



**Colorado Brain Injury Advisory Board Meeting Minutes**

Date: August 19, 2021

Time: 10:00 -11:00 AM

Location: Zoom

NAME	PRESENT	NAME	PRESENT
<b>Board Members</b>		Horsfall, Jaime	x
Winkler, Max		Hotchkiss, Heather	
Engle, Ian	x	Knauer, Russha	x
French, Anna	x	Levis, Bill	x
Friedman, Ronen		Martinez, Maria	x
Gabella, Barbara	x	McMahon, Leah	
Genzel, Ben		Snelson, Kari	
Greene, Meghan		Bemis, Billie	x
Hawley, Lenny	x	Tyler, Janet	
Heidenreich, Steve		Wren, Louisa	
Henika, Joy	x	Peggy Spaulding	x
<b>Staff</b>		<b>Guests</b>	
Liz Gerdeman (MINDSOURCE)		Amy Engelman (ACL Grant Evaluator)	
Lina Kyle (MINDSOURCE)		Denise Micciche (State Unit on Aging)	
		Jim Tatten (Member of Public)	

**Opening & Introductions, Public Comments**

<b>Discussion</b>	Liz led introductions of the Board and guests.  There were no public comments.		
<b>Action Items</b>	<b>Person(s) Responsible</b>	<b>Deadline</b>	
NA			

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

<b>Discussion</b>	<p>Liz Gerdeman provided an update on MINDSOURCE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Karen Ferrington has left MINDSOURCE.</li><li>● The Administration for Community Living (ACL) announced today that MINDSOURCE has been awarded a grant in the next funding cycle. The award will be less than what was requested and MINDSOURCE will be revising the budget for re-submittal.</li><li>● Louisa has moved to Fiji and will no longer be on the Board. She is replaced by Billie Bemis. Peggy Spaulding is retiring and will be replaced by Denise Micciche. Janet Tyler has left CDE and a replacement has been hired. MINDSOURCE was able to participate in the interviews.</li></ul> <p>Amy Engelman provided a review of the work done as part of the three-year ACL grant that is wrapping up. The overarching goal of the grant was to enhance existing brain injury infrastructure in Colorado and nationally through culturally-competent, person-centered, and data-driven approaches to minimize gaps in services and ensure individual needs were met.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Creation of Advisory Board- Amy reviewed the results of the member survey that was completed earlier this year. The board would like to focus on:<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Staying focused including more breakout group discussions</li><li>b. Increase diversity: people of color, houseless, rural, and behavior health system</li><li>c. Data to disaggregate disparities to improve policy and practice</li><li>d. Measure Board's EDI practices</li><li>e. Meetings for members living with brain injuries</li></ol></li><li>2. Creation of the Brain Injury State Plan- Future goals in this area include:<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Creating transparent data dashboards for collective monitoring and implementation</li><li>b. Use committee structure again with simple work plans for deeper engagement</li><li>c. Ensure people with experiences and agency representatives with the influence that the plan addresses are on the board</li><li>d. Make the plan more meaningful and accessible to the community to help them navigate they system.</li></ol></li><li>3. Improve linkages to services and supports for individuals with brain injury by developing, implementing, and maintaining a data-driven outreach and referral plan, including mechanisms for systematic data collection. BIAC worked with Liz and others to track the outreach efforts. April 2019-May 2021 464 activities reached 2,285 people. Most of the prevalence and outreach occurs in urban areas. In the last year of the grant, the referrals from rural areas increased to 9.3%. Seven counties sent referrals to BIAC that didn't in the baseline year. BIAC has improved in collecting ethnicity data. Representation of referrals of people who identify as black or African American has increased. More work is required for reaching out to people who identify as Asian and Latinx. During</li></ol>
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	<p>COVID, outreach pivoted from focused on hospitals to targeting community groups such as mental health organizations.</p> <p>4. Criminal Justice Brain Injury Specialists- Pilot training for four judicial districts was done in November 2019. MINDSOURCE and ACL partners responded to pilot districts’ feedback and have trained management, diversion teams, supervisors, community corrections, private probation officers and two new judicial districts. To address data quality concerns, Judicial is programming the OSU TBI ID Screener into the state’s case management system this fall. Three out of four of the districts that participated provided 200% more screenings since the training.</p> <p>5. BIAC’s peer support program launched June 2019.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>47 Mentors and 47 peers were trained. It was particularly valuable during COVID.</li> <li>Training evaluations were overwhelmingly positive</li> <li>52 matches have been made since September 2019</li> <li>There were 16 false starts (participants were involved for two months or less)</li> <li>11 successfully completed matches lasted about a year</li> <li>680 connections were made.</li> </ol> <p>Liz informed the Board that Advisory Boards and State Plans are mandatory in the next ACL grant. Other states are using Colorado as a model and have reached out to Liz for information on the processes and tools used by this Board.</p> <p>Ian asked if there are stimulus funds from ARPA that can benefit the program. Liz isn’t aware of dollars being directed to the program at this time. ACL may be releasing additional funds later this year.</p>
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Action Items	Person(s) Responsible	Deadline
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**Next Steps/Wrap Up**

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NA		

Next Meeting: Thursday, November 18, 2021, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m

Minutes collected by Lina Kyle