



Colorado Advisory Council on Brain Injury Meeting Minutes

Date: January 18, 2024

Time: 10:00 -12:00 AM

Location: Zoom

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

Welcomes

Discussion	Kelly welcomed everyone to the group and led the group through introductions. Ian reviewed the Group Agreements.		
Action Items	Person(s) Responsible	Deadline	
NA			

Approval of Minutes

Discussion	Approval of the November minutes was tabled.		
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Discussion

<p>Discussion</p>	<p>Council Business</p> <p>In Person Meetings: There are funds in the budget for two in-person meetings. Kelly asked which two months the group would prefer. There was a clear preference for July and October. Russha asked if the Council is willing to meet for a longer period of time for the in-person meetings.</p> <p>State Plan: The plan has been submitted to CDHS leadership and approval is expected in about three weeks. Ian wanted to know if there is a chance that the leadership would request changes. Kelly said that is possible, but she doesn't expect significant changes.</p> <p>Brain Injury Data: The Council previously requested updated data on brain injury. There isn't a study more recent than the one completed in 2016 by Craige Hospital. Those researchers have offered to attend the April meeting to do a presentation.</p> <p>Leading Practices Academy: The National Association of State Head Injury Administrators is hosting a Leading Practices Academy focused on Criminal Justice. That begins later this month and MINDSOURCE will be participating in that. Kelly said the team is leaning toward a focus on intimate partner violence.</p> <p>Community Grants: The Trust Fund Board is working on preparing for the community grants. They are tentatively scheduled for announcement in March with funding to begin July 1, 2024.</p> <p>Brain Injury Awareness Month: Brain Injury Awareness Month is March.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> A proclamation request has been submitted to the Governor <input type="checkbox"/> MINDSOURCE is partnering with BIAC <input type="checkbox"/> The team has reached out to CDOT for reminders on the instant update signs <input type="checkbox"/> Exploring options with previous campaign materials <input type="checkbox"/> 30 Days of Brain Injury Facts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Brain injury 101: Colorado data, pediatric, stroke veterans <input type="checkbox"/> Survivor Focus: Quotes, caregiver, Valor on the Fax
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- Recovery: Behavioral health, physical health, support groups, SAIL, RISE (Arapahoe Community College Program)
- Resources: Books, MINDSOURCE grants, professional development, physician fact sheet, ER fact sheet

Ben suggested reaching out to independent and university radio stations. He also suggested TikTok or other social media.

Laura suggested including issues that come along with brain injuries, such as migraines, in the recovery information.

Ian wants to be sure information regarding sports and brain injury is included.

Maria wanted to do shoutouts to groups that aren't brain injury focused who are doing work in the field.

Ian wants to include information on peer support groups and the Centers for Independent Living.

Council Recruitment: There are four seats on the Council that will be vacant when terms end in June. The Bylaws encourage current members to participate in recruitment. Full membership on the Council is 20 members. There are representatives required from certain organizations by the ACL grant, and there are organizations that the Council have identified wanting representatives from. 50% of the Council members must have lived experience, and it is important to have a diverse group of people.

Joy wants to be intentional in the recruitment. She was personally asked to join and feels that is a positive way to reach potential members.

Mid-Year Report: Amy provided the mid-year report on the Council activities.

SAIL: ACC canceled their SAIL class because it only had two registrants. They are working with outreach and partnerships with the Dept or Vocational Rehab, TANF/SNAP, and foundations to subsidize tuition. A new class starts in February. Maria is hosting classes through Pueblo Brain Injury and the Center for Self-Reliance. They are focusing on outreach to young adults, Spanish speakers, and folks outside of Pueblo. A new class launched this month. She has found that some of the language in the class is too clinical and wants to encourage more layman terms. BIAC led a virtual class co-led by peer mentors. They started a new class earlier this month and another scheduled to begin in the spring. Laura gave an update on the class she led. Participants report increases in self-esteem



	<p>and self-confidence, they have a general sense of “fitting in.” They started attending the facilitators’ groups and other BIAC classes and workshops, and had dramatic improvements in interpersonal interactions. Laura sent individual follow up emails to participants after each class about key points discussed, resources mentioned and remind about the homework. She also emailed BIAC staff updates after every session. Marissa reported that SAIL is one of the most requested programs requested by BIAC clients and wants to find out if there is a way to get more participants. Ben suggested the peer mentors be trained as SAIL facilitators.</p>	
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Public Comment

Discussion	<p>There was no public comment.</p>	
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NA		

Parking Lot

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Ben would like a presentation on new technologies and how they might benefit the community. Per Kelly, she is attending an upcoming training on AI and brain injury and will share out information with the council (training is in April). This topic might also be better addressed within each subcommittee. <input type="checkbox"/> Brasen Lee has been sending emails to the council and Ben would like more information on what he’s talking about. Per Kelly, Mindy Gates is the point of contact regarding Mr. Lee. He has shared inaccurate and incomplete information regarding funding and services across the United States. <input type="checkbox"/> Ian suggested bringing in speakers for the in-person meetings. Kelly will work on a speaker regarding the previous prevalence study that was done through Craig Hospital’s Research Department. <input type="checkbox"/> Ian suggested finding a role for council members to term out who want to continue to participate. 	
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Next Meeting: Thursday, April 18, 2024, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m

Minutes collected by Lina Kyle