

TBI Advisory Board Workgroup Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

A TBI Advisory Board Workgroup Meeting was held on Tuesday, November 2, 2021 via Zoom. Dr. Daniel Bercher called the meeting to order at 10:02 A.M and introductions were made. Previous meeting minutes were approved.

Attendees

Renee Joiner, RN, BSN (Director of Operations, Stroke and Trauma Programs, IDHI, UAMS)
 Daniel Bercher, PhD, NRP, CBIS (Assistant Director, TRRP, UAMS)
 Amy Moses, M.S.Ed (Program Manager, IDHI, UAMS)
 Amber Watson, MBA (Administrative Coordinator, TRRP, UAMS)
 Edward Williams, RN, BSN, CBIS (Nurse Educator, TRRP, UAMS)
 Charlotte Bishop (State Long Term Care Ombudsman, AR Division of Aging and Adult Services)
 Cara Crews (Person Living with TBI, Advocate)
 Cassandra Daugherty (Person Living with TBI, advocate, Counselor, Arkansas Rehabilitation Services)
 Amy Goddard, MS, OTR/L, CBIS (Consultant for Students with Brain Injury, Arkansas Department of Education)
 Stacy Gravett, MA, CRC (Rehab Counselor, Supportive Employment, Arkansas Rehabilitation Services)
 Keith Handcock (Person Living with TBI, Advocate)
 Laura Haskett (Person Living with TBI, Advocate)
 Tracy Hobbs (Law Enforcement, Building non-profit for TBIs and PTSD)
 Steven Long (Program Coordinator, ICAN)
 Josh Moody (Person living with TBI, Web Developer, Entrepreneur)
 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)
 Morgan Purkiss, PT (Therapy Coordinator, EasterSeals Arkansas)
 Tony Thornton (Person living with TBI, Advocate)
 Constance Tullis, LMSW (Person Living with TBI, Advocate)
 Gordon Xiong (Guest, Advocate)

TBI SPP Update

Amy Moses and Dr. Daniel Bercher gave the TBI SPP Update.

- No Cost Extension
 - On track with deliverables
 - TBI Resource Workshop will be held on Thursday, November 4, 2021
- ACL Grant
 - Add case management to improve existing resource facilitation
 - Position has been listed, hope to be filled beginning of 2022
 - This person would be 100% dedicated to resource facilitation
- Advisory Board
 - Hope to make progress on assembling this board soon
 - Now in a good position to fully form this committee and create bylaws
 - Goal is to have up and running by the beginning of 2022
- Return to Learn
 - Amy Goddard has been making substantial progress in getting this program up and running
 - Mild/concussions are the most prevalent category of brain injury.

- Has worked on a multidisciplinary focus document that provides guidance for navigating returning to school following a concussion
 - Guidance for athletic and academic school teams, medical providers, families and students
 - Based on NASHIA format
 - Will develop modules for people to get information in a webinar format
 - Will be Arkansas focused, scheduled to be out in the Spring
- Return to Play Protocol – one page sheet that each state has that gives directions how to safely integrate an athlete back into their sport
 - Asked the Arkansas Activities Association (AAA) to include the Return to Learn information on the back side of the document so both topics are covered
 - AAA agreed to add this information.
- Mild TBI Outreach Campaign
 - Mild TBI surveillance system
 - Will have access to mild TBIs via the SHARE program (a statewide patient information system) in order to be able to reach out to offer assistance
- Respite Care
 - A need for many caregivers of persons living with brain injury
 - Potentially will receive funds from DHS to facilitate respite through an organization, currently waiting for the decision

Bylaws

Danny Bercher presented a rough draft of the bylaws and began discussion.

- **Suggested title: Arkansas Brain Injury Council (ABIC)**
 - Will accommodate all types of brain injury, not TBI alone
- Bylaws can be amended by a majority vote at any regularly scheduled meeting
- Need a leading agency but do not have one selected at this time
- Goal to get committee and bylaws up and running by next meeting in February 2022
- **Committee Elections:**
 - Each member will serve a four-year term
 - Elections held at the last meeting of each calendar year
 - Members can be re-elected into the same position indefinitely
 - Officers will include a chair and vice-chair
- **Suggested Membership Positions:**

POSITION	POTENTIAL MEMBERS
1. BI Position #1	TBD
2. BI Position #2	TBD
3. BI Position #3	TBD
4. BI Position #4	TBD
5. BI Position #5	TBD
6. BI Position #6	TBD
7. BI Position #7	TBD
8. BI Position #8	Tony Thornton
9. Advocacy Organization	Tom Masseur (DRA), Susan Pierce (DRA)
10. DHS Medicaid or PASSE	TBD
11. Workforce/Vocations Rehab	Stacey Gravette (ARS), Cassandra Daugherty (ARS)

12. Subcommittee Representative/Caregiver/Family Member/Parent of Minor with TBI	Jensyn Hallett
13. Centers for Independent Living	FranSha' Anderson (ARSILC), Jim Mather (AR Sources)
14. Aging & Long-term Care	Charlotte Bishop (LTC Ombudsman)
15. ADH Injury Prevention	Chris Borella (ADH)
16. Professional Providers/Pharmacy	Steven Long (ICAN), Valerie Oji, MD
17. BI Position #9/Parent of Minor with TBI	TBD
18. Pediatrics/K-12 Education	TBD
19. Criminal Justice/Law Enforcement	Tracy Hobbs, Joe Page
20. BI Position #10	TBD

Next Steps

Will be in touch to identify committee members before the next meeting in February 2022.

Adjournment

The next TBI Advisory Board Workgroup Meeting will be held virtually via Zoom on February 8, 2022 from 10:00 A.M to 11:30 A.M. Meeting adjourned at 11:10 A.M.