



Colorado Advisory Council on Brain Injury Meeting Minutes

Date: August 17, 2023

Time: 10:00 -12:00 AM

Location: Zoom

NAME	PRESENT	NAME	PRESENT
Board Members		Jones, Christa	x
Agtarap, Stephanie	x	Knauer, Russha	x
Bowman, Kelly	x	Laureta, Laura	x
Boyd, Kara		Martinez, Maria	x
Dickerson, Jody	x	McMahon, Leah	x
Engle, Ian		Micciche, Denise	x
Friedman, Ronen	x	Munthali, Jennie	
Genzel, Ben		Pedler, Rhea	
Heidenreich, Steve		Snelson, Kari	
Henika, Joy	x	Wren, Louisa	
Herbstman, David	x	Payne, Renee	x
Grishman, Toni	x		
Janeba, Meg	x		
Staff		Guests	
Liz Gerdeman (MINDSOURCE)		Amy Engleman (ACL Grant Evaluator)	
Kelly Miller (MINDSOURCE)			
Lina Kyle (MINDSOURCE)			
Erin Horner (MINDSOURCE)			

Welcomes

Discussion	Kelly welcomed everyone to the group and Stephanie lead introductions.		
Action Items	Person(s) Responsible	Deadline	
NA			

Approval of Minutes

Discussion	Stephanie moved to approve the minutes from July as written, Joy seconded, and motion passed.		
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Discussion

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pediatric brain injuries and the differences of when a brain injury happens across the lifespan, suicide, differences between brain injuries for men and women and the unique vulnerabilities of women, how to support kids with concussions with anxiety, depression, withdrawal, suicide and continued monitoring.

- Collaborate on safety net initiatives with the BHA
- Develop scaled approach to implementing screening materials for behavioral health professionals
- Continued meetings of the LPA team
- Promote and support Colorado professionals' participation in NASHIA's brain injury certification program

Ben emphasized the importance of brain injury screening for individuals who have ACES and ensuring they are receiving the appropriate care.

ACL Grant Evaluation Report Year Two

Accomplishments

- The council has recruited new members and almost has a full membership.
- New bylaws were adopted that include compensation for volunteer members.
- MindYourBrain PSA and website for Brain Injury Awareness Month resulted in:
 - 1,400 new visitors to MINDSOURCE website
 - Over 800 visitors to MindYourBrain page
 - 179 referrals to BIAC in March
- The council has a draft state plan to be voted on.

CACBI Annual Survey Findings

Process

- 10 out of 17 current members responded. Half with a brain injury and half are first year members.
- With regards to the bylaws revision process, only one person shared that they felt too much time was spent on this. Of the seven respondents to this question, four described the process as valuable but remained frustrated with people not being accountable to staying on track with the agenda, people monopolizing the conversation and going down rabbit holes, and feeling meetings can be tense.

- Most people feel the very inclusive (70%) and very safe (60%) with none feeling it's neither of these two things at all.
- Most people feel the council is somewhat productive (60%) with one person feeling it's not productive at all.
- Most people feel very comfortable chatting a message to the group during meetings, emailing MINDSOURCE staff outside of meetings, and completing surveys/feedback forms.
- One person reported not feeling comfortable at all raising their hand during meetings or emailing MINDSOURCE staff outside of meetings.
- Half of the participants feel their thoughts and ideas are very much valued by the group and the other half feel they are somewhat valued.

State Plan

- Most participants are excited about the new State Plan (70%)
- Training area suggestions include Brain injury systems and supports currently available and council processes.

Next Steps

- All agendas and slide decks will have clear time allotments and goals for each topic. Everyone is expected to stay on topic and adhere to the time constraints.
- Agreements will be reviewed at the beginning of every meeting. Everyone is expected to adhere to them and encouraged to hold each other accountable with respect.
- In 2024, CACBI will go back to quarterly meetings and launch quarterly subcommittee meetings in between so that subcommittees can be involved in the execution of the strategies.

Client Services Outcome Evaluation

Accomplishments

- Refined MINDSOURCE's Client Services Logic Model with BIAC staff to align programs with desired outcomes.
- Revised all client services evaluation protocols to align with BIAC Client Services Logic
- Transitioned data collection for FY24 to aligned evaluation plan.

Self Advocacy for Independent Life (SAIL) Implementation

- Arapahoe Community College held three classes with 20 graduates.
- BIAC held 4 classes with 23 participants. Peers assisted with facilitation in two classes and lead the other two. One participant spoke Farci.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pueblo Brain Injury and Center Towards Self Reliance held five classes with twelve participants. • Most participants see improvements in the outcomes measured after completing the classes. • Center Toward Self Reliance used community grant funds to create banners and handouts advertising the classes and certificates and swag to award participants for completing the classes. <p>State Plan Ian moved to approve the draft of the state plan, Maria seconded, and motion passed with Renee abstaining.</p> <p>Public Feed Back Kelly discussed the public feedback process. There will be two in-person meetings. One will be held in Spanish and the other will include an ASL Interpreter. There will also be a virtual meeting. Kelly asked for any input on what questions should be asked at those meeting and suggestions for getting the word out about the meetings.</p>
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Public Comment

Discussion	There was no public comment.	
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NA		

Parking Lot

Discussion	The connection between brain injury and trauma. Assign time for reflection on the process section of Amy’s report.	
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NA		

Next Meeting: Thursday, October 19, 2023, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m

Minutes collected by Lina Kyle