

TBI Advisory Board Workgroup Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

A TBI Advisory Board Workgroup Meeting was held on Wednesday, April 28, 2021 via Zoom. Terri Imus called the meeting to order at 10:05 A.M and introductions were made. Previous meeting minutes from January 26, 2021 were approved.

Attendees

Kim Lamb, MS (Assistant Director of Programs, TBI State Partnership Program, UAMS)
Terri Imus, RN, BSN (Director of Operations, Trauma Telemedicine Coordinator, IDHI, UAMS)
Amy Moses, M.S. Ed (Program Manager, IDHI, UAMS)
Edith Bennett (Administrative Coordinator, IDHI, UAMS)
Renee Joiner, RN (Director of Operations, Stroke and Trauma Programs, IDHI, UAMS)
Daniel Bercher, PhD, NRP, CBIS (Assistant Director, TRRP, UAMS)
Kristen Alexander, MPH, MPS (Health Educator, Trauma Rehabilitation Resources Program, UAMS)
Amber Watson, MBA (Administrative Coordinator, TRRP, UAMS)
Edward Williams, RN, BSN, CBIS (Nurse Educator, TRRP, UAMS)
Amy Goddard, MS, OTR/L, CBIS (Consultant for Students with Brain Injury, Arkansas Department of Education)
Kim Knight (Guest, Person Living with TBI)
Jim Mather, PhD (Executive Director, AR Sources)
Valerie Oji, MD (Director, Innovative Pharm & Consulting; Associate Professor, Harding University)
Joe Page III, MSCJ (Warden, Arkansas Department of Correction, Person Living with TBI)
Susan Pierce (Director of Policy and Planning, Disability Rights Arkansas)
FranSha' Anderson, MBA, DD (Executive Director, Arkansas State Independent Living Council)
Stacy Gravett, MA, CRC (Vocational Rehab Counselor, Arkansas Rehabilitation Services)
Jim Drake (Miracles for Mary, parent & caregiver of person living with TBI)
Dan Parker (Retired RN, Parent & caregiver of person living with TBI)
Gigi Parker (Retired SLP, Parent & caregiver of person living with TBI)
Bret McCormick (Guest)
Mike Fohner (Guest)
Josh Fohner (Guest)
Judy Dettmer (Director of Strategic Partnerships, NASHIA & TA Consultant for TBI TARC)

TBI SPP Update

Amy Moses gave the TBI SPP Update.

End of Grant Cycle/Grant Renewal

- Grant ends on May 31
- Plans to reapply before May 27
- Would like to extend what is currently being done with the grant including:
 - Pursuing a case management program
 - Forming a TBI Advisory Board
 - Forming a waiver/trust fund
 - Reaching out and providing resources to people living with brain injury in the state of Arkansas
- Grant funding amount was increased but unsure if we will qualify for the higher amount.

Proclamation for Brain Injury Awareness Month

- Arkansas Brain Injury Awareness Month is annually in March
- Signed on March 5 by the Governor

Virtual Event

- TBI Resource Workshop Agenda
 - Friday, April 30 at 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM
- 2021 Arkansas Trauma Rehabilitation Symposium
 - Wednesday, May 19 – 21, 2021 at 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Formal Advisory Board

- Currently have an Advisory Board Workgroup
- No new appointment with new boards or commission from the Governor
- Looking for official members of formal board for TBI
 - Comprised
 - People living with TBI (50% membership)
 - Family member(s) of individuals with TBI
 - Representation from Center of Independent Living and/or the State Independent Living Council
 - Aging and Disability Resource Center (if one exists within your states)
 - Protection & Advocacy agency in your state
 - Long-term care ombudsman in your state
 - TBI Model System Center (if one exists within your state)

Guest Speakers

Mike and Josh Fohner:

- Mike Fohner is current caregiver for Josh Fohner who is living with a TBI.
- On September 27th, Josh was struck by a vehicle while biking home from his morning workout. Josh suffered severe injuries from the impact, including a traumatic brain injury.
- Tours
 - The All in Tour
 - Begins in Buena Vista, Co on June 11th
 - End in Springdale, AR on July 1st
 - Total Miles: 904
 - Ride for Hope
 - Begins Thursday, July 1, 2021 at 10:00 AM at Bentonville Square in Bentonville, AR
 - Ends at Lewis and Clark in Springdale, AR
 - Total Miles: 28
- <https://www.allinforjosh.org/>

Judy Dettmer (Director of Strategic Partnerships with NASHIA & TA Consultant with TBI TARC)

- Building Infrastructure Through Partnerships and Champions
 - NASHIA
 - Resource and Information
 - Training and Professional Development
 - Connections
 - State and National Trends
 - Advocacy
 - Core Elements for Successful State Program
 - Self-advocate led advisory boards or council

- Commitment and investment from lead state agency
- State plan based on assessment of needs
- Public/private partnership (Champions)

TBI Registry

Dr. Daniel Bercher provided an update for the TBI Registry and Support Group Collaboration

Registry upgrades:

- Counties get populated automatically
- Flag deceased
- Reporting able to pull down a mailing list
- Administrative: compliance

Virtual Support Group with Sources:

- Dr. NeCol Whitehead leads support group
- Persons living with a TBI: Every Tuesday from 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM
- Caregivers: Every First Monday of every month from 2:30 PM – 3:30 PM

Adjournment

The next TBI Advisory Board Workgroup Meeting will be held in July. Meeting adjourned at 11:41 AM.