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Brain Injury Advisory Council (BIAC) Meeting

Meeting via ZOOM

June 23, 2023

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. CT

Meeting Minutes

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MEMBERS PRESENT (and substitutes): Tiffany Armstrong, Emaly Ball, Jodi Bodnar, Penny Clark, Karen Houseman, Carla Lasley, Amy Levering, Brooke Murtaugh, Judy Nichelson, Peg Ogea-Ginsburg, Darsha Pelland, Trista Peterson, Michelle Ploeger, Peggy Reisher, Tamara Snider, Madison Wurtele

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ashley Davis, TinaMarie Fernandez, Sarvinoz Kadyrova, Zoe Olson, Shawna Thompson, Dennis Thompson

STAFF PRESENT: Keri Bennett, Nancy Noha, Shawn Roberts

VISITORS/PRESENTERS: Cathy Callaway, Liz Gebhart-Morgan of Partners for Insightful Evaluation (PIE), Ming Qu, Yongjun Zhang

The meeting of the Nebraska Brain Injury Advisory Council commenced at 10:00 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MARCH 3, 2023 MINUTES:

The minutes of March 3, 2023 were reviewed. **A motion was made by Carla Lasley and seconded by Peggy Reisher to approve the minutes. There were no objections, motion carried by unanimous consent.**

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

A motion was made to approve the agenda by Peggy Reisher and seconded by Darsha Pelland. There were no objections, motion carried by unanimous consent.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comment.

INTRODUCTIONS: Introductions were made by Keri Bennett to welcome new Recorder, Shawn Roberts. Shawn previously worked with Nebraska VR and Lincoln Public Schools.

BRAIN INJURY STATE PLAN: Liz Gebhart-Morgan of Partners for Insightful Evaluation (PIE) reported on the proposed revisions of the State Plan. Liz reviewed the revisions and purpose of the Public Facing Document, the Working Document, and the Executive Summary. See attached documents.

BIAC members met in break-out rooms to discuss their reaction of the documents, identify what works well, and

other considerations. Each of the small groups pointed out that the color coding and tone of the documents was appreciated and easy to read. Considerations were discussed regarding updating and reporting activity completion.

BRAIN INJURY NEEDS ASSESSMENT:

The Council discussed the Brain Injury Needs Assessment that will identify gaps and accessibility to services.

COVID-19 AND TBI REGISTRY DATA: Ming Qu, Administrator with DHHS, Division of Public Health presented on the intersection of state TBI Registry and COVID-19 data and plans for future research. See attached presentation.

CENTRAL MEDIATION CENTER'S FINAL REPORT: Keri Bennett presented on the final report from Elizabeth Troyer-Miller of the Central Mediation Center. Liz was an excellent mediator and helped the group work better and more efficiently together. See attached report. The Council met in break-out rooms regarding the Mediation Center report. The groups reported that there is no longer tension and mentoring will help new members understand their roles. Keri reminded the group that starting today there will be a post-meeting survey to gather input after each quarterly meeting.

PEER SUPPORT SUMMIT FINAL REPORT ON STAKEHOLDER INPUT FROM NASHIA: Keri Bennett reported on the National Association of State Head Injury Administrators final report, which was thorough and has been completed. There is currently no information on next steps.

COMMITTEE AND CONTRACTOR REPORTS:

Public Policy: Tiffany Armstrong provided updates on current legislation including LB 91, a change in motorcycle helmet provisions, that was added as an amendment to LB 138 which was approved. See attached report.

Membership: Carla Lasley updated the group on recruitment efforts and mentoring of new members. See attached report.

CONTRACTOR REPORTS AND ACL WORKGROUP UPDATES: Keri Bennett reviewed the current contracts, including Partners for Insightful Evaluation (PIE), Brain Injury Alliance of Nebraska, and Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (Covid 19). See attached updates.

TBI WAIVER RENEWAL APPLICATION UPDATE: Karen Houseman led the round table discussion on the TBI Waiver renewal application. The application will be submitted at the end of the month.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

No unfinished business to report.

NEW BUSINESS:

No new business to report.

A motion was made to adjourn by Tamara Snider and seconded by Darsha Pelland. There were no objections, motion carried by unanimous consent.

Next Meeting: September 8, 2023