

Traumatic Brain Injury Advisory Board
Board Meeting Minutes
May 8th, 2019

Attendees:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Attended</u>
Baldwin, Jeronica	OHS	Yes
Bastinelli, Sandra	Survivor	Yes
Cadenhead, Larry	Family Member	Yes
Edmonston, Stasia	Guest	Yes
Gallagher, Amanda	Professional	Yes
Gallup, Tom	Family Member	Yes
Harman, Pamela	Professionals VA	Phone
Hartman, Paul	Survivor	Phone
Helfrich, Marny	NISDE – BDEI-SES	Yes
Hutchinson, Marlana	Guest	Yes
Jayes, Arin	BIAMD/Guest	Yes
Jones, Alisa	Guest	Yes
Lowrey, Kerri	Network for PHL - UMD	Yes
Kerrigan, Martin	BIAMD	Yes
Marion, Nikisha	Staff/BHA	Yes
Mays, Carole	MIEMSS	Yes
Melcavage, Kara	Survivor/Family Member	Yes
Nesbitt, Jessica	BIAMD/Guest	Yes
O'Dea, Stefani	BHA	Yes
Pugh, Bryan	BIAMD	Yes
Rinehart-Mello, Catherine	BIAMD/Guest	Yes
Robb-McGrath, Kirsten	Dept. of Disabilities	Yes
Starr, Caitlin	BIAMD/Guest	Yes
Thomas, Steven	AA County Police Crisis Resp.	Yes
Torton, Brooke	LRC - UMD	Yes

Absentees:

Berlow, Bob	MDLC		Boone, Jody	DORS
Carney, Joan	BIAMD		Cernich, Alison (ex-officio)	NIH
Eastman, Jennifer	MDOD		Danzler, Joyce	Injury Prevention
Elinoff, Laurie	Survivor		Eisenberg, Norma	Family Member
Gordon, Benny	Survivor		Furman, Janet	DDA
Nancy J King	General Assembly		Hutchinson-Troyer, Linda	BIAMD
Schoenbrodt, Lisa	Professional		Ruff, Melissa	Family Member
			Walker-Pittman, Adrienne	Survivor

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I. Call to order:

Meeting was called to order at 1:05 PM and meeting attendees introduced themselves.

II. Partner Sharing (5 Minutes Each):

No was scheduled for Partner Sharing for May.

Volunteers for July's Meeting

- Jess Nesbitt
- Marny Helfrich

Partner Sharing Synopsis

- You do not have to be a board member to volunteer for partner sharing.
- The partner should share who they are, what they do, and how it relates to BI.

III. Special Announcement – Presentation of The Alicia Cignatta Spirit of Independence Award to Tom Gallup

Tom has a tireless devotion to his son and individuals with TBI's with lasting consequences. Tom works full-time job while caring for his son and advocating for himself and others who have been impacted by severe TBIs. Tom recently started a nationwide support group for caregivers of individuals with severe TBIs. They Uses zoom room to allow access for individuals all over the country. Martin presents award and Tom handed out brochures about support group to the board. Referrals to the support group can be submitted to Tom.

IV. Approval of January Meeting Minutes

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

V. Safe Subcommittee Update (Martin)

The Safe Subcommittee Meeting met this afternoon. They talked about the report and if there was anything that needed to be added or changed.

Subcommittee Recommendations to the Board

- ***Long Term Data:*** There is a need for long term data for individuals that have been surviving and living with brain injuries for 10-20 years post injury. We also must find better ways to gather data.
- ***Better Educating Hospital Case Managers about the Waiver:*** They recommend improving dissemination of information regarding the waiver to providers, specifically hospitals.

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- ***Pursuing a Trust Fund Line Item:*** They wonder if it would be possible to recommend a line item to seek additional funding for the trust fund. What are the steps to do that?
- ***Appointments:*** The TBI Advisory Board currently has an opening in the House of Delegates. Stefani agrees to email Kim Bernardi who handles all the appointments and she would communicate with the new speaker of the house and contact the senate.

VI. Chairperson Election

Martin Kerrigan was unanimously nominated for Chairperson for the upcoming year. No oppositions and no other nominations were put forward to the board.

