



# 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: June.16 , 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	<b>GUESTS</b>
James Graham	Board Member	x	Jim Tatton
Victoria Ortega	Board Member		CJ McKinney
Rebecca Wasil	Board Member	x	Sarah B.
Angie Wickersham	Board Member	x	Matt Malcom
Anthony Young	Board Member		Amanda Hoffman UCH
Veronica (Vicky) Zarlingo	Board Member	x	

\*All attendees were present through video and telephone options

## 1. Welcome

Discussion	Jennifer welcomed everyone to the meeting.		
Action Items	Person(s) Responsible	Deadline	

## 2. Approval of Minutes

Discussion	James moved to approve the April 2023 minutes as submitted, Jason seconded, and motion passed.		
Action Items	Person(s) Responsible	Deadline	

## 3. Board Business

Discussion	<p>James will be taking over as Chair July 1, 2023.</p> <p>James nominated Angie Goodger to replace him as chair elect. There were no other nominations. Angie was approved by acclamation.</p> <p>Russha will be no longer be the Board Chair for the Brain Injury Alliance of Colorado. She will be replaced on that board and this board by Steve Schaefer.</p>		
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## 4. Program Updates

	<p><b>MINDSOURCE Budget</b> Erin gave an overview of the MINDSOURCE budget including revenue sources and existing contracts. Liz explained that MINDSOURCE’s revenue for the trust fund has not bounced back to pre-pandemic levels.</p> <p><b>Advisory Board</b> Kelly gave an update on the Advisory Board. The Co-Chairs of the board are ending their terms and are being replaced by Ian Engle and Stephanie Agtarap. The Board is working on creating a new State Plan to replace the one that will end June 30<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p><b>Child Welfare Guide</b> A group of representatives from multiple states have come together to draft a Child Welfare Guide that provides best practices and information for children and families with individuals with brain injuries. They are currently working on a training module for residential staff.</p> <p><b>Return to Office Expectations</b> Beginning in September CDHS will be moving to a hybrid work structure. MINDSOURCE staff will transition from being entirely virtual to at least two days a week in office.</p>		
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### 5. CSU Research Presentation

Discussion	<p><b>Background Information</b> Colorado ranks 6<sup>th</sup> nationally in TBI-related deaths and hospitalization. TBI survivors are at increased risk for developing post-traumatic psychopathology (PTP). Despite PTP being a common occurrence, more than half of TBI patients seen in the emergency department do not receive follow up care within three months.</p> <p><b>Goal</b> The team plans to develop a pragmatic tool for calculating the risk of PTP onset within 12 months of hospitalization among Colorado Adults with TBI. They will examine risk profiles to highlight opportunities for targeted interventions.</p> <p>To develop the tool, they will collect all data of health statuses collected at the hospital and demographic data of TBI patients. Some of the data they will include will be medical history, diagnosis, social history, medications, what procedures they’ve received, and their transfer/discharge status. Each data point will be assigned a point value that reflects the risk of PTP development associated with that factor. The point values will be tabulated and provide medical professionals with a score that will indicate their patient’s overall risk of developing PTP.</p>		
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### 6. Committee Updates

Discussion	<p><b>Client Services</b> Angie Goodger is stepping down as chair of the committee since she is becoming chair-elect of the Board. Renee will be the new chair of the committee. The meetings will be moving to quarterly but will ramp up as needed when future projects arise.</p> <p><b>Community Outreach</b> They awarded eight community grants. Some grant applications weren’t awarded due to the applicant not following directions or the project not being appropriate for the community grant. The committee are going to work on making the next grant application clearer and provides some guidance to applicants on what the expectations are.</p> <p><b>Research and Evaluation</b> The committee will begin providing guidance on the next client services contract in the fall.</p>		
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### 7. Wrap Up and Public Comments

Discussion	Jim expressed his opinion that the work of the Board and MINDSOURCE is becoming more and more important to the citizens of Colorado. He learned a lot from the research grant presentation and
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	appreciated the opportunity to learn more about the research funded by the program.	
	Dan moved to adjourn, Rebecca seconded, and the motion passed.	
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**The next Board meeting: Friday, August 18, 2023 9:00 – 11:30 am**

Respectfully Submitted,  
By Lina Kyle