

**North Dakota Brain Injury Advisory Council
Videoconference (online)**

**October 17, 2022
Special Meeting Minutes**

BIAC Voting Members Present: Nan Kennelly, Chair; Sarah Ring, Vice Chair; Shannon Cook; Sen. Howard Anderson; Skipp Miller; Jessica Siefken; JoNell Bakke; Bobbiann Froemke

BIAC Non-voting Members Present: Denise Harvey, ND Protection & Advocacy, Secretary; Morgan Edmundson, ND Dept. Public Instruction; Tami Conrad, NDDHHS Behavioral Health; Elizabeth Oestreich, NDDHHS Injury Prevention; Melissa Klocke-Joyce, NDDHHS Medicaid

Presenters/Guests: Jill Ferrington, National Association of State Head Injury Administrators (NASHIA); Rebecca Quinn, ND Brain Injury Network (NDBIN); Daniel Gulya, Protection & Advocacy; Nickie Livedalen

Facilitators: Caitlin McDonald, Consensus Council

Call to Order and Welcome: Chair Nan Kennelly called the meeting to order at 12:04 PM CT and welcomed members and guests.

Introductions. BIAC members introduced themselves. Responses to “I’m here because _____” included:

- I feel passionate about people with brain injuries have access to quality services.
- I care about the future of the State Plan and want to help meet the needs of people with brain injuries.
- I am a brain injury survivor, and want to give all survivors a voice.
- I can help communicate with legislators about brain injury.

Draft State Plan: Goals and Strategies.

Jill Ferrington shared the progress of the State Plan process and the group’s accomplishments so far. Accomplishments include determining goals and strategies for the State Plan and reviewing the draft plan with Survivor Engagement group.

Jill continued by sharing a Power Point presentation, and the slides for that presentation are attached to these minutes. Jill Ferrington can be reached at jferrington@nashia.org.

Discussion.

- Jill asked the group to continue to consider the goals and strategies of the draft plan.
- Goal 6: Self Advocacy and Engagement, has been ‘moved’ to the Survivor Engagement group, and they will help BIAC fill out this goal.

Upcoming Meetings. The next quarterly BIAC meeting is Friday, Nov 18, 1-4 PM CT, in-person and virtual options. The next BIAC Strategic Planning subcommittee meeting is currently being rescheduled.

Adjournment. Nan adjourned the meeting at 1:05 PM CT.

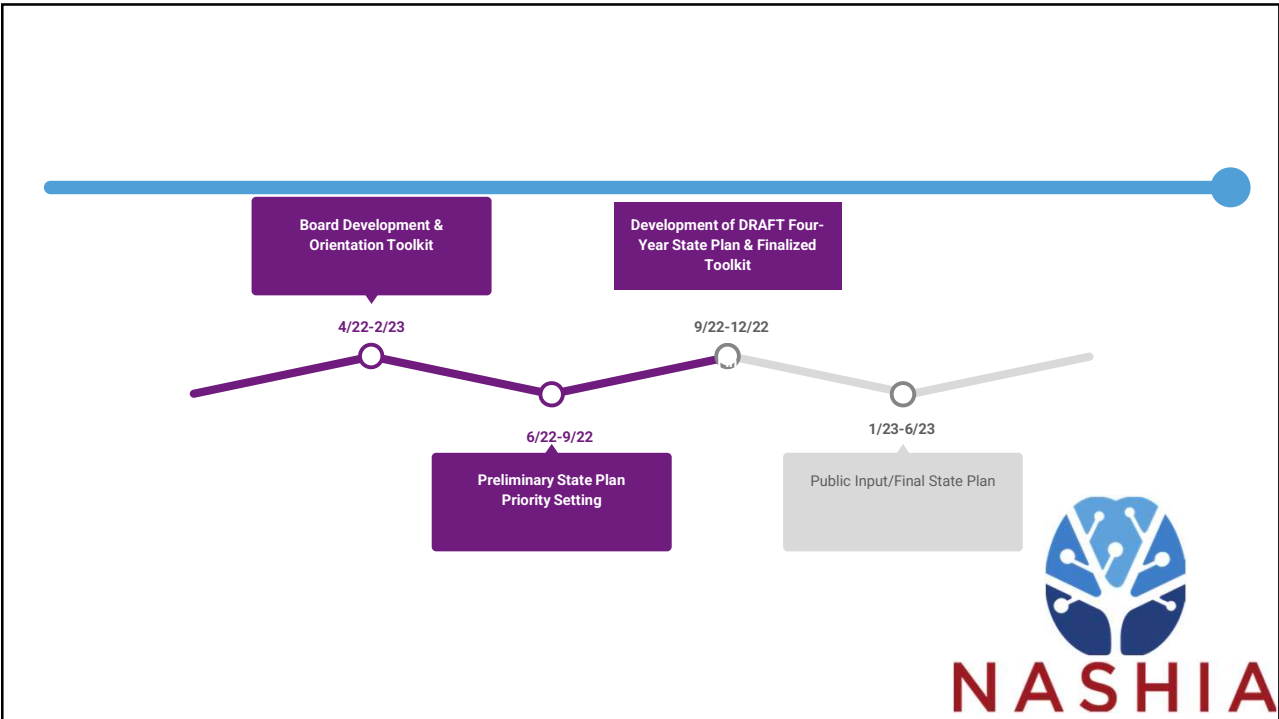
Respectfully submitted,
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ND Board and State Plan Development Special Meeting October 17, 2022