VII. Presentation - The Network for Public Health Law and The Legal Resource Center for Public Health and Policy

The Legal Resource Center for Public Health and Policy

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- Assists legislators, government agencies, health departments and NGOs interested in effecting policy change at the state and local level
- Founded in 2001 as a partnership between UM School of Law, MDH and Maryland Office of the Attorney General
- LRC Policy supports include:
 - Legislative drafting assistance
 - Written and oral testimony
 - Responding to questions from legislators, proponents and opponents
 - Legislative Tracking
 - Interpret federal, state and local laws affecting an issue
 - Identify potential obstacles to policy implementation and solutions to the obstacles
- LRC provides pro bono legal assistance for
 - Legislators
 - Health officials
 - Government attorneys
 - NGOs
 - Individual Citizens
- LRC Focus areas include
 - State/local legislation
 - Injury Prevention
 - Tobacco Regulation
 - Obesity Prevention
 - Gambling

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- Local Authority
- Sports and Recreational Injury
 - Return to play, return to school
 - School nurses role in TBI Identification and monitoring
 - Bike Helmets
 - ATV (helmet laws, age restrictions)
 - Motorcycle helmet laws
 - Intentional injury and interpersonal violence

The Network of Public Health Law

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- NPHL promotes health and health equity through law and policy.
- Connects and serves individuals and orgs committed to applying the law to improve public health.
- Goal is to create a network of public health experts throughout the country, so that we're not constantly reinventing the wheel.
- Funded by The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation since 2010 to increase the use and effectiveness of public health laws in protecting, promoting, and improving public health
- Primary functions of NPHL
 - Technical Assistance – take a lot of emails through our website and emails from people we've gotten through events like this, outreach, phone calls, experienced with fielding difficult questions
 - Proactive Deliverables – have a suite of products on TBI (fact sheets, issue briefs, webinars, 50-state compilations, blog, updates, and alerts)
 - Goal is to create a network of public health experts in public health law so that we're not constantly reinventing the wheel all over the country.
 - Knowledge base
 - Create a network of experts

Which organization to contact:

- If you have a Maryland specific question or a question that relates to the legislature or general assembling in Maryland, contact LRC, because NPHL is 100% network funded and cannot do any lobbying. LRC is able to get more involved.
- If your question is related to TBI policy enacted in other states or return to play or return to school laws, contact NPHL
- Both orgs are in frequent contact so can coordinate and refer to each other.

VII. Federal TBI Grant update- Anastasia Edmonston

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Year one is ending at the end of May. Stasia distributes three-page summary activities since March. Final report for the year will be distributed at next Advisory Board Meeting in July. Will probably be another stakeholders meeting in July or August to talk about year two of grant.

Conferences

- Child and Adolescent
 - Stasia spoke with Joan Carney.
- Behavioral Health Administration Conference
 - Martin was the closer for a panel about Returning to Post Secondary Ed
- Plenary at the Peer Conference
 - Next week Stasia will be joining Mary Pat Collins and daughter to give a plenary.
- Crisis Intervention Team Statewide Conference
 - Presented early this week
 - Stasia and Megan Holloway (Howard County Officer) had a whole hour to talk about brain injury and what CIT coordinators need to teach officers.

Train the Trainer

- Stasia did a train the trainer for the CIT quarterly meeting.
- Manual is in the final stages of editing
- Once finished it will be disseminated throughout the country so that other states can use and adapt it to their trainings.
- Waystation in Hagerstown is going to be starting CIT classes in Washington County
- Stasia asked to integrate brain injury into Waystation's training.

Opioids and Brain Injury – Two New Fact Sheets

- Handout by Dr. John Corrigan and Dr. Rachel Adams at Brandeis.
 - Three pager for behavioral health professionals and other professionals about the connection between opioids and traumatic brain injury.
- Jess Nesbitt's Handout
 - Handout for families and caregivers about opioids and brain injury
 - Stasia and Jess will pilot it with the caregiver support group at UMROI.
 - Will be eliciting their feedback as well as a few other support groups

Overdose Fatality Review Data

- Stasia revised brain injury to give overdose fatality review teams tools to identify and record that a decedent had a brain injury
- Want to provide more targeted support and accommodations to overdose survivors.

V. Legislative Updates

Better Screening for Students with Brain Injury – Martin Kerrigan

- Bill was introduced this year mirroring last years' bill
- It passed house but committee voted it down.
- Martin spoke with Senator Waldstreicher and his chief of staff Dwayne about three weeks ago to brainstorm about what happened

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- Waldstreicher feedback's was that the the bill was written as a study and most studies were voted down.
- Martin is going to set up appointment for the end of May/early June to discuss next steps moving forward.
- There is a need to educate the senate committee.
- Martin asks Board if we should keep the same recommendation or ask for more. Education subcommittee needs to make a recommendation to full board.

Budget Line – Bryan Pugh

- We have had meetings about trying to enhance knowledge of the DMV box check.
- BIAMD is working on creating PSA's to raise awareness about the trust fund.
- Getting a Budget line is the best way to get solid funding that we can build on.
- This budget line could help support the sustainability of case management services.
- We can use the awareness we have built to capture legislative attention.

