



# Ohio Brain Injury Program

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## BIAC Meeting Minutes

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10:03 a.m.

- Introductions from the group
- Review Meeting Minutes – any corrections or changes completed– Motion to accept Greg Wagner, Spencer Smith. No oppositions.

10:21 a.m.

- Updates from the Chair
  - 2023 to 2024 Chair Announcement
    - Greg Wagner announced as accepting the BIAC chair position in majority vote. Will serve as chair January 2023 to December 2024.
  - Will begin nominations for members for 2023 and 2024 year
    - Membership Committee created to review process and oversee
    - Kathy Stachowski, Brei Miller, Greg Wagner
  - Review brain advisory committee roster categories as defined by statute
    - State officials/other designees
    - Appointment membership categories
      - Review expectations of participation
    - OSU Representatives
    - Communications part of roster – receives communications of meetings and information
    - Volunteers – serve and work on the BIAC workgroups but do not necessarily hold a member position.
    - Meetings are open to the public – members hold voting rights on certain initiatives, but all individuals can have input on projects
  - Current open positions include individuals who represent the public, health care professional and survivor.

#### 10:47 AM Ohio Brain Injury Program Update

- Will continue to look for location for future meetings after reviewing pros/cons of new location
  - Future meeting dates October 20, 2022, January 19, 2023, April 20, 2023, July 20, 2023, October 19, 2023
- BIP Emphasis in 2022
  - Brei replaced Monica
  - Ohio Brain Injury Connection (OBIC)
    - Reviewed the work of an individual that OBIC is working with including care coordination and helping the individual with applications for support
  - 47 individuals with participation
  - Expand professional training
  - BIA Ohio to implement Ohio BRAINS
  - Implement other requirements of ACL grant
  - Continue Star Behavioral Health Providers training – Upcoming events
    - Ohio Women Veterans Conference – August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022
    - 2022 Veterans Suicide Prevention Conference – September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022
    - Justice Kennedy 2022 Annual Veteran Summit – November 2022
    - 389 Tier 1, 165 Tier 2 , 127 Tier 3, 272 providers serving 310 locations in 65 counties
  - Assist Ohio Dept of Medicaid in Person Centered Planning implementation
  - Implement other objectives of Annual State Plan
  - Other community outreach
    - 2022 Ohio Rural Conference August 1-2
    - Ohio Aging Conference Cincinnati - August 2022
    - The Ohio Association of Community Health Centers - September 2022
    - 2022 O4A Annual Conference for Ohio's Aging and Disability Network – October 2022

#### 10:38 am. Ohio AgrAbility Program -Laura Cherry Akgerman, MA, CRC

- Mission – to promote success in agriculture for Ohio's farmers and farm families who are coping with disability or long-term health condition
- Provides education and resources to farmers, agricultural businesses and groups, healthcare, education and disability professionals
- National network of state and regional AgrAbility projects – based on US Farm Bill, Ohio State University and Easter Seals of Greater Cincinnati
- Staff makes referrals for services which may be able to provide assistance
- Ohio has a 74,000+ farmers specializing in various areas compared to the country – 7<sup>th</sup> highest population
- Unique Vocation and Environment – workdays, seasonal work, corporate and LLC
- Several injuries related to brain injury – TBI, Stroke, Neurological disorders
- Process for helping farmers – introduction, farm visit with recommendations, assistance and referrals, work plan implementation, Peer to Peer Network and continued support and education
- Several ways to implement improving specific equipment to make farming safer

### 11:28 Workgroup Updates

Data Workgroup – Finalizing report with mechanics, executive summary, and final signoff from Department of Health

- Education and Training Workgroup – Continuing to discuss ways to enhance education in trainings. Joined services to learn more about implementation of TBI-OSU ID
- Communications Workgroup – Multiple states sharing their advocacy, training
  - Continue to discuss ways Ohio can improve communication across the state
  - Modernization language – The Brain Injury Program of Ohio and Brain Injury Advisory Council established by statute by the state and language has lasted 30 years. Do not currently have a lobbyist.
- Services Workgroup – Continued discussion of focusing on increase in training and awareness. Will need to begin to focus on new discussion of Ohio BRAINS as funding ends in 2023
- Dada – Biennial report will be in editing stages. Currently reviewing and will submit data. Amazing work by all individuals involved.

### 11:45 PM Community Partner Updates

- Community Partners shared new information for each individual and group regarding updates of their organization. Due to tech issues, full minutes were not recorded for community updates.
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### 1:03 PM Disorders of Consciousness – Cynthia Beaulieu

- Disorders of consciousness (DOC) seen in fables and legends, modern fiction, modern nonfiction, and discussion on Right-to-Life/Die news articles
- Terry Wallis – 19 year “coma”
- What DOC is not – brain death, locked-in syndrome, catatonic state
- What is DOC – coma, vegetative or unresponsive wakefulness state, minimally conscious state
  - Distinguishes DOC by wakefulness and responsiveness
- Vulnerabilities : Concern of misdiagnosis, inaccurate prognosis, lack of specialty treatment, lack of specialty access
- Etiologies – trauma, vascular, anoxia/hypoxia, infection/inflammation, toxic/metabolic
- Posttraumatic cumulative recovery of consciousness in disorders lasting more than 28 days highlighting progress at 12 months.
- What is available for DoC? Evidence-based and practice guidelines – Archives of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation and Prolonged disorders of consciousness following sudden onset brain injury -national guidelines
- Treatment and services: Typical vs proposed highlighting continuum of care coordination for 2 to 4 months. Specific proposed acute DOC care highlighting inpatient phases for two to four months
- National Campaign – “Curing Coma, Awakening Hope”

1:54PM Adjournment – Spencer Smith motion to adjourn, Julie Fasik-Johnson seconds motion