



# NC BRAIN INJURY ADVISORY COUNCIL

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<b>Date: May 8, 2025</b>	<b>Time: 12:00 – 2:00pm</b>	<b>Location: Hybrid/Ashby Building, CR 115</b>
<b>Type Of Meeting</b>	<b>BIAC Meeting – Hybrid</b>	
<b>Facilitator</b>	<b>Beth Overby -Chair</b>	

### ATTENDEES

NAME	PRESENT	NAME	PRESENT	
<b>Voting Council Members</b>		<b>Non-Voting Council Members</b>		<b>GUESTS</b>
Beth Overby - Chair	X	Lisa DeCiantis		
Tracy Hayes- Vice Chair	X	Marcia Gibson		
Kristen Barboza	X	Dreama McCoy		
Todd Bennett	X	Tom Mitchell		
Christina Fernandini	X	Glorina Stallworth		
Leila Hicks	X	Robin Sulfridge	X	
		Steve Yost (proxy)		
Edward Jauch	X	Talley Wells		
Glenn Johnson	X	Cori Dunn		X
Renee Johnson	X			
Virginia Knowlton Marcus	Proxy			
Lynn Maker	X			
Laura Morris				
Melinda Munden				
Joseph Propst		<b>Staff to Council</b>		
Roseanne Randall	X	Stacey Harward	X	
Patricia Kay Reyna	X	Jennifer Meade		
Jordan Slade	X	Ginger Yarbrough		
Lauria Stickney	X			
Geana Welter				
Libby Wilhelmson	X			

<b>Agenda Topic:</b>	<b>Welcome – Beth Overby</b>		
<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Welcome</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Quorum confirmed 12 of 23 voting members (proxies counted)</li> <li>Agenda approved with Modification (Leila Hicks &amp; Libby Wilhelmson)</li> <li>Minutes approved (Laura Morris &amp; Glenn Johnson)</li> </ul>		
<b>Conclusions</b>			
<b>Action Items</b>	<b>Person(s) Responsible</b>	<b>Deadline</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Add to the agenda – voting on the recommendation from the SCFAC</li> <li>Minutes approved with correction to spelling of name.</li> </ul>	Stacey Harward		

Agenda Topic	Public Comment	
Public Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Are there any resources for individuals with a TBI who are homeless? I have found out that there is only one such resource in our county – Community Crossroads</li><li>• SCFAC Representative – Presented to the BIAC the SCFAC recommendation concerning TBI that will be a part of the SCFAC Annual report – SCFAC would like to have the BIAC’s support on their recommendation concerning TBI – BIAC stated that they would support the recommendation.</li><li>• I am a 5-year TBI survivor. I truly believe that the TBI waiver should be extended to all of NC, regardless of the county you live in.</li><li>• I am a combat veteran who gets my health care in Asheville, NC, which is my nearest VA Center. I was blown up in 2004, and I care about people with Brain injury. I have a lot of experience with brain injury. It has greatly affected my life, having a brain injury. I served under General James N. Mattis and Colonel Dunford, both of whom served in multiple administrations. I just wanted to say this, I appreciate all the hard work and awareness that NC is spending on people with brain injury. If we, as a brain injury community, need to have a voice, I would just like to bring up a concern that I may have that might have a negative impact on people with brain injury. Do we or is there an official whistleblower policy for brain-injured persons or employees working with the 501c3 orgs? To this council? Again, I want to be very clear. Is there a legal and or official whistleblower policy in place for organizations receiving financial aid from the Government? I would like to bring up the need for an official whistleblower policy and protections to be implemented at some point in time, maybe it already is in place, but I would like to bring this up as a concern, to the Brain Injury Council.</li></ul>	
Conclusions	<b>Motion:</b> Support of SCFAC Annual report recommendation on TBI – Roseanne Randall made the motion of support, and Libby Wilhelmson 2nd	
Action Items	Person(s) Responsible	Deadline
Will speak with the council representative from the AG office concerning whom to report those concerns to	Beth Overby and Tracy Hayes	

Agenda Topic:	Review and Approval of Amended Bylaws – Tracy Hayes
<b>Discussion</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reviewed the history of when the last update occurred in 2009.</li> <li>• Grace from the AG’s office has reviewed and has no complaints concerning changes.</li> <li>• Primary Changes: allowing virtual attendance, having hybrid meetings, and allowing members to appoint a proxy.</li> <li>• Clarifying that members can have a proxy and that the proxy will have voting rights.</li> <li>• Bylaws reference a code of ethics – Code of Ethics for the council to consider. (This does not have to be voted on today)</li> <li>• Discussion- Roseanne Randall – 2 concerns 1. The amount of work that will be placed on the Chair – possibly say Chair or designee. This would allow the Chair to assign duties to others and not have all the work fall on the Chair. 2. The use of a Proxy and the possible abuse of the proxy. We should limit the number of times a member can use a Proxy, and a proxy should not be allowed to have a proxy at consecutive meetings. Voting: If a Council member uses a proxy during a meeting, they are not able to attend – the proxy can vote for the council member, but that Council Member cannot submit a vote on the same item.</li> <li>• Recommendation of the ad hoc group was to combine Article 2 and Article 3 (there was duplication between purpose and mission)</li> <li>• Council activities come directly from the statute with some minor modifications.</li> <li>• We added the word Caregivers next to families because we know that some people with a TBI may have a caregiver or a natural support, someone who is not necessarily a technical relative</li> </ul>

