DHS to help ensure quality treatment services are available to help improve the lives of Wisconsin citizens.

Finally, it was pointed out that majority rules for this committee and there will be a record kept of said votes. Additionally, a quorum is needed to pass any final decisions and a member can convey a motion to the table at any time.

Workgroup Activities

The workgroup began to develop a decision tree by which they can review requests for funding of specific treatments. The committee also reviewed the research grid previously submitted by Roger.

As this decision tree began to take shape, the committee started to look at the research on RDI (Relationship Development Intervention) therapy within the context of this model. This model will be presented at the next committee meeting.

The committee spent considerable time talking about evaluating treatments that “package components” which may have been evaluated versus evaluating treatments as a “whole.”

Bill reminded the committee that DHS does not endorse any one approach.

Key issues the committee brought up and that will be included in the decision tree model include: 1) Is the proposed treatment directed appropriately towards the population it is targeted for? 2) Is the research independent and peer reviewed? 3) Does the data support a successful intervention and is it favorable for the disorder in question? 4) Does the intervention include the potential for harm?

The committee will review the external validity and other factors of the treatment as well as the subject specificity and the number of studies conducted. Finally, it will include a disclaimer that will indicate no value judgment was in fact implied.

Discussion of Next Steps

Bill asked that a more formal draft of the above criteria/decision making tree be submitted by October 1st. Future meetings will be held on the third or fourth Friday, every three or four months. Tentatively, the next meeting will be held in January, 2012

The meeting ended at approximately 2:50PM.