Medicaid Rate Increases - Marlana Hutchinson

- On July 1st, 2019, there will be a 3% rate increase in rates for home and community based services.
- Beginning fiscal year July 2021, there will be a minimum 4% rate each year up through fiscal year 2026 on all home and community-based services
- As a result of last year's legislative session, Medicaid studied nursing rates (LPN rates in particular) which resulted in house bill 1696
- Maryland is moving into a mild recession, so it is at the Governor's discretion to approve rates beyond the 4%

VIII. Maryland Brain Injury Trust Fund Updates- BHA & MDOT

Trust Fund Committee Meeting Update – Stefani O'dea and others

- Those who expressed interest were invited to participate in the first Trust Fund Advisory Committee Meeting last week through zoom room.
- There will be another one in a month or two.
- We reviewed the law itself, which establishes which services this law can fund.
- Reviewed the revenue to date which is just over \$3,000.
- Martin asks if it would help us get more money if we tell them specifically how much money we need?
- Stefani agrees and that there are moving parts including how many people need services.
- Tom suggests the committee look to what other states are doing with their funds.

ISS Services as a Trust Fund Service – Stefani O'dea

- Explains Individual Support Services, current waiver service-the service extends beyond case management and assists with many non-nursing tasks include groceries, organization, billing, etc.
- It has a wide variety of uses because it is so broad.
- Could use it for people who don't qualify for it under the waiver
- Downside of it is that the rate for that service is too low

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- It needs to be high enough to support the supervision of the paraprofessional, but right now it would just cover the services

IX. 2019 Annual Report Planning

Responses from BIAMD's Policy Survey – Stefani O’dea, Catherine Mello, and others

- Underneath each bullet point are any feedback about these items.
- Reminder that the time to make suggestions to the annual report is now, not September.
- We only have a couple more meetings left until the September meeting.
- Tom suggests advertising the waiver and other resources in Maryland hospitals
- Bryan and Caitlin agree; suggest satellite days to set up shop at different clinics and do trainings for staff or families that want to attend
- Larry talks about the struggles that families experience after brain injury
- Amanda talks about how difficult it is for families to find resources and case management after their loved one has left rehab
- Stefani suggests a presentation on Maryland Access Point about this
- Brian discusses prior information program with the Department of Health
- Martin proposes deadline so we have a rough draft to review in July
- The Annual Report is due Nov 30th but by Sept 30th we should have a rock-solid draft
- Board Members must fill out survey by the end of June with any last additions and this will be used to create draft report

X. New business/ Board Member announcements

XI: Remaining 2019 TBI Advisory Board Meeting Dates are as follows

- July 10, 2019
 - September 11, 2019
 - November 13, 2019
- Location: MD Department of Transportation 1-3pm with SAFE subcommittee meeting at noon prior to each meeting

Blue Crabs for Brain Injury - September 8, 2019 - 1pm-4pm

- Join us for a great afternoon/evening of food, fellowship, and fund-raising at one of Baltimore's Best Taphouses. All proceeds go to support the Maryland Brain Injury Family Helpline, which provides information, assistance, and support to Maryland families dealing with the devastating effects of brain injury.
- Key Brewery Taphouse - 2500 Grays Road Dundalk, MD 21222

Scarecrow Classic 5K

UMBC Commons – 1000 Hilltop Circle, Baltimore, MD 21250
(More information forthcoming). Check www.biamd.org

XII. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 3:03 PM

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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>
Subcommittee Findings	Need new House of Delegates Representative	Stefani agrees to email Kim Bernardi who handles all the appointments	Stefani	By July Board Meeting	
Grant	Summary of year one of grant ending	Final report for the year to be distributed at next board meeting	Stasia	By July Board Meeting	
TBI Screening	Senator Waldstreicher made recommendations for how to help bill move forward.	Martin is going to set up appointment for the end of May/early June to discuss next steps moving forward.	Martin	By July Board Meeting	
Policy Survey	Amanda talks about how difficult it is for families to find resources/case management post rehab	Stefani suggests a presentation on Maryland Access Point to talk about that so people know what it is	Stefani		
Annual Report	Martin proposes a deadline to have a rough draft to review in July	Board Members should fill out that survey by the end of June with specific information you would like to add.	Everyone	July Board meeting	
Partner Sharing	Jess Nesbitt and Marny Helfrich volunteered to share	Prepare partner sharing for July	Jess Nesbitt Marny Helfrich	July Board meeting	

Minutes Submitted by Arin Jayes, BIAMD