



MINDSOURCE
BRAIN INJURY NETWORK



Colorado Brain Injury Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Date: February 18, 2021

Time: 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Location: Zoom

NAME	PRESENT	NAME	PRESENT
Board Members		Horsfall, Jaime	
Winkler, Max	X	Hotchkiss, Heather	X
Engle, Ian	X	Knauer, Russha	X
French, Anna	X	Levis, Bill	X
Friedman, Ronen	X	Martinez, Maria	X
Gabella, Barbara	X	McMahon, Leah	X
Genzel, Ben	X	Snelson, Kari	X
Greene, Meghan		Spaulding, Peggy	X
Hawley, Lenny	X	Tyler, Janet	
Heidenreich, Steve	X	Wren, Louisa	X
Henika, Joy	X		
Staff		Guests	
Facilitator: Summer Gathercole		Amy Engelman (ACL Grant Evaluator)	
Liz Gerdeman (MINDSOURCE)		Ellen Kordonowy (BIAC)	
Karen Ferrington (MINDSOURCE)		Rachel Pinkus (CSU Student)	
Regina Rodriguez Sisneros (MINDSOURCE)		Carrie Coates (CSU Student)	
Lina Kyle (MINDSOURCE)		Jasmine Schulze (CSU Student)	

Opening & Introductions, Public Comments

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Joy welcomed everyone and gave everyone an opportunity to introduce themselves. Karen informed the group that Brinda Dungan has moved to Alabama and will no longer be serving on the Board. Joy opened the floor for public comments: Ben expressed that he has had difficulty getting case management. He also suggested forming a subcommittee that focuses on efficiency and eliminating duplication of services in partner organizations. Ben would like to be sure that emotional trauma and the permanent changes it can cause in the brain aren't overlooked. 		
Action Items	Person(s) Responsible	Deadline	
NA			

Approval of February Minutes, Program Updates, Brief Overview/Q&A on State Plan

Discussion	<p>November Minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Joy asked if there were any corrections to the November 2020 meeting minutes. Barbara noted that she did not attend the November meeting. Ian requested his motion regarding allowing additional entities to the existing roster of standing members be modified to be clearer. Peggy moved to approve the November 2020 minutes as corrected, Heather seconded, and the motion passed with Barbra and Ben abstaining. <p>ByLaws</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Peggy noted that the Membership section of the bylaws lists Aging and Adult Services as a standing member per the ACL grant, but it should be the Aging and Disability Resource Center. Karen confirmed Peggy was correct. Louisa made a motion to adopt the Bylaws with that correction, Peggy seconded, and the motion passed. A separate meeting will be held to discuss adding additional entities as standing members. <p>Membership/Board Application</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Karen recommended establishing a Membership committee to review applications for new members. Board members interested in serving on the committee should contact Liz or Summer. Ian recommended targeting recruitment efforts to fill gaps in diversity or missing skills in the existing Board. <p>November Survey and Board Focus Group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amy reported that 15 of 18 members participated in the November survey. 80% of respondents felt they can contribute freely. 86% Feel their contributions are valued and taken seriously. The following suggestions were made to improve the virtual meetings: 		
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- Use breakout rooms and polls more often for group input/discussion
- Keep everyone focused on the statewide agenda as opposed to personal/business agendas
- Return to a subcommittee structure for deeper discussion and work
- Longer meeting times
- More opportunities to informally connect with everyone
- Send gift cards for food
- 60% are excited about the new board structure
 - One person with a BI finds it confusing
 - One person with a BI is not excited about it at all
- One suggestion to the bylaws is that the youth perspective be represented on the board with a parent of a child/youth with a BI
- All are very or somewhat satisfied with the State Plan progress

State Plan Updates

- Colorado State University (CSU) Student Learning Projects
 - Rachel and Carrie presented their project. Its goal was to increase communicated competence in service providers to individuals with BI to promote access to resources. They sent out surveys to BI survivors and their loved ones. They received over 400 responses. Using the responses, interviews with representatives from MINDSOURCE, BIAC, and Craig Hospital, they developed two info graphics for use by the public in general and service providers. The info graphics will be finalized and distributed.
 - Jasmine presented her project identifying organizations conducting BI screening taking place in Larimer County. They contacted organizations providing services to a wide variety of demographics to find out if they were screening for BI and what their screening procedures were. The information was compiled into a data base that can be expanded to a state-wide scan.
- Ian provided an update on the Program Improvement Advisory Council who is advising the state Medicaid agency. Their goal is to work with providers contracted with RAEs to develop a user friendly system and an accountability system that rewards providers for providing accessible services. Louisa reported that the region 1 RAE held two trainings for providers on BI in cooperation with BIAC. Video and slides of the trainings will be available on www.rmhp.org.
- Lenny reported that Arapahoe Community College is developing a self-advocacy program that is the SAIL program expanded to a semester long course.

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External Updates

Discussion	March Hill Day <ul style="list-style-type: none">• March Hill Day will be held virtually this year due to Covid-19. Traumatic Brain Injury Tuesdays will be held on:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ March 2, 2021, 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM MST○ March 9, 2021, 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM MST○ March 16, 2021, 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM MST○ March 23, 2021, 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM MST○ March 30, 2021, 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM MST	
Action Items	Person(s) Responsible	Deadline
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Next Steps/Wrap Up

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NA		

Next Meeting: Thursday, May 20, 2021, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m

Minutes collected by Lina Kyle