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Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Use Services

Join the Movement: NC's Statewide TBI Provider Collaborative Kickoff!

October 28, 2026

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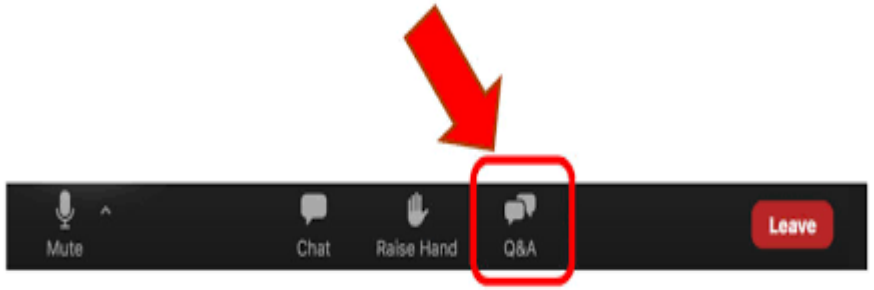

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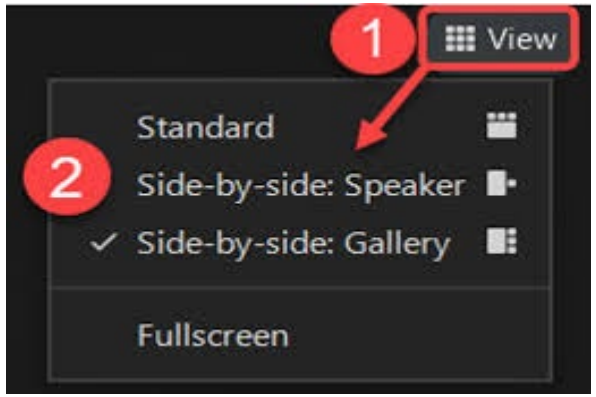

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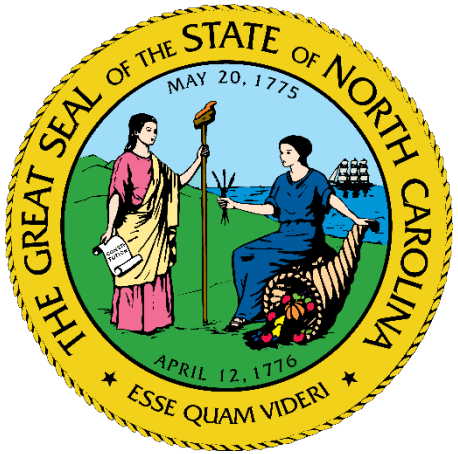
Agenda

1. Introductions
2. Presentation
3. Q&A

Presenter

- **Scott Pokorny, MSW, CBIS**
- **Traumatic Brain Injury Team Lead**
- **DMH/DD/SUS**



NC TBI Provider Collaborative Kick Off

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Agenda

- Welcome & Introductions
- TBI State Action Plan
- TBI Provider Collaborative Background/Purpose
- Potential Topics
- Logistics
- Participant Input/Q&A

- Created 2025/2026
- Published July 1, 2026
- Developed in collaboration with stakeholders
- Serves as Guiding framework for brain injury initiatives and activities statewide over the next three years
- Aligns with DMHDDSUS Strategic Plan
- Formal plan update cycle is every three years with a minimum review of annually; updates can also occur anytime there is an identified need.
- Required by the federal Administration for Community Living (ACL) TBI grant
- Posted on the DMHDDSUS TBI webpage at: Traumatic Brain Injury | NCDHHS

State Action Plan- Strategic Priorities

Better Access to Services- Supporting access for people with lived experience to high-quality services including expanding access to the TBI Waiver, 1915i services, mental health/substance use services, medical, and specialty services.

Better Support Providers and Clinicians- Educating support providers, agencies, clinicians, and care managers on best practices for supporting people with TBI.

Better Support People with TBI and Caregivers- Providing people with TBI and caregivers support navigating life changes, supporting self-care, and promoting emotional wellbeing.

Better Equip Community to Prevent Brain Injuries- Reduce the incidence of brain injuries in the community by increasing awareness, promoting safe behaviors, and expanding access to prevention resources.

State Action Plan - Better Support Providers and Clinicians

- **Goal:** By June 30, 2029, NCDHHS will build a well-trained, high-quality workforce across the support continuum as evidenced by 85% of people surveyed reporting that they can see their primary care provider when they need to, see their specialists when they need to, and their care manager links them to the services they need.

- Action Step: Grow the provider network.

Planned Completion	Action Steps	Complete?
October 2026	A. Implement and facilitate a statewide TBI Provider Collaborative.	Ongoing

TBI Provider Collaborative

Why is there a need for a TBI Provider Collaborative?

- TBI services continue to expand across the state.
- Well-supported and well-connected providers are more important than ever.
- Brings together clinicians, providers, direct support professionals, and others serving the brain injury community.
- Discuss emerging needs and highlight hot topics.
- Strengthen the statewide network of brain injury professionals and providers.
- One of the key products of the ACL TBI grant.
- Your input will help shape statewide TBI priorities.
- What would be helpful to support you in working with the brain injury population?

TBI Provider Collaborative

- Employment and Independence for People with Disabilities (EIPD)- Programs that support the TBI Community
- Nothing About Us Without Us Voter Education
- 1915i Services
- Cool People Doing Cool Things: Laurel Powell Family Support Network / UNC School of Social Work INCLUDE NC Project Discussion Items
- The Children and Families Specialty Plan (CFSP)
- **SNAP –** Update on Changes
- HOPE NC - Creating Communities
- AKALAKA's Peer Care Partner Facilitator Certification Program
- Access Dental Care
- Tailored Care Management
- First in Families NC (FIFNC) – Family Resources
- History of ICD-10 Code usage for data analysis (TBI Dashboard, Quality Management work, etc.)
- TULA
- Information sessions/webinars to educate individuals, families, providers and other stakeholders on eligibility guide usage and eligibility processes.
- Information sessions/webinars on introduction and use of TBI Resource Hub
- ECHO
- IRIS incident report system
- Online Brain Injury Screening and Support System (OBISSS)

- Cadence (frequency)
- Time of day/month
- Communication/advertising brainstorm
- Other items
- Feel free to submit questions, meeting topic ideas and any other feedback to

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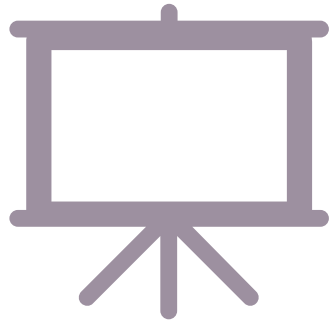

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