



MINDSOURCE

BRAIN INJURY NETWORK

Colorado Brain Injury Trust Fund Board Meeting

Date: August 19, 2022

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 11:00

Location: Via Zoom

TYPE OF MEETING		Board Meeting	
ATTENDEES			
NAME	POSITION	PRESENT	STAFF Present
(Board Members)			Liz Gerdeman (MINDSOURCE)
Jennifer Coker	Board Chair	x	Erin Horner (MINDSOURCE)
Renee Charlifue-Smith	Board Member		Lina Kyle (MINDSOURCE)
Angie Goodger	Board Member	x	Kelly Miller (MINDSOURCE)
Jamal Long Soldier	Board Member	x	
Jason Kacmarski	Board Member		
Russha Knauer	Board Member		
Daniel Lindberg	Board Member	x	
James Graham	Board Member	x	Public Guests
Victoria Ortega	Board Member	x	Maria Martinez
Gretchen Russo	Board Member	x	Jose Garcia
Kenneth Scott	Board Member		Mary Keatley
Rebecca Wasil	Board Member	x	Joanne Cohen
Angie Wickersham	Board Member	x	Gayann Brandenburg
Veronica (Vicky) Zarlingo	Board Member	x	

*All attendees were present through video and telephone options

1. Agenda topic: Welcome, Introductions, & Board Business

Discussion	<p>Jenn led introductions of the board members. New board members, Rebecca Wasil and Veronica Zarlingo introduced themselves. Rebecca works in disability resources and is a brain injury survivor. Veronica (Vicky) is professor of nursing in Montrose.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approval of Legislative Report- Liz reported that there was a format modification to the draft that was sent out to the board but assured them there was no modifications to the content. James moved to approve the report, Dan seconded, and the motion passed. Board Roles: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jenn asked for nominees for Chair Elect- Angie W. nominated James as Chair Elect. The board voted in favor of appointing James. Nominees were needed for Committee Chair(s)- Angie W. nominated Angie G. as the new committee chair for Client Services committee and Angie G. accepted. <p>Vicky Z will be on Client Services and Rebecca will be on Vision and Outreach.</p>						
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2. Approval of Minutes

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Discussion	Angie identified a typo that needed to be corrected. Dan moved to approve the June minutes as corrected, James seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.						
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3. Committee Updates & Special Projects

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Client Services- Erin gave an update on the committee's activities. They discussed changing the Chair. They talked about BIAC news including Gavin Attwood's (CE) resignation effective in September and progress on Valor on the Fax. The committee also discussed contributing their special project funds towards the public service announcement. Vision and Outreach- They will contribute all their project funds to the awareness campaign that includes the public service announcement. They are working on tool kits to provide to
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	<p>organizations around the state. They are hoping to coordinate events around the state for brain injury awareness month in March. Part of that includes drafting a proclamation declaring brain injury awareness month.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research and Program Evaluation- Dan talked about the special project for the committee. They decided to focus on encouraging diversity in the brain injury research field. They are drafting a grant to fund hiring additional staff to existing research projects. Applicants should be part of an underrepresented community as defined by the NIH and a special emphasis on people with lived experience of brain injury. 	
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4. Program Updates

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advisory Board Update- The Advisory Board had brought up that it would be good to compensate the board members who are unemployed. CDHS has directed MINDSOURCE to pilot a policy for providing compensation for Advisory Board members who are eligible for payment. To be eligible, board members cannot be paid for their participation and cannot be state employees. • Learning Practices Academy- The topic is brain injury and behavioral health. We will be working with several other states and organizations. • Needs Assessment- The work on the assessment is progressing. • Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance Survey (BRFSS)- The application to include three questions on BRFSS will be submitted on Monday. It is very competitive, and many organizations apply. Colorado would only be the fourth state to collect data this way. The questions submitted mirror the questions other states have asked about brain injury so the data will help provide a clearer picture of national prevalence. • Public Service Announcement- MIDNSOURCE will be working with the Colorado Broadcaster's Association to produce content and push it out to local television and radio stations. Liz asked the board what they think the message should be and what things should be considered. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dan talked about the importance of including actions that can be taken in addition to information. ○ Angie W. expressed concerns about funneling too many referrals to BIAC. She feels like it's important to direct people to additional organizations. She suggested including as many resources as possible including those that received community grants from MINDSOURCE. ○ Vicki Z. wanted to be able to direct the target audience to resources based on their region. ○ Vicky O. suggested including infographics. ○ Angie G. The Health Department has been running infographics past different groups of people. She suggested that would be a good idea before sending them out. 	
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5. Community Grant Presentations

All

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Center Toward Self-Reliance- Maria and Jose presented about their project. They are offering the Self Advocacy for Independent Living (SAIL) curriculum in Pueblo County. The MINDSOURCE grant funded translation of the promotional brochures into Spanish. Their area of focus is to increase community engagement through outreach recruitment and will be working with BrainSteps Dist. 70 to provide classes to kids. • Brain Injury Hope Foundation- Joanne, Gayann, and Mary reported about the Survivor Series that they are producing using the MINDSOURCE grant. They educate survivors and the community about brain injury and treatments and services available. They cover a wide range of topics that are selected by their participants. Due to COVID 19, they pivoted to an on-line format and it has greatly expanded their reach around the state, nation and even world-wide. The grant is funding two of the events this year. June 10th was the Brain Injury Treatment Panel, Options for Continued Treatment 57 participants and 75% were Colorado residents. In September they will be hosting an event in Spanish. 	
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6. Wrap Up and Public Comments

Discussion	<p>There were no public comments. Angie G. made motion to adjourn, Jamal seconded, and the motion passed.</p>	
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The next Board meeting: Friday, October 21st, 2022 9:00 – 11:30 am

Respectfully Submitted,

By Lina Kyle