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The mission of the BIAC is to engage, integrate and inspire brain injury stakeholders to help achieve the  
Statewide Vision for Brain Injury Policies and Services.

## **Brain Injury Advisory Council (BIAC) Meeting**

**June 11, 2021 - 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. CT**

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## **AGENDA**

**10:00 am:** \*Call the meeting to order – Roll Call and Introduce new BIAC members; Rhonda Alcorn, Tamara Snider, Michelle Ploeger – Judy Nichelson

\* Approve March 12, 2021 meeting minutes and June 11, 2021 meeting agenda – Judy Nichelson

\* Open meeting announcement and public comment, if any – Judy Nichelson

\* Brain Injury Regional School Support Teams (BIRSST) – Jo Gunderson

\* BIA-NE update on programs, services, and supports – Peggy Reisher

\* Break, 5 minutes

\* Committee Reports:

Membership

Public Policy

Network Capacity Building

\* Peer to Peer Support Pilot update – Emaly Ball

\* BI Trust Fund update – Peggy Reisher

\* Break, 5 minutes

\* ACL Federal TBI Program updates – Keri Bennett

\* New Business

**12:30 pm:** Adjourn

Next meeting: September 10, 2021

AAA – Area Agency on Aging  
ABI - Acquired Brain Injury  
ACL – Administration for Community Living  
ADA – Americans with Disabilities Act. Civil rights act for persons with disabilities.  
ADRC – Aging and Disability Resource Center  
ARC - Non-profit organization that promotes and protects the human rights of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.  
ATP - Assistive Technology Partnership. A state agency that helps Nebraskan's with disabilities, their families and professionals obtain assistive technology devices and services.  
BI – Brain Injury  
BIA or BIA-NE – Brain Injury Alliance of Nebraska  
BIAC – Nebraska Brain Injury Advisory Council  
CAP - Client Assistance Program. An advocacy program for clients pursuing VR services.  
CIL – Center for Independent Living. Organizations that support disabled people in their efforts toward independence.  
CSAVR – Council of State Administrators for Vocational Rehabilitation.  
DD – Developmental Disabilities  
DD Council – Developmental Disabilities Council  
DHHS - **Nebraska Department of Health & Human Services** – Nebraska state agency offering assistance with Medicaid, vaccinations, medical licensing, disability support, child protection, and communicable diseases.  
DVR – Division of Vocational Rehabilitation.  
DRN – Disability Rights Nebraska  
FY – Fiscal year. Nebraska state year is July 1 - June 30. The federal year is October 1 - September 30.  
HHS – Health and Human Services. Nebraska state agency offering assistance with Medicaid, vaccinations, medical licensing, disability support, child protection, and communicable diseases.  
HOTLINE – Hotline for Disability Services. Statewide information and referral service for persons with disabilities.  
NASHIA – National Association of State Head Injury Administrators – Brain injury policy, program, and service resources assisting state government in promoting partnership and building systems to meet the needs of individuals with brain injury and their families.  
NCBVI – Nebraska Commission for Blind and Visually Impaired. Agency that provides vocational rehabilitation services to visually impaired individuals.  
**NIBN - The Nebraska Injured Brain Network**  
NIDILRR– National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research. A federal funding agency that provides leadership and support for research related to the rehabilitation of individuals with disabilities.  
NYLC – Nebraska Youth Leadership Council. Statewide council of young people with disabilities between the ages of 14-21.  
P & A – Protection & advocacy.  
PCP - Person–Centered Planning  
PILS – Panhandle Independent Living Services.  
QLI – Quality Living Inc.  
SEAC– Special Education Advisory Council.  
SILC – State Independent Living Council. State Council that promotes Independent Living and facilitates systemic change that promotes independence, inclusion, non-discrimination, and dignity for all people with disabilities.  
SPED – Special Education  
**SRC - State Rehabilitation Council** – A statewide advisory council for the Nebraska Vocational Rehabilitation agency.  
TARC - TBI Technical Assistance and Resource Center for TBI Grantee States.  
TBI – Traumatic Brain Injury  
UNMC – University of Nebraska Medical Center  
VA – Veterans Administration. Federal agency that administers services to veterans.  
VR or Nebraska VR – Vocational Rehabilitation. Sometimes referred to as Voc. Rehab. Agency  
WIOA – Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act. The overall act that contains the Rehabilitation Act.