

**THI/SCI TRUST FUND
QUARTERLY ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES
May 9, 2013**

Attending Board Members: Anne Olivier, Henry Bateman, Mark Martin, Andrew Kuyoro, Mike Chafetz and Paul Harch.

Agency Staff: Alicia Smith, Valencia Roberts, Sherlyn Sullivan, Kim Sullivan and Hugh Eley.

Public: BIALA's Paul Genco and Tommy Lotz.

Call To Order. The meeting was called to order by Henry Bateman.

Introductions. Board members, BIALA's new Executive Director, Tommy Lotz, and everyone else in attendance introduced themselves.

Minutes. Everyone took a short time to review the minutes from the last meeting held on January 31, 2013. The Board agreed that there were no changes to be made. Mark Martin made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted; seconded by Paul Harch and approved.

Resource Center Updates – Tommy Lotz and Paul Genco.

Tommy Lotz gave updates on the Resource Center. He handed out information including call logs, community outreach activities and other updates. Board members made mention that when we agreed to support BIALA with the Resource Center, they were to inform individuals of the Traumatic Head and Spinal Cord Injury Trust Fund (THSCI) program specifically and foremost and also refer them to our website. The Board agreed that BIALA should provide a copy of the Resource Guide to the trust fund. Paul Genco stated that BIALA is interested in conducting more marketing projects with the trust fund and an in-service. Alicia will provide information and has gotten with Marlene to schedule the in-service. BIALA's contract ends on June 30, 2013. Hugh suggested renewing a short-term contract and completing a new RFI.

PROGRAM UPDATES

Financial Report and 2014 Budget – Alicia Smith.

All of the financial information remained the same as it was when we last met. Mark Martin made a motion to accept the 2014 budget; seconded by Paul Harch and approved.

Program Update – Alicia Smith.

Currently, there are 629 clients actively receiving services through the THSCI program. There are 142 active individuals on the waiting list and 39 have been recently released from the list and opened. There were 28 applications received since last Board meeting – 11 applicants with a traumatic brain injury, 16 with a spinal cord injury and 1 with both injuries. We received 182 responses from validation letters that were sent out.

Proposed Rule Changes – Alicia Smith.

The current rules are what were in effect when the program was under formerly the Department of Social Services (DSS), which were presented at the meeting for clarification and updating and which now need to coincide with the Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH). As the present statute is written, some of the rules cannot not be changed without changing the statute. Some of these were discussed and commented on by the Board.

Paul Harch proposed and so moved to change the definitions in the rule for the next meeting; seconded by Andrew and approved.

Public Comment. There was no public comment.

Advisory Board Appeal Hearings. The Board voted to go into Executive Session.

Adjourn. Paul Harch made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Andrew and approved.

**THE DATE OF THE NEXT TH/SCI ADVISORY BOARD MEETING IS
August 8, 2013 and begins at 10:00 a.m. held at PACE, 7436 Bishop Ott Dr.,
Baton Rouge, LA 70806.**

Respectfully submitted,
Valencia Roberts, Admin. Prog. Spec.

2013 Dates for TH/SCI Trust Fund Board Meetings*
10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

January 31, 2013
May 9, 2013
August 8, 2013
November 14, 2013

***PACE, located at 7436 Bishop Ott Dr, Baton Rouge 70806. Conference room has been reserved for all 2013 meetings.**