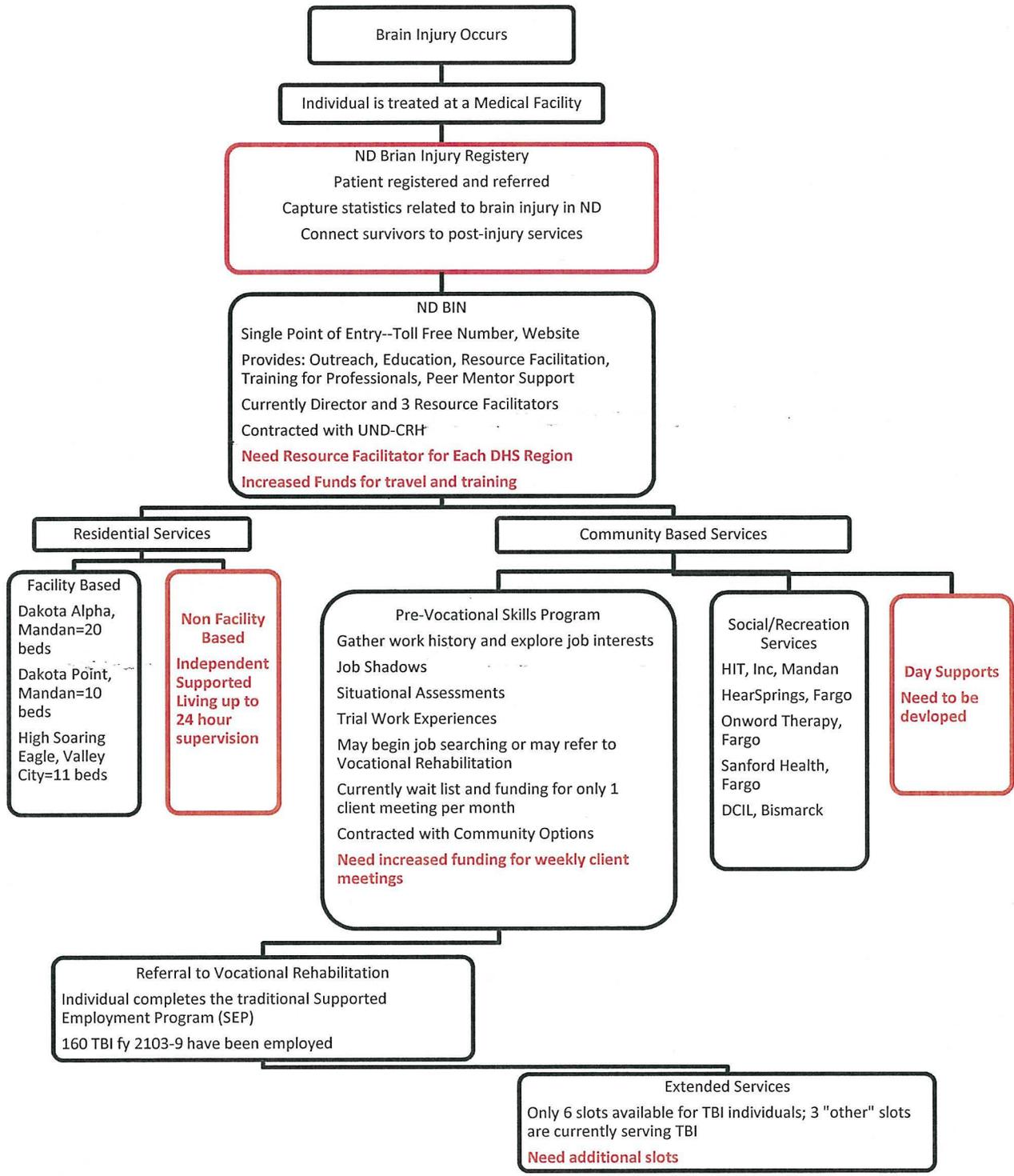


Public Testimony
Study on System of Care for Individuals with Brain Injury
Interim Human Services Committee April 9, 2014
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Chairman Damschen and other members of the Committee. I am Rebecca Quinn and serve as the program director for brain injury programs at the Center for Rural Health, University of North Dakota. My testimony today is on behalf of the individuals and families impacted by brain injury.

You have heard me testify numerous times regarding the needs of individuals with brain injury in North Dakota. Today I want to talk about solutions. I have included a simplified diagram outlining what services are currently available in black and recommended solutions in red.

I am also available to answer any questions regarding the North Dakota Brain Injury Network that Ms. Wagner testified on earlier. The Center for Rural Health was awarded this contract in August of 2013 and I serve as the program director for the project.



Brain Injury Occurs

Individual is treated at a Medical Facility

ND Brian Injury Registry
 Patient registered and referred
 Capture statistics related to brain injury in ND
 Connect survivors to post-injury services

ND BIN
 Single Point of Entry--Toll Free Number, Website
 Provides: Outreach, Education, Resource Facilitation,
 Training for Professionals, Peer Mentor Support
 Currently Director and 3 Resource Facilitators
 Contracted with UND-CRH
 Need Resource Facilitator for Each DHS Region
 Increased Funds for travel and training

Residential Services

Community Based Services

Facility Based
 Dakota Alpha, Mandan=20 beds
 Dakota Point, Mandan=10 beds
 High Soaring Eagle, Valley City=11 beds

Non Facility Based
 Independent Supported
 Living up to 24 hour supervision

Pre-Vocational Skills Program
 Gather work history and explore job interests
 Job Shadows
 Situational Assessments
 Trial Work Experiences
 May begin job searching or may refer to Vocational Rehabilitation
 Currently wait list and funding for only 1 client meeting per month
 Contracted with Community Options
 Need increased funding for weekly client meetings

Social/Recreation Services
 HIT, Inc, Mandan
 HearSprings, Fargo
 Onword Therapy, Fargo
 Sanford Health, Fargo
 DCIL, Bismarck

Day Supports
 Need to be developed

Referral to Vocational Rehabilitation
 Individual completes the traditional Supported Employment Program (SEP)
 160 TBI fy 2103-9 have been employed

Extended Services
 Only 6 slots available for TBI individuals; 3 "other" slots are currently serving TBI
 Need additional slots