

North Dakota Brain Injury Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes-August 16, 2019

Members Present

Nan Kennelly, Sarah Ring, Jean Herauf, David Bieberdorf, Austyn Kloehn, Nicole Berman, Michelle Woodcock, Mandy Slag, Krista Fremming, Barbara Burghart, Denise Harvey; Shannon Cook (by phone)

Council Members Not Present

Lisa Anderson, Skipp Miller, Representative Dick Anderson, Senator Howard Anderson, Jr., Nicole Bruelle, Janna Pietrzak

Others Present

Rose Stoller, Rebecca Quinn, Darcie Hanson

Call to Order

1:14pm by Nan Kennelly, Chair. Quorum is present.

Approve Agenda

Austyn Kloehn moved to approve agenda for the August 16, 2019, meeting; Jean Herauf seconded. Agenda approved with no additions. This agenda was sent out in advance as a public notice and is posted on the door of meeting room.

Approve Minutes from May 17, 2019 meeting

The minutes from May 17, 2019, were reviewed and discussed. Nan Kennelly provided edits related to a spelling error on page 2-paragraph 1, to read "severe", not "serve"; under Closing, meeting "moved" not "motioned"; comments from Nan Kennelly are inaccurate on page 2-paragraph 5: Nan clarified that she was concerned with "changes made without knowledge of the council", not "the direction in which things are going."

Additional discussion regarding meeting minutes from May 17, 2019, was held regarding public comments submitted to council members via email regarding the draft minutes. All council members reported reading comments submitted and that all comments were considered. Discussion held: meeting minutes are not a transcript of the meeting but rather a summary of information discussed. The council is open and respectful of all public comment, though questions their responsibility to make changes to meeting minutes according to Administrative Code. Nicole Berman will research Administrative Code regarding draft meeting minutes for public meetings and update council during next meeting. Therefore, the meeting minutes from May 17, 2019, were not approved; tabled until next meeting.

Updates from Subcommittees

***Continuum of Care**

Austyn Kloehn provided verbal update regarding their July 3, 2019, meeting. Krista Fremming provided additional information regarding ND Medicaid's plans for a 1915i state plan amendment for community-based behavioral health services. ND Medicaid has begun working on this effort. Services will likely include peer support, supported housing, supported employment and respite care. Eligibility criteria is still being defined but will include people with brain injuries. Public input meetings are anticipated to be scheduled in the fall of 2019.

***Education and Awareness**

A. Online Courses: Five courses are being hosted by NDBIN using UND's Blackboard program as platform. The courses are free to all and are video formatted modules. Launched June 11, 2019

Numbers as of 8/15/2019:

- Total Registered: 249
- Total Registered for CEUs: 149
 - Course 1: Intro to Brain Injury-44 have completed the course
 - Course 2: Cognitive and Behavioral Consequences-41 have completed the course
 - Course 3: Primary Care and Traumatic Brain Injury-4 have completed the course
 - Course 4: Pediatric Care and Traumatic Brain Injury-2 have completed the course
 - Course 5: Substance Use and Traumatic Brain Injury-4 have completed the course

B. New Town Brain Injury Education Event

June 25, 2019-Partnered with MHA Nation to host event. 47 attendees.

C. Certified Brain Injury Specialist (CBIS) Training, July 23 and 24

- 36 individuals attended training.
- So far 25 out of 33 that tested have passed. Still some more testing for the first time and retakes to come.
- ND now has 4 CBIS Trainers; Rebecca Quinn (NDBIN), Nicole Livedalen (NDBIN), Sarah Nordin (Cobalt), Sarah Ring (Sanford Health).

D. Mind Matters Conference 2020

March 26-27, Fargo Ramada

March 25-Pre-Conference brain injury fundamentals training

Call for presentations will be online until September 16-2019.

Update Brain Injury relevant legislation

A. House Bill 1099

- Allow the delegation of administration of routine meds to Qualified Service Providers, creation of agency adult foster home level of care and the creation of

residential habilitation for elderly and disabled similar to the service available for people with intellectual disabilities. Currently, the Aging Services Division is making updates to administrative code.

B. Senate Bill 2012

- Dept. of Human Services funding bill. Included:
 - Ongoing DHS funding for contracts for the return to work program, the North Dakota Brain Injury Network, and Brain Injury Social and Recreational programs
 - Included funds for the development of a hyperbaric oxygen treatment pilot program
 - Added language regarding DHS contracting with a non-brain injury provider for administrative support to the Brain Injury Advisory Council
 - Funds for the development of a 1915i Medicaid state plan amendment for community-based behavioral health services that will be available to people with a mental health, substance use disorder or brain injury diagnosis. Other needs-based criteria will include being homeless or at risk for homelessness, hospitalizations for behavioral health-related events, receipt of services at the State Hospital and other criteria.

C. Senate Bill 2027

- Expanded the definition of brain injury to include acquired brain injury.

D. Senate Bill 2029

- Funds for Behavioral Health Division to implement a community behavioral health program which will include brain injury.

E. Senate Bill 2030

- Funds for DHS to coordinate the implementation of the recommendations of the Human Services Research Institute's System study. Study and implementation plan included brain injury as part of the behavioral health system.

F. Senate Bill 2032

- Develop peer support specialist certification. Brain Injury will be included.

G. House Bill 1359

- Funds for pilot project regarding the effectiveness of hyperbaric oxygen treatment (HBOT) for severe or moderate brain injury. Krista Fremming reported that DHS will be granting funds to Dakota Medical Foundation (DMF) for the HBOT pilot project. The council requests that a representative from DMF and HBOT Fargo attend the next council meeting. Council members would like to understand the pilot project, when and how it is being administered, and the research derived based on funds allotted from the state. Nan Kennelly will contact DMF and HBOT to request their attendance at the November 15, 2019 meeting.

Department of Health (DoH) update

Mandy Slag supplied meeting attendees "North Dakota Traumatic Brain Injury –Related Events Report". This information, compiled by the State Epidemiologist, was prepared solely for this council's review. While the data has its limitations, the summary compiled from ND ESSENCE (an electronic surveillance system that consists of emergency

department, urgent care and walk-in clinic visit information from 2015-2018, reveals trends related to a. number of TBI-related events by year, b. number of TBI-related events by month, c. age breakouts for TBI-related events, d. sex breakouts for TBI-related events, e. rates of TBI-related events by sex, f. mechanisms of TBI-related events year, g. shaken baby syndrome events by year. Following questions and discussion, the council agreed that despite its limitations, the efforts behind what this report communicates is positive. ND can move forward with this hard data in hand; this is valuable information to achieve goals regarding TBI as a reportable condition.

Department of Human Services (DHS) update

Nicole Berman introduced herself as the new representative from DHS, replacing Tami Conrad. She requested that Tami Conrad be taken off the Continuum of Care subcommittee. Nicole reported that DHS will be issuing a request for proposals for a new Brain Injury Advisory Council facilitator. The goal is for a new facilitator to be in place for the November 15, 2019 meeting.

Member updates

None

Public comment

Rose Stoller from the Consensus Council introduced herself, and suggested that the council refer to the Office of the Attorney General Open Meeting Guide for additional information regarding Administrative Code.

Jean Herauf moved to adjourn the meeting. Shannon Cook seconded. Meeting adjourned at 2:04pm.