

Traumatic Brain Injury Advisory Board
Board Meeting Minutes
January 11, 2017

Attendees:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Attended</u>
Bastenelli, Sandra	Individual with TBI	Yes
Berlow, Bob	DRM	Yes
Carney, Joan	BIAMD	Yes
Edmonston, Anastasia	Guest	Yes
Eisenberg, Norma	Family Member	Yes
Elinoff, Laurie	Individual with TBI	Yes
Farmer, Denise	OHS	Yes
Fick, Nathaniel	Guest	Yes (by phone)
Furman, Janet	DDA	Yes (by phone)
Harman, Pamela	Professional	Yes (by phone)
Hartman, Paul	Individual with TBI	Yes (by phone)
Helfrich, Marny	MSDE	Yes
Hutchinson-Troyer, Linda	BIAM	Yes
Kerrigan, Martin	Individual with TBI	Yes
Marion, Nikisha	BHA	Yes (by phone)
Mays, Carole	MIEMSS	Yes
O'Dea, Stefani	BHA	Yes
Pugh, Bryan	BIAM	Yes
Rhinehart Mello, Catherine	Guest	Yes
Rivera, Linnette	MDOD	Yes
Roher, Dawn	Guest	Yes
Ruff, Melissa	Family Member	Yes
Schoenbrodt, Lisa	Guest	Yes (by phone)
Starr, Caitlin	Guest	Yes
Synovec, Caitlin	Guest	Yes
Walderstreicher, Delegate Jeff	General Assembly	Yes (Representative by phone)
Weaver, Buddy	Family Member	Yes (by phone)

Absentees:

Boone, Judy	DORS	King, Nancy Senator	General Assembly
Cernich, Alison	NIH	Lauterbach, Margo	Professional
		Mosko, Raymond	Family Member
Danzler, Joyce	Injury Prevention	Peterson, Keisha	OGCSHCN
Davis, Corey	Individual with TBI		
Foxwell, Raymond	Law Enforcement	Walker-Pittman, Adrienne	Individual with TBI
		Watrous, Cari	MDOD

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		Deeley Wood, Christine	Family Member
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I. Call to order:

Meeting was called to order at 1:07 and meeting attendees introduced themselves.

II. Approval of Meeting Minutes:

A motion was made to approve the November meeting minutes. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

III. S.A.F.E. Subcommittee:

Discussions included:

- individuals with TBI may also be experiencing PTSD and professionals should keep that in mind.
- staffing is difficult for the Self Directions Waiver
- training of direct care staff
- obtaining an accurate count of incidences of brain injury in Maryland
- identifying brain injury in students in the public school system.

IV. Partner Sharing:

Joan Carney shared information about her role as Education Evaluator at Kennedy Krieger Institute. Melissa Ruff will share at the March meeting and Keisha Peterson will share at the May meeting.

V. 2016 Annual Report:

It was suggested that there should be a priority ask during the legislative session. After a lengthy discussion it was decided to focus on Recommendation I: *All Maryland schools should appropriately screen for and identify children and youth with brain injuries*. The Education subcommittee will meet within the next couple of weeks to determine the exact details of the ask. Martin will reach out to Delegate Luetke for his input and possibly arrange attendance at the committee meeting.

Lisa and Melissa volunteered to be on the Education subcommittee.

VI. Planning for March Brain Injury Awareness Day:

The Brain Injury Awareness Day will be on March 1st in Annapolis, beginning at 8:00 a.m. and the Board meeting will start at 11:00 a.m. Lisa offered to help with introductions to delegates as her son is Chief of Staff to Bob Flannigan. Bryan will have an intern coordinate travel plans.

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VII: New Business/Announcements:

- TBI Hill day will be held on March 22nd in DC and is sponsored by Congressional Brain Injury Task Force, NASHIA (Stefani is now president), and BIAA.
- Brain Injury Association of Maryland conference will be held on March 23-24 at the Radisson Hotel in Timonium. There will be a wide array of topics and speakers. Scholarships are available and MSDE has provided a grant for an overnight stay for any public school system employee who lives more than 50 miles from Timonium. CEUs will also be available.
- Bryan encouraged the Board to read the Five Thoughts Friday blog on the BIAM website
- Partnership for Independence is an annual award given to an individual with a brain injury, a caregiver, professional and an advocate. The nomination forms are on the website.
- There is a support group at Kernan Hospital that meets at 6:00 p.m. on the third Monday of every month for individuals with brain injury who are also struggling with substance abuse.
- Caitlin Synovec will present Homelessness and Brain Injury at the May meeting

VIII: Meeting Schedule:

March 1st (Annapolis), May 10th, July 12th, September 20th and November 8th.

IX: Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 2:53 p.m.

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Summary of Action Steps:

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Discussion</i>	<i>Action to be Taken</i>	<i>Responsible</i>	<i>Planned Completion</i>	<i>Status</i>
Summary of action steps.	Create a table at the end of the minutes with summary of action steps	Set reminders in Google calendar to follow up with Board members on assigned Action Steps	Stefani	Ongoing	
Partner Sharing follow-up.		Presentation by Jan Caughlan about Healthcare for the Homeless	Jan Caughlan	At future Board Meeting	
Executive Committee		Form an Executive Committee	Board chair and staff	November 2016	
Partner Sharing Follow-up		Presentation on ABLE Account	Anne Blackfield	At future Board meeting	
Partner Sharing		Melissa Ruff		March Board Meeting	
Partner Sharing		Keisha Peterson		May Board meeting	
Legislative Session	Focus on Priority ask: Recommendation 1	Meet to determine exact details of the ask	Education Committee	February 1	
Legislative Session	Focus on priority ask: Recommendation 1	Reach out to Delegate Luetke for input	Martin	Prior to Education Committee Meeting	
		Presentation on Homelessness and Brain Injury	Caitlin Synovec	May 10 th meeting	