

# **BRAIN INJURY ADVISORY COUNCIL (BIAC)**

Date: December 7, 2022 Time: 9:00 am – 1:00 pm Location: Web-conference

TYPE OF MEETING	Quarterly Meeting			
FACILITATOR	Rose Randell, Chair	r		
ATTENDEES				
NAME	PRESENT	NAME	PRESENT	
Voting Council Members		Non-Voting Council Members		GUESTS
Rosanne Randall		Amy Douglas		Bob Crayton
Pier Protz		Cindy DePorter		Crystal Foster
Beth Overby		Dreama McCoy		Debbie Spaeth
Betty Lilyquist		Kenneth Bausell		Dr. Glenn Johnson
Carol Ornitz	$\boxtimes$	Lisa DeCiantis		Janice White
Christine Fernandini	$\boxtimes$	Marica Gibson		Jean Andersen
Daniel Pietrzak	$\boxtimes$	Talley Wells	$\boxtimes$	Karin Reuter-Rice
David Forsythe		Tracy Buchanan	$\boxtimes$	Lamia Davis
Dr. Edward Juach				Libby Wilhelmson
Erica Davis				Lisa Nesbitt
Geana Welter				Lynette Gordon
John Dickerhoff				Sandy Pendergraft
Jordan Slade		Staff to Council		Stephanie Vinson
Karen McCulloch		Michael Brown	$\boxtimes$	Wendy Church
Laurie Stickney	$\boxtimes$	Scott Pokorny	$\boxtimes$	
Lynn Makor		Stephanie Jones	$\boxtimes$	
Melinda Munden				
Renee Johnson	$\boxtimes$			
Sarah Stroud				
Thomas Henson, Jr	$\boxtimes$			
Todd Bennett	$\boxtimes$			
Virginia Knowlton Marcus				

1. Agenda topic: Welcome, Review of Minutes & Introductions Rose Randell Discussion Rose Randell, Chair, welcomed everyone to meeting. June and September's meeting minutes were approved by the voting members present. Rose advised the following individuals as new and re-appointees: > Dr. Glenn Johnson – Survival BI (East) > Dr. Kevin BI Service Provider, Private ➤ Gloria Stallworth – Rep. Public Health David Forsyth Beth Overby Geana Walter Virginia Knowlton Marcus Jordan Slade Rose requested volunteers for the NASHIA council membership: Todd Bennett volunteered Carol Ornitz volunteered There were 13 respondents to the survey with the following results: > 90% responded no to change council leadership Service System Committee – new chair needed C&Y Committee – new chair needed > 80% responded no to in-person mtg ➤ 60% responded yes for virtual meetings 90% responded yes for hybrid meeting option The following discussed regarding meeting attendance: > Attendance is required The chair or co-chair must be a council member > The ALOHA committee proposal will be revisited More individuals are needed to work on the annual report **Conclusions** The following feedback was provided: Lisa Nesbitt - Will check availability for conference room > Todd Bennett - Volunteered to host in-person meetings next year in Charlotte with the option to continue to attend virtually.

• Feedback provided that the tech platform may present a barrier to joining meetings

Action Items Person(s) Responsible Deadline

Recommendation provided to use short bullets of discussion in the conclusion section of the

2. Agenda topic: TBI Quarterly Update

minutes.

