## BRAIN INJURY ADVISORY COUNCIL (BIAC)

**Date:** September 8, 2021  
**Time:** 9:00 am – 1:00 pm  
**Location:** Web-conference

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

**Pier Protz**

**Discussion**
Pier Protz, Vice Chair, welcomed everyone to meeting. The voting members approved June's minutes via chat box.

**Conclusions**

**Action Items**

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2. **Nominations for Council’s Chair**

**Scott Pokorny and Pier Protz**

**Discussion**

- Pier Protz solicited nominations or recommendations for the council chair. Any council member can fill the chair role. The individual will be responsible for working with DMH staff, legislative updates related to brain injury and facilitating reports from standing committees.
  - Jordan Slade advised he may have a recommendation for the council chair position.
  - Roseanne Randell volunteered to assume the chair position.
  - Scott suggested that every active member should rotate in fulfilling the chair role.
- Scott Pokorny solicited nominations or recommendations for chair and vice chair of Service Delivery committee. One of the two individuals will need to be a council member.
  - Gean Welter volunteered for the vice chair position.
  - Laurie Stickney is considering the chair for service delivery role and requested a copy of the chair’s responsibilities.

**Conclusions**

- Pier Protz will remain the acting chair through December 2021.

**Action Items**

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3. **DHB Updates**

**Michelle Merritt**

Michelle Merritt provided the following updates:

  - B3 services will transition to 1915i services (including TBI services for adults) in Tailored Plans. The following TBI services will be included: Community Transitions, Respite, Community Living and Support, Supported Employment and Individual Supports for individuals with a mental health diagnosis.
  - Stakeholder engagement is forthcoming.
- Allied Health is available to individuals on the TBI Waiver which included OT, PT and SLP.

**Conclusions**

The committee discussed lack of transportation being a barrier for Allied Health.

**Action Items**

4. **Agenda topic: Children & Youth Update**

**Karin Reuter-Rice**

**Discussion**

Karin Reuter-Rice provided the following quarterly updates for Children & Youth committee:

- DHHS TBI concussion material
- C&Y with DPI developed a County-led sports association list
- Concussion Emergency Department information brief specific to children and youth for the Secretary of DHHS
- BIANC Child and Youth Brain Injury Library and Hosted Sessions

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5. **Agenda topic: TBI Data**

**Shana Geary**

**Discussion**

Shana Geary provided the following TBI-related data:

- As of 2019, there were 2,108 TBI Related Deaths, 7,264 Hospitalizations and 27,470 ED visits.
- White Hispanic Males has the highest occurrence of TBI related deaths and ED visits.
- Self-inflicted injury by firearm is the leading cause of deaths.
- Rates of TBIs are higher amongst older adult population.
### 7. Agenda topic: BIANC Update

**Daniel Pietrzak**

**Discussion**
- Daniel Pietrzak provided the following updates regarding BIANC:
  - Virtual Open-house in the Charlotte area on September 15, 2021
  - Virtual Camp 2021 will be held during September 27 – 30, 2021
  - Virtual Conference November 21- November 26, 2021 with Jamie Valvano as guest speaker.
  - Thriving Surviving Class – provide day options for individuals
  - Digital and Television advertising regarding BI.

**Conclusions**
- Daniel encouraged the council to visit their website to see updates.

### 8. Agenda topic: DMH/DD/SAS TBI Program

**Michael Brown**

**Discussion**
- Michael Brown provided the following updates regarding the TBI Program:
  - Most funds for FY21 are expended except for $85,223.04.
  - 1,052 TBI screening amongst 6 of the 7 LME/MCOs.
  - $489,999.08 has been expended for BIANC state and federal funds.

**Conclusions**
- Carryover of funds are permissible.
- There will be further meetings with Partners regarding unexpended funds.

### 9. Agenda topic: ACL Requirements for BIAC

**Scott Pokorny**

**Discussion**
- Scott Pokorny facilitated the discussion regarding ACL requirements for BIAC composition:
  - There is concern regarding the ACL requirement to include at least 50% of people with TBI requirement. This means to council would need to increase membership by 16 additional individuals.
  - The following will occur if guidelines aren’t met:
    - Increased monitoring
    - More frequent (quarterly) reporting
    - Conversion from advanced to reimbursement payments
    - Loss of funds
  - The committee discussed the pros and cons regarding the ACL grant and requirements.
    - BIANC has benefited from funds to support individuals with brain injury. - pro
    - NC legislators discourage against large council groups. - con
    - Individuals with lived experience (ex. Family members) and staff with various departments will no longer have a vote. – con

**Conclusions**
- The council agreed to convene a workgroup to develop a plan to meet ACL requirements and to determine if the council will keep the ACL funding.

**Action Items**
- Request the ACL’s definition for “lived experience”.
- Email disseminated to the council to solicit others to join the workgroup.

### 10. Agenda topic: Council Member Update

**Carol Ortiz**

**Discussion**
- Carol Ortiz provided the following Public Policy updates:
  - Ongoing meetings with legislators to discuss concerns on a national level regarding TBI and TBI funding.
  - TBI group will be added to SCFAC with 3 seats.
  - SB248 – passed
  - Victim’s Fair Treatment Act- pending
- Special Consultative Services – Continuity of care is an issue.
- Concussion Protocol for Recreation - pending

### Conclusions

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Once session is over a bill update will be provided.

**11. Agenda topic: Adjourn**

#### Discussion
- Pier Protz adjourned the meeting at 1:00 p.m.

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Next meeting scheduled for 12/8/21 from 9:00a.m. - 1:01 p.m. virtually

Respectfully submitted: Stephanie Jones, Michael Brown and Scott Pokorny