

BIAC Meeting Minutes  
January 21, 2021

**Present**

Dan Arnold, Sarah Buoni, Mary Charney, John Corrigan, Kathryn Coxe, Steven Cuff, Danny Eakins, Julie Fasick-Johnson, Jessica Folsom, Abby Hagemeyer, Kedar Hiremath, Mark Holzapfel, Amy Lawson, Jeff Leonard, Monica Lichi, Diana Pollock, Rachel Ramirez, Stephanie Ramsey, Bob Roehm, Imran Shaikh, Eva Shinka, Spencer Smith, Ty Smith, Kathy Stachowski, Teresa Teeple, Kevin Truitt, Greg Wagner, Beth Youngman, Mussa Zatreh

10:00 a.m. Call to Order

- ♦ Welcome and Introductions
- ♦ Outgoing & Incoming Chair Remarks
- ♦ Meeting Minutes- motion to accept by Spencer Smith. Second by Stephanie Ramsey.

10:04: a.m. Rationing Care

- ♦ Kevin Truitt, Disability Rights Ohio

The Rationing Care Coalition started in spring of 2020 due to COVID-19. The coalition began because of worry about the access to care for those with disabilities. There are over 200 hospitals in Ohio and each has its own crisis plan. Those crisis plans may or may not be transparent/visible to those outside of the hospital. Other states have crisis plans that are government regulated, Ohio does not do this. Kevin discussed how in some states they clearly spell out that those with disabilities will be de-prioritized for care for COVID-19. The goal of the coalition is to make sure that Ohioans with disabilities are not discriminated against when seeking care. Kevin stated that hospitals should do an individualized assessment that is focused upon whether or not the individual, regardless of disability, will respond positively to COVID-19 treatment in the short term.

10:44 a.m. White Paper; Content about Traumatic Brain Injury on the USMLE Step 1

- ♦ Education & Training Workgroup with Spencer Smith

The goal of Spencer's white paper is to encourage the medical licensing board to include questions about brain injury. The paper shows research on the incidence of brain injury, that medical professionals are unprepared to care for those long term with brain injuries, and that the medical curriculum needs to change.

Discussion about the paper included how often the medical curriculum is actually reviewed. Spencer was asked what specialties he intended to target with the paper and he replied that he wishes to target all medical specialties.

The white paper will be shared with the BIAC group for feedback. Feedback will need to be given by February 5, 2021.

11:04 a.m. Chronic Brain Injury Program

- ♦ Kedar Hiremath, Ohio State University

Kedar is part of the group Discovery Themes located in the Office of Research at OSU. Their goal is to develop a comprehensive plan of care, new interventions and technology, produce use and access research data, and expand training about chronic brain injury to professionals and students as well as to transform chronic brain injury research at OSU.

Key research areas are: 1) translational neurotrauma; 2) prevention and treatment and; 3) detection and data. Program activities are: 1) recruitment and training; 2) grants and resources; 3) interdisciplinary seminars; and 4) symposia and workshops. The main projects are: 1) registry and biobank; 2) program and center grants; 3) policy and advocacy; and 4) health professional education. Their goals align with the BIAC strategic goals.

11:25 a.m. BIAC Annual Plan- John Corrigan

The annual plan was developed because of the ACL grant requires an annual state plan. The annual plan is put online for those in the state to review and give feedback. A goal for future years to do find a better way to engage the community for feedback.

Danny Eakins made a motion to approve the annual plan. Greg Wagner seconded the motion. The BIAC Annual Plan was approved.

11:45 a.m. Workgroup Updates

- ♦ Data- Given by Stephanie Ramsey. The annual report is finished. They have begun work on the next report that is due in 2021.
- ♦ Communications- Kathy Stachowski gave the report. They continue to work on the plan to support legislative actions and Ohio BRAINS. They are updating data on current state representatives, due to recent election, and other key stakeholders.
- ♦ Education & Training- Report given by Sarah Buoni. They are working on Spencer's white paper and are looking forward to feedback on the paper.
- ♦ Services- Teresa Teeple gave the report. She reported that it has been a slow couple of months because their last couple of meeting days have fallen on holidays. The next meeting will be February 10, 2021. They plan to work on questions for the LTSS questionnaire.

Other Business:

Kathy thanked Danielle Smith for being chair for the last two years. A gift and thank you card will be mailed to her.

11:57a Adjournment