Michael Brown

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Discussion	The following updates were provided re: TBI Expenditure Update – 1 <sup>st</sup> quarter  > \$598,080.94 expenditures for LMEs  > \$123, 353.14 expenditures for BIANC- State  > \$46,381.24 expenditures for BIANC-ACL  > All LME/MCOs screened for TBI
Conclusions	<ul> <li>The following feedback was provided:         <ul> <li>Concerns with Alliance screening numbers</li> <li>Suggested the LMEs be required to spend all funds instead of unexpended funds go back to the State of NC</li> <li>The annual report should start including barriers to services</li> <li>Oversight on state funded services (Ex. # of individuals served in residential services and # of individuals denied residential services)</li> <li>Create an Adhoc to discuss data collection</li> <li>Plan of action to obtain increase funding</li> <li>Services available under 1915i for individuals with BI; Link for more information: <a href="https://medicaid.ncdhhs.gov/media/11930/open">https://medicaid.ncdhhs.gov/media/11930/open</a></li> <li>"Medicaid will be offering new services called 1915(i) services to people with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities (I/DD), including autism, as well as those with mental health issues and substance use disorders. 1915(i) services will eventually replace B3 services when Tailored Plans launch in April, 2023.Oct 5, 2022"</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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#### 3. Agenda topic: State Action Plan

Rose Randell and Scott Pokorny

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Discussion	<ul> <li>Rose and Scott provided a brief overview of the State</li> <li>All sub-committees should use the plan as a guideling</li> <li>Laurie Stickney motioned and David F. second to accommittee</li> <li>The voting council members approved the accommittee</li> </ul>	ne for initiatives cept the plan	
Conclusions	<ul> <li>The following feedback was provided:</li> <li>It will be crucial to have an annual report to have legislative impact by clear and concise summary information so as not to overwhelm</li> <li>we need it to be clear and concise in order advocate properly</li> <li>Add homeless to ABI screening milestone 5 in the criminal justice system</li> <li>ABI screening at the LME/MCO is needed</li> <li>Is there a report of what was accomplished within the current TBI State action Plan?</li> <li>what's the plan to reach homeless? That would mean advocate at the community facilities.</li> </ul>		
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## 4. Agenda topic: BIAC Composition

Jan White

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Discussion	<ul> <li>Jan provided a brief overview of the ACL council seats requirements.</li> <li>The voting council members more survivors than family members proposal – 5 votes</li> <li>50/50 proposal – 8 votes</li> <li>1 abstaining vote</li> </ul>
Conclusions	<ul> <li>The following feedback was provided:</li> <li>Postpone this vote to next meeting</li> <li>Are the ACL requirements part of the documents the council have to review?</li> <li>Is the council based off grant funding requirements vs statute?</li> <li>States that are legislatively mandated like NC is in a different position. 50/50 Family member vs survivor council. You are making a statement who is most important if you lose family member voices.</li> <li>Equal representation opportunities between ALL brain injury survivors?</li> <li>So only "certain survivors" are welcome, not all. The voices of those with poor outcomes from severe injury, will be silenced.</li> <li>BIANC shared the initiatives that have resulted from the ACL funding.</li> <li>We can't regulate severely injured representative family members to a subcommittee, just like we can't relegate survivors to a separate committee rather than voting council seats.</li> </ul>
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### 5. Agenda topic: Sub-Committee Updates

Discussion	Sub Committee updates will be disseminated via email

### 6. Agenda topic: Medicaid Updates

Michelle Merritt

Discussion	The following updates were provided re: Medicaid Updates	
	TP services covered	
	TP Eligibility	
	Individuals using TBI State funded services	
	Individuals on the TBI Waiver	
	Individuals who have an IDD diagnosis or receive IDD Services due to TBI prior to 21	
	<ul> <li>This includes those on the Innovations Waiver</li> </ul>	
	Based on Mental Health or Substance Use Enhanced Service Need	
	<ul> <li>Look back period was 18 months for enhanced MH or SUD services and if</li> </ul>	
	no enhanced MH or SUD services were used individuals were assigned to	
	Standard Plans.	

	<ul><li>Tools to compare Plans</li><li>Resources for beneficiaries</li></ul>	
Conclusions	<ul> <li>The following feedback was provided:</li> <li>Review ICD codes, extend the look back period, medication and changing providers</li> <li>No neurologists or neuropsychologists listed</li> </ul>	

Respectfully submitted: Stephanie Jones, Michael Brown and Scott Pokorny