***Attendees:***

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| ***Name*** | ***Representing*** | ***Attended*** |
| Berlow, Bob | MDLC | Yes |
| Blackfield, Anne | Staff | Yes |
| Carney, Joan | Guest | Yes |
| Chang, Mark S (Delegate) | Guest | Yes |
| Elinoff, Laurie | Individual with TBI | Yes |
| Hutchinson-Troyer, Linda | BIAM | Yes |
| Kerrigan, Martin | Individual with TBI | Yes |
| Kirtz, Terry | Family Member | Yes |
| Mays, Carol | MIEMSS | Yes |
| O'Dea, Stefani | BHA | Yes |
| Pugh, Bryan | BIAM | Yes |
| Roher, Dawn | Guest | Yes |
| Starr, Caitlin | Guest | Yes |
| Watrous, Cari | MDOD | Yes |
| Waldstreicher, Jeff | General Assembly | Yes (morning) |

***Absentees:***

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| Anyadike, Grace | ADAA |  | Furman, Janet | DDA |
| Baldwin, Angela | Individual with TBI |  | Harman, Pamela | Professional |
| Boone, Judy | DORS |  | King, Nancy Senator | General Assembly (ex-officio) |
| Caughlan, Jan | Professional |  | Lauterbach, Margo | Professional |
| Cernich, Alison | NIH |  | Hartman, Paul | Individual with TBI |
| Coppinger, Mary Lou | Family Member |  | Helfrich, Marny | MSDE |
| Danzler, Joyce | Injury Prevention |  |  |  |
| Davis, Corey | Individual with TBI |  | Marion, Nikisha | BHA |
| Deely Wood, Christine | Family Member |  | McElwee, Jamie | Professional |
| Eisenberg, Norma | Family member |  |  |  |
| Farmer, Denise | OHS |  | Walker-Pittman, Adrienne | Individual with TBI |
| Foxwell, Raymond | Law Enforcement |  | Williamson, Patricia | Children's Medical Svc |

***I.*** ***Call to order:***

Meeting was called to order by Martin Kerrigan at 11:02 and meeting attendees introduced themselves. The agenda was amended to include a visit from Delegate Mark Chang, who is going to provide an overview of HB 29, “the Concussion Bill”.

***II.*** ***S.A.F.E. Subcommittee:***

No report. The SAFE committee did not meet today.

***III.*** ***Partner Sharing:***

Martin Kerrigan, Linda Hutchinson-Troyer, and Cari Watrous shared at the March meeting.

Mary Lou Coppinger and Jan Caughlan volunteered to share at the May meeting.

***IV.*** ***Board Operating Guidelines:***

Terry Kirtz has put together a draft. The draft was disseminated and reviewed at the meeting. Since most members were not able to attend this meeting, the draft will be emailed to the Board and reviewed and finalized at the May meeting.

***V.*** ***TBI Awareness Day:***

The meet and greet with legislators, hosted by Delegate Waldstreicher and the Brain Injury Association of Maryland was well attended. There was lots of traffic throughout the morning. Holding this event in the House building rather than the Senate building seems to have made the difference. Many legislators attended as well as many of their aids. The BIAMD kept a sign in sheet. Several Delegates expressed personal experiences with mild brain injury. Several board members scheduled meetings with legislators to personally share the TBI Advisory Board report recommendations.

***VI: Legislative Overview- Anne Blackfield:***

The Maryland Department of Disabilities (MDOD) tracks State legislation that has an impact on Marylanders with disabilities. This is Anne’s responsibility at MDOD. There is a list of Bills that MDOD is monitoring on MDOD’s website: <http://mdod.maryland.gov/news/Pages/2016legislation.aspx>

MDOD cannot always take a positon on each bill but they monitor them.

Anne provided updates on the status of some of the bills MDOD is currently tracking.

She is willing to present her lessons learned regarding moving legislation at a future Board meeting.

Delegate Mark Change attended the meeting briefly and provided a summary of HB 29 which requires the State Board of Education to establish specified penalties for a violation of specified provisions of law relating to concussions and head injuries; requiring a local board of education to suspend a coach who violates specified provisions of law relating to the removal from play of a student who is suspected of sustaining a concussion or other head injury in a practice or game and the return to play of the student; providing the opportunity for a coach to appeal the decision of the county board to the State Board; etc.

Discussion of legislative priorities for 2017 include a review of 2016 legislation that does not pass but may be reintroduced and opportunities to partners with sponsors.

***VIII: Board Comments:***

Brain Injury Awareness day on Capitol Hill is scheduled for Wednesday March 16th.

Subcommittee leads should schedule meetings prior to the May meeting. The Education subcommittee may want to reach out to Del Luedtke to assist with Education recommendation.

The Brain Injury Association of Maryland currently utilizes Sales Force software to track calls and information and assistance provided by their organization. Sales force data analysis should be available this summer. This data may be a good needs analysis for Marylanders with brain injury and would be good to include in the 2016 report.

The May meeting will be held on May 11th at the Maryland Department of Transportation and the agenda will include:

* Partner sharing; Mary Lou Coppinger and Jan Caughlin
* Chairperson election
* Review and approval of Board operating guidelines
* Strategic Planning; March deadlines and continuing discussion on Goal 3
* Subcommittees updates

***IX: Adjournment:***

Meeting adjourned at 1:03pm.