

VIRGINIA BIRTH-RELATED NEUROLOGICAL INJURY COMPENSATION PROGRAM


MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING TUESDAY MARCH 11, 2003

Following notice, a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Virginia Birth-Related Neurological Injury Compensation Program was held on Tuesday, March 11, 2003, at the headquarters of the Birth-Related Injury Program.

The following members were present:

Richard Cathey
Melina Perdue RN MBA CNA, Chairperson
John R. Partridge, M.D.
James Ritchie

Others in attendance:

George Deebo, Executive Director
Sharon Payne, Deputy Director
Tracy Hobson, Executive Assistant
Marshall Cook, Hirschler Fleischer, PC
Bill McElway, Richmond Times Dispatch


A quorum was noted and the meeting was called to order.

1. Minutes

The minutes of the February 11, 2003 meeting were reviewed and accepted unanimously.

Change in order of meeting to allow Dalton Family to present housing issue.
Mr. McElway asked to leave at this time.

2. Administrative Issues

Mr. McElway was allowed to return at this time.
The financial reports were reviewed and unanimously accepted.

Advisory Committee recommendations were reviewed and discussed.
Unanimously agreed to incorporate everything except tie downs.

As far as the power tie down on vans, need more information before determination is made to include in the upgrade of base model van. Board asked that staff to keep track of how well each van performs.

Final Handbook Approval – board will review revisions and determine if approval warranted at next board meeting.

Regional Meetings – Dates reviewed by board members to determine if they will be available to attend. Agreed to change Roanoke date as Mr. Ritchie will not be available on May 21, 2003.

Mr. McElway requests response to Kidd case. Advised by Sharon Payne that case was just received by Program 3/11/03, have not had a chance to review.

Mr. McElway leaves meeting.

3. Claimant Issues

██████ – Housing:

██████████ parents recently completed building a handicapped accessible house. They began the house prior to being accepted into the Program. Although the house is complete, they are requesting the Program to assist financially by paying for the portion of the house specifically adapted to ██████.

Board's Response:

Pending building consultant's favorable review and report back, program will pay for request. Anything additional will be brought back to the Board for review. Motion so moved by Dr. Partridge, James Ritchie second the motion. Unanimously accepted.

██████ – Massage Therapy:

Child died two months before admission into the Program. The mother, ██████ has been receiving counseling, which is allowable under our guidelines. Her counselor recommended ██████ also receive massage therapy to “increase the effectiveness” of the counseling. They would like us to pay for the massage therapy. Program staff declined the request.

Board's Response:

Motion to deny request to fund massage therapy to help mother with grief counseling, so moved by James Ritchie. Second by Dr. Partridge. Unanimously agreed.

Motion also made for George Deebo, staff and Marshall Cook to evaluate the need of a policy and creation of a policy. Unanimously agreed.

██████████ – Additional Van

██████████ is requesting the Program provide a second handicapped accessible van. She and her husband are no longer together and she would like each of them to have a van.

Boards response:

Motion made by Richard Cathey to deny request for additional van, Dr Partridge second the motion. Unanimously agreed.

4. Executive Director's Report

George Deebo addressed the Board with a report on the events currently taking place with the Virginia Birth Injury Fund (outline attached)

Other business addressed before the Board included the Legislative Report. Marshall Cook will check status of Governor Warner's office regarding legislation concerning the program and advise Melina Perdue and Dr. Partridge of status.

Motion made by James Ritchie to reflect deep appreciation of Dr. Dunn's participation as a Board Member, second by Dr. Partridge. Letter will be sent out on behalf of the Board thanking Dr. Dunn for his outstanding service.

No further business was introduced and the meeting was adjourned.