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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

September 19, 2025 - 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. CT

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National Concussion Awareness Day

AGENDA

10:00 – 10:15 am: ENGAGE

Call the meeting to order – Council Chair, Emaly Ball

Please enter your name in the chat box so the Recorder can take attendance and determine a quorum. We ask that you join the meeting with your camera on, if possible, and keep your microphone or telephone muted if you're not speaking to reduce background noise.

Approve June 13, 2025 meeting minutes and September 19, 2025 meeting agenda – Emaly Ball

BIAC members, please read the past meeting minutes and the new agenda before the meeting and be prepared to offer any corrections to the minutes or additions to the agenda if needed. Vote to approve.

10:15 – 11:00 am: ENGAGE and INTEGRATE

Brain Injury Needs Assessment– Liz Gebhart-Morgan of Partners for Insightful Evaluation (PIE)
Liz will present on the final comprehensive report and executive summary of the Brain Injury Needs Assessment, then we'll join breakout rooms for 15 minutes for small group discussion. Please choose a person in your group to take notes. Each group will then report out to the large group. The small group discussion questions are: 1. What topics would be beneficial to have a one-pager/infographic about regarding the needs assessment? 2. What specific data or information would be beneficial for your organization or stakeholders to have (for strategic planning, funding applications, etc.)?

11:00 – 11:10 am – Break

11:10 – 11:30 am: INSPIRE

Nebraska's Olmstead Plan – Kristen Larsen, Executive Director, Nebraska Council on Developmental Disabilities, DHHS

Kristen will provide an overview of the new Olmstead plan that was just published for 2025 – 2032. No member action is needed, but there will be time for questions.

The new Olmstead Plan, as submitted to the Nebraska Legislature in July 2025 can be found here: https://nebraskalegislature.gov/FloorDocs/109/PDF/Agencies/Health_and_Human_Services_Department_of/832_20250729-120921.pdf

More information on the Olmstead Plan, the Steering Group and the Advisory Committee can be found here: <https://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/Olmstead.aspx>

11:30 – 11:50 am: ENGAGE and INTEGRATE

Strong Infrastructure Components for Brain Injury: State Self-Assessment Tool - Keri Bennett

Keri will present on the Brain Injury Advocacy for Policies for Services and Supports Component. No member action is needed, but there will be time for questions.

11:50 am – 12:10 pm: Working Lunch

Break for lunch for 20 minutes. Please feel free to bring your meal back to the meeting as we continue to work through our agenda.

12:10 – 12:25: INTEGRATE

BI State Plan Progress – Keri Bennett

Keri will update on recent progress with the State Plan. No member action is needed, but there will be time for questions.

12:25 – 1:05 pm: INSPIRE

Spring 2026 TBI Grant Funding Opportunity – Keri Bennett

Keri will share what we know so far about the upcoming grant funding opportunity, then we'll join breakout rooms for 15 minutes for small group discussion. Please choose a person in your group to take notes.

Each group will then report out to the large group. The small group discussion questions, based on your review of the Needs Assessment report and Brain Injury State Plan, are: 1. Which groups of people with brain injury in Nebraska whose needs are not being met could we focus on? 2. Which programs within our system of care could we build greater capacity in to meet the needs of people with brain injury?

1:05 – 1:15 pm - Updates: ENGAGE and INSPIRE

Committee and Contractor Reports (written reports)

Please review the written reports and be prepared with any questions or comments for the Committee Chairpersons.

Public Policy – (verbal report only) - Tiffany Armstrong

Tiffany will give a verbal report on any updates. No member action is needed, but there will be time for questions.

Membership – (no report) – Carla Lasley

No activity this quarter. No member action is needed, but there will be time for questions.

Contractor reports and ACL Workgroup Updates (written reports only) – Keri Bennett

Please review the written reports. No member action is needed, but there will be time for questions.

1:15 – 1:30: ENGAGE and INSPIRE

NASHIA 2025 Conference – Keri Bennett

Keri will share about: The National Association of State Head Injury Administrators' (NASHIA) 2025 State of the States in Brain Injury Conference is in Portland, Maine, October 27 – 30. This year's event will showcase two half-day intensives dedicated to Long-Term Services & Supports and Children & Youth, while the main conference will feature two specialized tracks on the Criminal Legal System and Brain Injury, and Behavioral Health. The conference will wrap up with a full day that includes plenary sessions, an implementation workshop, and a networking event for all attendees.

1:30 – 2:00: ENGAGE, INTEGRATE AND INSPIRE

Roundtable Discussion: All Members

Unfinished (Old) Business (if any)

If there are questions regarding past BIAC business items that were unresolved, you may raise them here.

New Business (if any)

If you have a new topic or issue you believe the BIAC should consider, you may raise it here and request it be added to a future meeting agenda.

Adjourn – Please complete our survey at the end of the meeting. Your feedback helps the BIAC leadership continue to improve your member experience. Thank you!

Feel free to stay on for the “Parking Lot” after the meeting adjourns!

Next Meeting Date: December 12, 2025