

Meeting Minutes

MINDSOURCE Trust Fund Board

June 21st, 2024

Type of meeting	Full Board Meeting
Public/Private	Public
Meeting Location	Online, hosted on zoom
Formal/Informal	Formal
Facilitator(s)	MINDSOURCE, Russha Knauer; Chair, James Graham; Chair Elect, Angie Goodger
Chair(s)	James Graham, Angie Goodger
Board Members	Amanda Hood, Ogborn Mihm; Angie Goodger, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment; Victoria Ortega, Retired; Rebecca Wasil, Pueblo Community College; Angie Wickersham, Hilltop Community Resources; Renee Charlifue-Smith, CU Anschutz; Jennifer Coker, Craig Hospital; James Graham, Colorado State University; Jason Kacmarski, Veterans Administration; Jamal Long Soldier, US Army Reserves; Dr. Daniel Lindberg, Kempe Center; Veronica Zarlingo, SCL Health
Minute Taker	Erin Horner
Recorded: Y/N	Yes; recording not retained
Time Meeting Called to Order	9:03 am
Time Meeting Adjourned	10:54am
Attendees	Board members: Angie Goodger, Victoria Ortega, Rebecca Wasil, Angie Wickersham, Renee Charlifue-Smith, James Graham, Jamal Long Soldier, Dr. Daniel Lindberg, Veronica Zarlingo Guests: Mikalia Gray, Presenter

	MINDSOURCE Staff: Russha Knauer, Erin Horner Members of the public: Lucia Valdez, Jim Tatten, Maria Martinez
Absent Members	Amanda Hood, Dr. Anthony Young, Jennifer Coker, Jason Kacmarski

Welcome, Roll Call, Board Business

Introductions and Approval of February Minutes	Approval of April minutes; Renee motioned, Dan seconded, <i>Approved.</i>
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Thank you and new Board Members

Informational	<p>Thank you for your service to the Brain Injury Trust Fund Board Vickie Ortega and Dr. Anthony Young!</p> <p>Joining our Board in August will be Maria Martinez, representing people with lived experience, and Kristine Burrows, representing the Department of Human Services. Maria owns Pueblo Brain Injury, LLC., and Kristine is the Senior Specialist on Aging with the Department</p>
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Legislative Session Update

Informational	<p>There were no bills proposed or passed this session that directly impacted the MINDSOURCE Brain Injury Network.</p> <p>The Program advocated for a shift in language in competency legislation to move away from brain injuries and instead focus on current functioning. The language shift that passed in the legislation was about people raising competency concerns for neurocognitive and neurodevelopmental reasons.</p>
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Update on Trust Fund Task Force



Informational

The Task Force will meet monthly. Hoping to have final recommendations to the Board by the December meeting. Recommendations will include frequency of solicitations for community and research grants and amounts. The Program has been asked to pull together a more detailed 10-year snapshot and spending history for the Task Force.

The MINDSOURCE Trust Fund is expected to bring in approximately \$1.8 million in income this year; down about \$100,000 from last year.

Community Grantee Presentation: Mikalia Gray, Brain Injury Alliance of Colorado

Presentation

Mikalia Gray presented on the Brain Injury Alliance of Colorado’s Community Grant for Fiscal Year 2024 (July 2023 - June 2024). The Community Grant’s aim was to develop outreach materials specific to the Native American population in Colorado. Mikalia worked with consultants from the community to create mockups. There will be 3,000 paper copies of outreach materials printed and each consultant will receive 500 copies to distribute outside of the Denver Metro Area. Members requested ADA compliance be reviewed before printing.

October Board Meeting

Decision

The October / fall meeting tends to be more of a retreat-style meeting. The Board discussed options for the fall meeting, including agenda topics in addition to getting annual report presentations from the Colorado Department of Education and the Brain Injury Alliance of Colorado.

The Board decided on the following - All board members wanted the meeting to be in person. (Angie Wickersham, Veronica Zarlingo, Rebecca Wasil, Maria Martinez will need a hotel room for one night.)

Location: TBD; ideal to have at a community provider location where we can learn more about the provided services

Date: October 18, 2024

Length: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm



	Agenda items: Data discussion (Some information to be provided in August), Possible presentation by community partner organization (host site), Sunshine Law training
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Public Comment

Informational	Jim Tatten spoke as a member of the public. He has been attending Trust Fund Board meetings since 2010 and noted that there are approximately 500,000 people living with a brain injury in Colorado. He provided context for how visible injuries fade over time but symptoms can remain. He stressed that advocacy is so important for continued legislation and funding.
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