



Colorado Brain Injury Trust Fund Board Meeting

Mission: To advance systems, facilitate research, and assure support services for individuals with brain injury.

Vision: Enhance quality of life for everyone in Colorado living with, or affected by, brain injury and their communities.

Date: February 17, 2023

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	Kelly Miller (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	x	
Russha Knauer	Board Member	x	
Daniel Lindberg	Board Member	x	
James Graham	Board Member	x	Public Guests
Victoria Ortega	Board Member	x	Jim Tatten-Member of the public
Kenneth Scott	Board Member		Amy Engleman- Evaluation
Rebecca Wasil	Board Member	x	Cristina Parsons- Supplemental research grantee
Angie Wickersham	Board Member	x	
Anthony Young	Board Member	x	
Veronica (Vicky) Zarlino	Board Member	x	

*All attendees were present through video and telephone options

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

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

2. Approval of Minutes

Discussion	Dan moved to approve the October minutes with updated language, Russha seconded, and motion passed with one opposed.		
	Jason moved to approve the December minutes as submitted, Dr. Young seconded, and motion passed.		
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3. Guest Presentations

Discussion	<p>Christina Parsons, Supplemental Grant Recipient</p> <p>Cristina was awarded the MINDSOURCE Supplemental Research. She gave a brief introduction of herself and her project which is titled Vocational Rehab (VR) for Coloradans with Brain Injury. There is a gap in current knowledge of VR and how individuals with TBI encounter the system. She is exploring how individuals with brain injuries enter the VR system, what they experience within the system, and what outcomes they experience at the end of their treatment. She will be describing the population of individuals with TBI in the Colorado VR system and determine factors that influence their type of exit from VR for those individuals. She will be working with the existing Rehabilitation Services Administration Case Service Report (RSA-911). The dataset has been stripped of identifying personal information and contains demographic and program related characteristics of Coloradans with TBI who have applied for VR.</p>		
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	<p>Amy Engleman, Client Services Logic Models and Outcome Evaluation</p> <p>Amy gave an update on the evaluation of the Client Services Logic Model that is being utilized by the Brain Injury Alliance of Colorado (BIAC). She gave some background on the development of the logic model. MINDSOURCE allocated funds from the Administration for Community Living grant to evaluate the logic model being used in client services. In year one, clients and caregivers were administered surveys before and after receiving services. The original logic model was theoretical and conceptual. It was lacking the inputs and the resources. This year was spent refining the logic model to include what is happening at BIAC and how their programs relate to it. While it is still in flux, it now shows what programs are improving the quality of life for clients. In the next round of focus groups, they will be focusing on how resource navigation is the entry point for a broader range of services. They will be exploring how those broader programs affect outcomes. Evaluation of the first year of data indicates that clients are not experiencing an equitable impact. The focus groups will also be investigating why individuals from rural areas, are African American, or primarily speak Spanish are experiencing less optimal outcomes. The ultimate goal is to ensure that there is value in the time spent collect data and decisions are data driven.</p>		
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4. Board Governance

	<p>Bylaws</p> <p>The Board reviewed the Bylaw edits that were suggested. A substantive change was clarifying the number of meetings members must attend. Dr. Young moved to approve the amended Bylaws, Angie Goodger seconded, and motion passed.</p> <p>Mission Statement and Who, What, When, How, Where, Why Document.</p> <p>The Board decided to adopt mission and vision statements that mirror the existing MINDSOURCE mission and vision statements. The mission and vision statements will be included on the agendas and minutes going forward and the document will be added to the website. Dan moved to approve the document, Rebecca seconded, and the motion passed.</p>		
Action Items	Person(s) Responsible	Deadline	
N/A			

5. Brain Injury Awareness Month

Discussion	<p>Kelly gave an update on Brain Injury Awareness Month. Governor Polis signed a proclamation declaring March as Colorado Brain Injury Awareness month. MINDSOURCE is offering small community grants to provide support for events that take place during March and increase awareness of brain injury and resources available to individuals with brain injuries. MINDSOURCE is partnering with CDOT to get messages on the digital signs during the month. Radio and tv public service messages will be airing on broadcast station across the state.</p> <p>The House We Live In will be screened by Denver Film in partnership with the BIAC in early April.</p>		
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7. Wrap Up and Public Comments

Discussion	<p>Jim expressed concern regarding the possible confusion caused by the change of the definition of brain injury in the state statute that governs the Trust Fund. He wants to encourage the use of the term "traumatic brain injury."</p> <p>James moved to adjourn, Dan seconded, and the motion passed.</p>		
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The next Board meeting: Friday, April 21, 2023 9:00 – 11:30 am

Respectfully Submitted,
By Lina Kyle