

Brain Injury Advisory Council Executive Committee Meeting  
August 3, 2015 Conference Call

Members present: Tiffany Armstrong, Rose Dymacek, Gary Hausmann, Brett Hoogeveen, Lori Terryberry-Spohr, Judy Vohland

Members absent: Pattie Flury, M.L. Lehman

Staff present: Keri Bennett

Executive committee members met via conference call to review Council member applications to replace two current vacancies and two future vacancies each in the categories of 1. Individual with brain injury or family member of an individual with brain injury, and 2. Public member (health related, disability advocacy group or service provider). Current vacancies occurred some time ago with the resignations of Tiffany Verzal and Tiffany Young. Future vacancies will occur in October 2015, as Gary Hausmann and Karen Hux indicated they will not renew their expiring memberships as of October 2015. A vacancy for technical advisor will also occur in September with the retirement of Margaret Jensen from the Early Development Network.

The members reviewed and discussed applications received from the following individuals:

- \* Kathleen Larson, individual with brain injury
- \* Robert Lankford, individual with brain injury
- \* Theresa Sedivy, individual with brain injury
- \* Courtney Lankford, family member of an individual with brain injury and/or public member (service provider)
- \* Michael Chittenden, public member (disability advisory or planning group)
- \* Kilee Oetjen, public member (provider for public or private health related organization)
- \* Deanna Jesse, public member (service provider)

After discussion, the Executive Committee members reached consensus and agreed to invite Courtney Lankford to the Council as a family member of an individual with brain injury, and Michael Chittenden and Kilee Oetjen to fill current and future vacancies as public members, respectively. Deanna Jesse will be invited to fill the vacant technical advisor position left by Margaret Jensen. The committee elected to continue searching for an individual with brain injury or family member from the western part of the state for the future vacancy in that category. Judy and Tiffany agreed to reach out to Scottsbluff VR and the BIA for names of potential applicants. Keri will notify the applicants and extend invitations to Courtney, Michael, Kilee and Deanna to attend the September Council meeting.