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What we've accomplished...

State Plan

- Determination of goals with prioritization of high impact
- Draft state plan with goals and potential strategies
- Review with Survivor Engagement group

Board Development

- Continued development of Board Toolkit



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Today's Focus

- Understand each other's "why" for being on the council
- A look ahead at committees
- Walk through of draft state plan content
 - > What are you excited about?
 - > What might be missing?
 - > What needs clarification?
- Plan for November



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State Plan Considerations

- Plan represents North Dakota's priorities for the next four years
- Goals, strategies, and measurable objectives
- Annual opportunity to re-assess and adjust as needed

North Dakota Brain Injury State Plan

- State Agencies
- Partners/Providers
- Individuals with Lived Experience
- Families/Caregivers
- BIAC
- NDBIN



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State Plan Considerations, continued

- With the finalized state plan will come new committees and opportunities to contribute to the plan activities
- BIAC will have the opportunity to partner with the Survivor Engagement Group and the NDBIN education committee to collaborate on the State Plan



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State Plan Considerations, continued

- Will make a difference for people with brain injury in North Dakota - high impact
- Based on assessed needs
- Realistic - financial, needed partners
- Within the scope of the council
Example - disability benefits



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1. SERVICES - Clarify the brain injury service continuum and improve service engagement of people with brain injury (including underserved and high prevalence populations).

Research other state approaches and implement an affordable media and/or outreach awareness campaign.	Objectives (TBD)
Research options for implementing release of information with patients at time of hospital discharge.	
Increase North Dakota Brain Injury Network (NDBIN) provider and survivor exposure at opportunities such as job fairs, health fairs, open house events, hospital and clinic tours.	
Examine feasibility of increasing regional resource facilitation.	
Evaluate and make recommendations for increasing brain injury providers within the 1915(i) program.	
Research models for day programming through 1915(i) – day treatment, clubhouse, etc.	



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2. EDUCATION AND AWARENESS - improve brain injury awareness and brain injury-informed service delivery with consideration of family members, educators, law enforcement, human services providers, and members of the general public.

Enhance North Dakota school district staff knowledge and awareness of NDBIN and specialized supports for people with brain injury through new year orientations/information sessions, updated brain injury toolkit, and training with professional development credits (if feasible).

Implement a regularly scheduled introduction to brain injury and brain injury services utilizing examples from other states (e.g. Maryland’s check-in chat.)

Create a public campaign: “What is Brain Injury”.

Create education opportunities for medical providers/health care professionals.

Objectives (TBD)



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3. HOUSING – Improve the landscape of permanent and temporary housing options for people with disabilities, to include people with brain injury.

Investigate ND options for Supportive Long-Term Housing for individuals with complex care needs.

Join the ND Disabilities Advocacy Consortium.

Objectives (TBD)



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4. FINANCIAL SUPPORT – Grow the pool of and awareness about financial assistance options available for people with brain injury in North Dakota.

Examine and communicate resources for helping people with disabilities transition back into the community and home settings.

Objectives (TBD)

Research other state methods for assisting with time-limited costs associated with brain injury needs, e.g. overnight stay for an assessments, home modifications, rent assistance, pre-benefits subsistence, etc.



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5. DATA – Improve consistency and availability of brain injury data among systems in North Dakota.

Recommend common brain injury data elements and definitions for use in ND.

Objectives (TBD)

Study Medicaid payment and/or coding data and make recommendations related to brain injury services for people with brain injury.

Strengthen collaboration with the trauma registry.



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6. SELF-ADVOCACY AND ENGAGEMENT - elevate voices and engagement of people with lived experience.



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Upcoming...

- Post-meeting survey
- Friday, Nov. 18th at noon CT - Business Meeting
 - > Orientation Overview for All w/ new toolkit
 - > State Plan Updates



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Questions?

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