



### Colorado Brain Injury Trust Fund Board Meeting

Date: October 21, 2022

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 11:00

Location: The Denver Indian Center and Via Zoom

TYPE OF MEETING		Board Meeting	
ATTENDEES			
NAME	POSITION	PRESENT	STAFF Present
<b>(Board Members)</b>			Liz Gerdeman (MINDSOURCE)
Jennifer Coker	Board Chair	x	Erin Horner (MINDSOURCE)
Renee Charlifue-Smith	Board Member	x	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	x	
Daniel Lindberg	Board Member	x	
James Graham	Board Member	x	<b>Public Guests</b>
Victoria Ortega	Board Member	x	Toni Grisham CDE
Gretchen Russo	Board Member	x	Jody Dickerson CDE
Kenneth Scott	Board Member		Jaime Horsfall BIAC
Rebecca Wasil	Board Member	x	Kate Kerkmans BIAC
Angie Wickersham	Board Member	x	
Veronica (Vicky) Zarlingo	Board Member	x	

\*All attendees were present through video and telephone options

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

<b>Discussion</b>	Jenn led introductions of the board members.		
<b>Action Items</b>	<b>Person(s) Responsible</b>	<b>Deadline</b>	

#### 2. Approval of Minutes

All

<b>Discussion</b>	Rebecca identified a typo that needed to be corrected. Dan moved to approve the June minutes as corrected, James seconded, and the motion passed.		
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#### 3. Program Updates

<b>Discussion</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Needs Assessment- The assessment is focused on individuals living in rural and frontier communities, people who identify as LGBTQ+, and individuals who are part of the Latinx community. The registration page is being spammed with bot responses. Once the survey is complete, the assessment will transition to focus groups, which will hopefully produce more meaningful information.</li> <li>PSA/ Brain Injury Awareness Campaign- Brain Injury Awareness Month is in March and MINDSOURCE is working on an awareness campaign. A production team has been engaged to produce the television and radio ads. These will include survivor stories. There will be 30 second, 60 second and 90 second spots. A separate team is working on logos and branding. The hashtag for the campaign with #mindyourbrain.</li> </ul>		
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#### 4. Program Updates

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vision and Outreach- They are creating tool kits for partner organizations for Brain Injury Awareness Month. They have drafted a template for proclamations and have submitted a proclamation request to Gov. Polis' office. The tool kits will include social media posts, suggested activities, and newsletter articles.</li> <li>• Client Services- They are focused on promoting the PSA and awareness campaign. They are reaching out to Parks and Recreation for possibly posting signage. They are investigating promotional items. They are working with CDOT about highway signage.</li> <li>• Research and Evaluation- They have posted a grant that will fund a new researcher who is underrepresented in the community. Preference will be given to researchers who have had a brain injury. They hosted a question-and-answer session that had four participants.</li> </ul>	
Action Items	Person(s) Responsible	Deadline
N/A		

## 5. Repots

All

<b>Discussion</b>	<p>Both reports will be available at <a href="http://www.mindsourc colorado.org">www.mindsourc colorado.org</a>.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Colorado Department of Education-Toni provided the annual report for CDOE. 26 districts and BOCES have BrainSTEPS teams. In 2022, 52 new members were trained, they held virtual meetings and held bi-monthly office hours for the Concussion Action Team. They attended conferences. Following each training, participants are asked to complete an evaluation.</li> <li>• Brain Injury Alliance of Colorado- Kate and Jaime gave the annual report for BIAC. They created an updated message map. MINDSOURCE funded programs include resource navigation, self-management, education consultation, community outreach and training, classes and workshops, criminal justice (salary and expenses shared with caring for Denver foundation), and recreation and social programs (salary shared with BIAC). In CY2022, resource navigation had the following accomplishments: 864 clients closed a case, 1811 goals were set in FY2022, 94% of those were "achieved," and when surveyed after a case is closed 98% of clients report the support was useful. Their self-management program is continuing to grow. They added new categories of goals: personal skills, home skills, and vocational skill. In FY22 75 clients completed the self-management program and 75% of those were first time. 83% of their clients are TBI and 17% are non-TBI. At the completion of program, 87% of clients reported they were "more" or "much more" self-sufficient. They are expanding their fee-for-service offerings. The offer mental health counseling and brief neuropsychological screes. Soon they will offer TBI CHEQ and Independent Living Skills Training through the Brain Injury Waiver. They gave an update on their permanent supportive housing project, Valor on the Fax. Its doors should open in February/March 2023. According to Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment and the Denver Housing Authority, Valor on the Fax cannot state that the supportive housing is exclusively for individuals with a brain injury due to the potential risk of discriminating against someone with a different disability. They will screen individuals who apply for residency to ensure that they will benefit from the services provided by BIAC. In the unlikely event that an individual without a brain injury would apply and after screening it is determined that they would benefit from the services provided, they will be allowed to reside in the facility. Vicky Ortega expressed concerns that MINDSOURCE funded staff would potentially be providing services to individuals without brain injuries. To ensure that is not an issue BIAC is considering assigning individuals without brain injuries to a resource navigator that is not funded by MINDSOURCE. At a future meeting, BIAC will provide a more concrete plan to ensure MINDSOURCE funds are not spent inappropriately.</li> </ul>	
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide update on MINDSOURCE funded staff at Valor on the Fax</li> </ul>		

## 6. Wrap Up and Public Comments

<b>Discussion</b>	<p>Jim expressed his dissatisfaction with the existing system. He feels like he has not been able to have his questions answered. He would like to know who, what, where, when, why, and how in relation to the Trust Fund Board and the MINDSOURCE. He feels the program's focus is too broad and that broadening is a result of the change of the definition of brain injury in the state statute. He felt the presentations today covered topics beyond the scope of the program.</p> <p>Angie G. made a motion to adjourn, Russha seconded, and the motion passed.</p>	
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The next Board meeting: Friday, December 16th, 2022 9:00 – 12:00 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

By Lina Kyle

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