Members attending: Ginger Dearth, Carla Cleek, Teresa Brown, Tiffany Redman, Steven Wheeler, Brad Anderson, Joseph McCagg, Sherry Rockwell (by phone)

Non-members attending: Jennifer Logan, Angela Morales

**WVUCED Updates:**

* Presented by Angela Morales
* **Changes to CED Leadership:** Interim Director - Lesley Cottrell; Interim Assistant Director - Teresa McCourt; and, Interim Co-Program Managers for the TBI program - Angela Morales and Terry Cunningham
* **TBI Federal Grant:**
  + Handout of trainings provided by the federal program and their locations
  + Addition: presentation to doctors during Grand Rounds at Chestnut Ridge
  + TBI Registry
    - For registry, individual must be over 18 years of age, have a Glasgow Coma Scale score of less than 13, and be hospitalized at least 24 hours and be discharged alive
    - Data on registry is two months in arrears
    - Reviewed handout of information that is collected in February from survey sent out after registry information received
  + **Discussion:**
    - whether all hospitals report
    - why the numbers on registry appear to be low
* **TBI State Program:**
  + Fully staffed with six Resource Coordinators (RC) around state
  + 349 active consumers across all RCs
  + Funds For You Program
    - 89 requests submitted and approved to date
    - $123,908.01 approved/awarded for the 89 requests
    - Application Review Team (ART) meetings more efficient with paper review vs. with verbal presentation from RCs
    - TBI Program Assistant Bonnie Hicks was praised for her responsiveness to ART questions and her follow-up
  + **Discussion** regarding:
    - low number of FFY requests given number of active CED consumers
    - low number of new consumers requesting FFY assistance
  + **Discussion** whether FFY can be requested by individuals with SCI
  + **Additional** **funding opportunity:** $200,000 available for individuals with TBI who have extraordinary needs – access directly through Cassandra Toliver

**TBI Waiver Updates:**

* Presented by Jennifer Logan
* 272 individuals have applied for the Waiver by submitting MNER
* 191 determined medically eligible based on Rancho Los Amigos scores and PAS
* As of February 2016, there are 63 active/enrolled program participants
* CMS allocation of slots for this state fiscal year is 74
* Over the next four years, the number of allotted slots approved by CMS decreases: year 2 = 70; year 3 = 66; year 4 = 62; and year 5 = 59
* **Discussion** about eligibility guidelines - nursing home level of care, at least five functional deficits in activities of daily living with expanded consideration of therapy and other needs specified in the waiver manual
* **Discussion** about available services; cognitive rehabilitation eliminated

**Other Discussion:**

* How to determine how many people in the state have TBIs?
  + No database known to be available to get that information easily
    - Where do other states get their information? i.e. where Mary Hass, Advocate in Kentucky, found data for Kentucky Waiver
* How is CED measuring service needs to show effective outcomes?
  + **Discussion** about efficiency and effectiveness of outreach efforts
  + **Discussion** about downward trend for average number of individuals reported on TBI registry
  + **Discussion** about adequacy of current services provided to recipients
* What happened to the Model Plan?
  + Originally developed about 15 years ago
  + Updated a few years ago but not disseminated with updated information

**Action Steps:**

* Inform TB/SCI Fund Board of leadership changes prior to next meeting
* Contact Cassandra Toliver regarding Spinal Cord and FFY
* Follow up with Sherry Rockwell about registry reminder to hospitals
* Find TBI Model Plan, update and disseminate to Board, or possibly schedule another review or update
* **2016 Meetings** will be scheduled from **10:00 AM to Noon**:
  + **May 18**
  + **September 21**
  + **November 16**
  + **Location:** **WVU Extension Office, 4700 MacCorkle Ave., Room 1017, Charleston (Kanawha City)**