	<p>or family member but is still that person's natural support and their caregiver. We would like to make the bylaws inclusive to consider the needs of those individuals, as well as formal relatives and family members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One of our goals is to get to the place where we are submitting a report to the appropriate parties, including the Governor, the Speaker of the House, the Senate President Pro Tem at the North Carolina General Assembly, and the North Carolina Secretary. This comes from the Statute- the planning, development, funding, and implementation of the comprehensive statewide delivery system for individuals with traumatic brain injury.</li> <li>• Added language that the Director of DMH/DD/SUS will appoint a liaison for the Council-support shall include activities such as assistance with agenda, minutes, hosting meetings, and maintaining webpage.</li> <li>• Added a sentence that DHB and DMH/DD/SUS will provide relevant information and data to the council upon request and respond promptly to questions from the council.</li> <li>• Reimbursement- for members that qualify – mileage, hotel (direct bill, drive must be 100 miles), Meals</li> <li>• 23 voting members and 10 non-voting members (18 or older) vacancies to be filled by the appointing authority.</li> <li>• The Council can temporarily elect someone to fill the seat until the appointing authority fills that vacancy. The appointing authority may choose to fill the vacancy with the individual that this council has identified temporarily. Ultimately, the vacancy must be filled by the appointing authority. Terms for voting members are for 4 years, and no one can serve more than 2 consecutive terms if they have been appointed.</li> <li>• Non-voting members' terms do not expire.</li> <li>• Proxy- for attendance and voting will be added to this section</li> <li>• Attendance can be in-person or virtual as long as the member can participate in the meeting.</li> <li>• Appointed members must attend at least 3 meetings per year. You cannot miss 3 consecutive meetings within one fiscal year. If there are missed meetings, the Liaison will email the member to verify that they are still able to participate in the council.</li> <li>• Members can take a leave of absence from the council with the approval of the Chair.</li> <li>• Officers – Chair and Vice Chair- election process, terms, removal of officers, resignation</li> <li>• Chair and or vice chair to assist with presiding over meetings, assist with the agenda, and with guests.</li> <li>• Process for resignation and appointment.</li> <li>• Council will meet at least 3 times per year, up to 12 times. All meetings are open meetings to the public and will comply with Article 33c, Chapter 143 (NC Open Meeting Law)</li> <li>• Process for calling special meetings.</li> </ul>
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Conclusions			
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Limit Public comment to 15 minutes since the meeting is only 2 hours.</li><li>Recommendation to have the name changed from TBI with Acquired Brain Injury or Brain Injury</li></ul>			

<b>Agenda Topic</b>	<b>TBI Waiver Pilot Presentation from Alliance – Mike Milley, Alliance LTSS Program Manager</b>
<b>Discussion</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sarah Wilson, Chief of Staff for Alliance Health</li> <li>• Rob Robinson was not able to make it today but sends his regards.</li> <li>• Michael Willey, Long Term Services Program Manager at Alliance</li> <li>• First received the Pilot program for TBI – we were building the entirety of the waiver, so obviously in partnership with the State</li> <li>• <b>Purpose of the NC TBI Waiver-</b> Designed to provide rehabilitative services and supports</li> </ul>

	<p>that facilitate recovery and promote choice, independence, and community involvement for individuals with a TBI either in or at risk of placement in institutional settings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Goals Include:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Value and support waiver beneficiaries to be fully functioning members of their community</li> <li>○ Promote rehabilitation through evidence-based practices and promising practices that result in real-life outcomes for beneficiaries</li> <li>○ Offer person-centered service options that will facilitate each beneficiary's ability to live in homes of their choice, have employment or engage in a purposeful day of their choice, and achieve their life goals.</li> <li>○ Reviewed the Timeline of the waiver Pilot program.</li> <li>○ Reviewed Areas of Eligibility</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Challenges:</b> Identifying individuals with TBI, Age barriers, TBI vs non-TBI, Providers with TBI Expertise, establishing diagnostic eligibility for individuals, testing and verifying LOC, Financial barriers, and understanding the waiver.</li> <li>• <b>TBI interest Registry vs Run:</b> TBI interest Registry is a first-come, first served list of people who have contacted Alliance about the possible participation in the TBI Waiver</li> <li>• <b>Waiver Changes:</b> Age – went from 22 and up to 18 and up, qualify for Medicaid at 300%FPL as opposed to 100% FPL, Supported Living services added, process for establishing TBI diagnostic eligibility when original records are not available, partnered with a provider to establish an enhanced TBI group home.</li> <li>• Reviewed the Waiver Enrollment by Waiver year.</li> <li>• Reviewed Termination Data</li> <li>• Reviewed Service Utilization</li> <li>• Reviewed Non-waiver TBI Supports</li> </ul>		
<b>Conclusions</b>			
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PowerPoint available			

<b>Agenda Topic</b>	<b>Adjournment</b>		
<b>Discussion</b>	Motion to adjourn the meeting – all in favor.		
<b>Conclusions</b>			
<b>Action Items</b>	<b>Person(s) Responsible</b>	<b>Deadline</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council to decide if the September meeting is going to be extended</li> </ul>	Council		