

1. Agenda topic: Welcome, Review of Minutes & Introductions

David Forsythe

Discussion	David Forsythe, chair, welcomed everyone to meeting. Mr. Forsythe advised members that there would be a vote for the committee chair position at the end of the meeting. He also acknowledged and thanked each current BIAC committee chair.		
Conclusions			
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2. Seat and Appointment Vacancies

Scott Pokorny

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scott Pokorny provided the following updates regarding BIAC seat and appointments vacancies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ MD four with expertise in trauma, nerves surgery, neuropsychology, PM& R or Emergency medicine. The Speaker of House have applicants for the seat and will be introducing a bill to the legislatures to fill position. ○ Representative of Veterans Affairs ○ Rep. Of Office of Emergency Medical Services. ○ A Representative of the NC Hospital Assoc. or other organization interested in brain injury prevention & treatment. Todd Bennett is expected to be reappointed for the seat. ○ Family Member of person with Brain Injury (Western, NC). ○ Chair and Vice Council chair for full council - DMH/DD/SAS are unable to serve in the roles. ○ Chair and Vice-Chair for Service Delivery System Committee – ○ An IDD Consumer which means the person must be a consumer of IDD Services. Keep in mind that except for TBI, the intellectual/developmental disability must have been manifested before the person attained the age of 22. • Names of two potential candidates have been submitted for the vacancy for the DD Consumer. A veteran, who has a TBI, could potentially qualify for this vacancy as well. This is a great opportunity to put forth the name of an interested individual with TBI for consideration. 		
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3. Agenda topic: TBI Grant Survey

Stephanie Jones

	<p>Stephanie Jones shared the following information regarding the TBI Grant survey: The purpose of the survey was to solicit stakeholder’s feedback regarding potential grant focus areas to consider in the upcoming application for the Administration of Community Living (ACL) TBI Grant Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA). The FOA has not yet been posted but is anticipated at any time. The survey consisted of 8 questions with Thirty-three (33) individuals responded. The survey was posted publicly for approximately four weeks. The documented results included with the agenda represents majority responses to the survey questions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Question 1- What portion of previous TBI grants have had the MOST impact for the NC TBI community? Screening and Resource Facilitation Education and Training • Question 2- What portion of previous TBI grants have had the LEAST impact for the NC TBI community? Screening Employment opportunities • Question 3- Rate topics in order of importance 1st- Behavioral Health (Mental Health and SUD) 2nd Employment 3rd Criminal Justice 4th Homeless 5th Underserved 		
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4. Agenda topic: BIANC Update

Daniel Pietrzak

Discussion	<p>Daniel Pietrzak provided the following updates regarding NCBIAC updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March 3, 2021 - Congressional Brain Injury Awareness Day – NC BIAC staff was granted the opportunity to speak with several representatives, including Senator Byrd office, Senator Tillis office and Senator Butterfield office. The following requests were made during the discussions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Increase that number, the number of dollars, so that all 50 states would be able to receive some type of money. ○ Additional funding for wounded warriors, making sure that that population is taken care of and represented.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ NC BIAC representatives afforded the opportunity to sit on the congressional task. ● March 25, 2021 – Light Up the Night ● March 29, 2021 – BIANC Awareness forum ● Updated webinar platform can be reached at www.biancteach.net ● BIANC COVID 19 vaccination statement - Encourage individuals to be active with their own healthcare 	
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6. Agenda topic: NC Brain Injury Association 2020 Legislative Report

Jan White

Discussion	<p>Jan White provided the following updates regarding the NC Brain Injury Association 2020 Legislative report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 2020s report has been kept in the same format as years ago, due to lack of timing. Reports, graphs, and charts should be included in the upcoming report. ● An executive summary is placed at the beginning of the report. – ● The introduction is composed of TBI in general, CDC information and information regarding the Division of Public Health Special Emphasis Report, 2018 and data. ● Provided a history of the Advisory Council paper ● Provided information regarding the development of the TBI State Plan ● Provided information regarding HRSA ● History of the TBI Waiver – Collaboration with Alliance LME and information provided regarding an expansion to at least one other catchment area, and that will be a five year expansion ● Provided information regarding the various BIAC committees’ initiatives ● Provided information regarding federal TBI grants ● Request section – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Public Policy Committee recommended a request from legislatures for a one million dollars increase in funding. ○ Request for a budget for the Advisory Council for an Executive Director position ● Monitoring activities of Medicaid Transformation ● Provided information regarding the number of individuals that need service each year and then the number of individuals that get service each year. ● Barriers - Eligibility process challenges with not meeting the income requirements. Also, the inability to locate medical records. ● In the conclusion, an acknowledgment of TBI at the state level. DHHS is increasing their identification of TBI as a distinct disability group, a significant gap in funding and limited TBI specific services, strengthening existing TBI service systems while creating additional service sectors to provide for the continuum of care. This population will not only help provide healthy, safe, and appropriate care settings, but will likely be a cost savings to the state in the long-term TBI in program planning efforts. However, there’s a significant gap in funding and limited TBI specific services, strengthening existing TBI service systems while creating additional service sectors to provide for the continuum of care. ● Once the changes are incorporated into the report, Jan will seek the committee’s vote and disseminate the plan to the Speaker of House. 		
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<p>Discussions regarding additions to the report included the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Should small paragraph be included under Community Cased waiver for brain injury, and take the carpool highlighted part out of the state fund section? ● An increased need for resource facilitation to help all people statewide with brain injury ● PDI fund, provide housing, other type of support that aren't available through Medicaid ● Add a piece regarding the Brain Injury Association and that they have been primarily responsible for training and that in order to do that, there may need to be other funding explored 			

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information regarding prison and homelessness 		
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7. Agenda topic: Adjourn

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> David Forsythe adjourned the meeting at 12:00 p.m. and included instructions for joining the next scheduled meeting, So there's a TBI. Members of the council thanked David Forsyth for serving in council's chair role. 		
Conclusions	Pier Protz accepted the Vice Chair to Council seat.		
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Next meeting scheduled for 6/9/21 from 9:00a.m. - 1:30p.m. p.m. virtually (national speaker presentation from 12:00p.m. -1:30 p.m.).			

Respectfully submitted: Stephanie Jones, Michael Brown and Scott Pokorny.,