



# MINDSOURCE

## BRAIN INJURY NETWORK



### Colorado Brain Injury Trust Fund Board Meeting

Date: December 17, 2021  
Location: Via Zoom

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 11:30

TYPE OF MEETING		Board Meeting	
ATTENDEES			
NAME	POSITION	PRESENT	STAFF Present
<b>(Board Members)</b>			Liz Gerdeman (MINDSOURCE)
Jennifer Coker	Board Chair	X	Lina Kyle (MINDSOURCE)
Renee Charlifue-Smith	Board Member		Michelle Barnes (CDHS)
Angie Goodger	Board Member	X	Anne-Marie Braga (CDHS)
James Graham	Board Member	X	Yolanda Web (OAADS)
Jason Kacmarski	Board Member	X	Mindy Gates (OAADS)
Russha Knauer	Board Member	X	Summer Gathercole
Daniel Lindberg	Board Member	X	
Jamal Long Soldier	Board Member	X	Members of the public
Victoria Ortega	Board Member	X	Jim Tatten
Gretchen Russo	Board Member	X	
Kenneth Scott	Board Member	X	
Angie Wickersham	Board Member	X	

\*All attendees were present through video and telephone options

#### 1. Agenda topic: Welcome, Introductions, & Announcements

<b>Discussion</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jennifer led introductions.</li> <li>Anne-Marie gave an update on the Colorado Department of Human Services (CDHS) EDI work. The Department leadership is focused on making sure that all people are included and wants to ensure all members of the public have access to resources and services. CDHS hired an EDI director who formally worked at Disney. CDHS is a large organization with 5500 people. It takes a long time to make changes. One focus is on increasing diversity on the Boards.</li> <li>Yolanda discussed the work Liz is doing internally to educate other organizations within CDHS about brain injury.</li> <li>Michelle discussed the work being done to address mental health systems in the state. The existing system is a hodge-podge of ideas and programs. Michelle described it as a house where every kid was allowed to decide where to stick their room. Colorado is ranked 51st out of the 50 states and Washington DC in mental health services. The Administration of Behavioral Health has been created to reform the system and make it more cohesive. State has made a large one-time financial investment to rework the system.</li> <li>Jenn brought up the work done by the SB 21-138 Task Force. The final report from the task force is moving through the CDHS approval system now. Russha expressed her appreciation to Liz, Mindy, and Angie for their work facilitating the work and writing the report.</li> <li>Russha expressed concerns that the fees and fines that support the Trust Fund are not a sustainable revenue source, especially with the legislature's current trend of reducing financial penalties. She suggests that finding additional revenue streams may be important for the Board.</li> </ul>				
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#### 2. Approval of Minutes

<b>Discussion</b>	Russha, made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 8, 2021 meeting as submitted, Ken seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.				
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### 3. Membership Update

<b>Discussion</b>	Unfortunately, Latoya had to resign from the Board due to family reasons. MINDSOURCE is doing outreach to fill the position. Latoya was on the Vision and Outreach committee and back-filling that position will be kept when recruiting.		
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### 4. Program Updates

<b>Discussion</b>	<p>Liz gave the updates for MINDSOURCE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MINDSOURCE is without a contracts manager and a grant manager for the ACL grant. There are staffing shortages throughout the department.</li> <li>She will keep the Board posted about any legislation affecting the program that comes up in the coming session.</li> </ul> <p>Russha gave an update for BIAC.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The BIAC Board was able to give the staff water bottles and journals at their holiday party. Russha thanked the Board Members who were able to contribute to that. The BIAC team were very surprised and appreciative.</li> <li>BIAC went through an external evaluation about weaving EDI throughout their organization. They are implementing the recommendations they received.</li> </ul>		
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### 5. Behavioral Health Updates from CDHS

<b>Discussion</b>	<p>Summer Gathercole gave an update on Behavioral Health Administration (BHA) as it exists today. The BHA is a administrative organization so they don't work with individuals, but always consider them.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Spring 2019 Governor established task force to overhaul behavioral health systems in CO. There were several sub committees and they made hundreds of recommendations.</li> <li>There are many challenges the BHA is tasked with addressing. There are 10 agencies withing the state collecting and reporting behavioral data. Providers are burdened with meeting the requirements of all the different agencies providing funding. Currently the burden is on individuals to find a provider who has access to funds.</li> <li>Program to be up and running in July 2022. They are implementing in a phase approach so it will take several years to be fully implemented.</li> <li>A 110-page report detailing the setup of the BHA was turned in to general assembly last month. An executive summary of the report is available to the public.</li> <li>BHA will lead the coordination of behavioral health efforts across the state. They are focusing creating a system that is person-centered, outcome-oriented, and consumer and data driven.</li> <li>The system will be cross-payer. All of the different state agencies that pay for services will be partners.</li> <li>It is a collaborative and networked approach that allows for faster change than consolidating the services. It will be the first of its kind in the country.</li> </ul>		
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### 6. Committee Updates

<b>Discussion</b>	<p>Research and Program- Ken reported that the request for proposal for research grants is out. They are prioritizing funding grants that focus on pediatric care, improving access to brain injury services especially in underserved communities, comparing mild, moderate, and severe injuries in recovery and engaging individuals with lived experience in research. The deadline for letters of intent is being extended by a week. It now due Dec. 30.</p> <p>Vision and Outreach- Angie Wickersham there were four applications for community grants. All of them will receive funding at some level. They will now focus on what other work they'd like to focus on.</p>		
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	Client Services- They are really trying to establish what the goals of the committee are. They are going to start with reviewing BIAC's budget and strategic plan. With a better understanding of that, they'll be able to support BIAC and improve services.		
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5. **Public Comment**

<b>Discussion</b>	Jim wanted to comment on Summer's presentation. He felt it was well done and very helpful.		
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Dan motion to adjourn the meeting, Angie Wickersham seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

The next Board meeting: Friday, February 11, 2022 9:00 am– 11:30 am

Respectfully Submitted By Lina Kyle