

**Department of Health Services
Treatment Intervention Advisory Committee (TIAC)**

April 28, 2017
10:00 AM to 12:00 PM
Department of Health Services (DHS)
1 W. Wilson Street, Room B155
Madison, WI 53707

MEETING MINUTES

Committee Members: Jennifer Asmus, Roger Bass, Tia Schultz (via phone), Shannon Stuart (interim chair), Amy Van Hecke (via phone), Julie LaBerge (via phone), Lana Collet-Klingenberg (absent), Jeff Tiger (absent).

DHS Staff: Tabitha Ramminger (DMS – Committee Organizer), Pam Lano (DMS)

Members of the Public: none

1. Welcome

Tabitha Ramminger, DHS/DMS staff to the committee, called meeting to order at 10:04am and welcomed members of the committee. All committee members and DHS staff introduced themselves.

2. Public Testimony

No public testimony was received.

3. Operational

Tabitha reviewed changes to the organizational structure of the Department with regard to the creation of the Division of Medicaid Services. Because of the reorganization, support for the TIAC committee has transitioned to the Bureau of Benefits Management (BBM). Management of the TIAC webpage is still in the process of transitioning to BBM. It will be updated as soon as BBM has access to make updates.

The Department has established a new email address specifically for TIAC-related correspondence, DHSTIAC@wi.gov. Reviewers should send reviews to this address. Providers and other members of the public can send inquiries to this address as well.

The committee reviewed minutes from the meeting held on October 28, 2016. Shannon moved to approve the meeting minutes; Roger seconded. Motion carried.

4. Treatment Reviews

No new therapy reviews were requested for this quarter.

5. Treatment Updates

• **Chelation (Re-review)**

- No new scientific, empirical studies since last review in October 2015
- No updated information related to potential for harm
- Jenny moved to maintain level 5 rating. Shannon seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

- **Equine-Assisted Psychotherapy (Re-review)**
 - No new scientific, empirical studies since last review in 2016
 - Clarified that this review pertains specifically to Equine-Assisted Psychotherapy (EAP) and does not address other types of equine-assisted intervention
 - Shannon moved to maintain level 3 rating. Jenny seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

- **Feldenkrais (Re-review)**
 - No new scientific, empirical studies since last review
 - Updated information appears on www.feldenkrais.com website in the form of anecdotes of practitioners who work with children with autism and special needs
 - Roger moved to maintain level 4 rating. Jenny seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

- **Massage Therapy (Re-review)**
 - No new scientific, empirical studies since last review
 - Clarified that this review pertains specifically to Qigong does not address other types of massage therapy
 - Shannon moved to maintain current ratings (Qigong – level 3, all others - level 4). Roger seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

- **Mendability (Re-review)**
 - Two new studies since last review were located
 - First new study was an extension of a previously reviewed study, and published in a peer-reviewed journal. This study had similar methodological, enrollment, and procedural limitations of the prior study, including nearly 50% attrition of study participants.
 - Second new study was published in a peer-reviewed, open-source journal. This study had a number of limitations in the recruitment, methodology, reporting or results, and data collection.
 - Both studies include significant methodological limitations and do not provide strong empirical evidence of efficacy.
 - Jenny moved to maintain level 4 rating. Shannon seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

- **Sensory Integration Therapy (Re-review)**
 - Two new studies since last review were located
 - First new study was a systematic review that identified numerous methodological shortcoming and equivocal findings.
 - Second study was a review of single-case designs and concluded that there was a lack of convincing evidence for the efficacy of SIT.
 - Both studies conclude that there is not strong empirical evidence of efficacy.
 - Roger moved to maintain level 4 rating. Jenny seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

- **Tomatis Method (Re-review)**
 - One new study since last review was located
 - Reviewers concluded that the research methodology and statistical analysis were inadequate to make a positive case for the use of this method.
 - Shannon moved to maintain level 4 rating. Jenny seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Proposed New Treatments for next meeting

No new treatments have been requested for review by the committee.

7. Updated Reviews for next meeting

- Aromatherapy
- Brain Balance
- Craniosacral
- Higher Brain Living
- Hippotherapy
- PLAY
- TEACCH

Shannon will send out assignments for these reviews.

8. Proposed Agenda Points

The committee discussed modification of the cover page of the review template to include (1) all previous review dates, (2) all previous level ratings, and (3) a checkbox to indicate “no new literature located.”

Roger moved to make these updates to the template. Shannon seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Tabitha advised the committee that, due to cancellation of 2 previously scheduled meetings, there are now 20 modalities that are behind schedule for re-review. She suggested adding a few additional reviews per meeting until the committee catches up.

Alternatively, the committee discussed the option of modifying the current approach to re-reviews. For modalities that have been previously reviewed by the committee and rated a 4 or 5, the committee would evaluate whether any new research has been published since the last review. If not, the most recent review of those modalities would serve as the committee’s standing determination, and the modality would not be reviewed again until or unless requested by the Department or outside entities, such as providers, families, or advocacy groups. If new research has been published, the modality will be included on the schedule for re-review.

Modalities rated 1 thru 3 would continue to be re-reviewed following existing the schedule and procedures.

Motion: Modalities rated 1-3 will stay on the active review cycle. Modalities rated 4-5 will be subject to an initial review and one re-review. Further re-review of level 4 or 5 modalities will continue only if (1) the committee becomes aware of new research, (2) the Department requests re-review, or (3) outside entities request re-review.

Roger made the motion outlines above. Jenny seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Meeting Adjournment

Roger moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:10am. Jenny seconded. Motion carried.