# **California Department of Rehabilitation (DOR), Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Advisory Board Sub-Committees**

# Meeting Minutes

# September 6, 2022

**Opening**

The regular meeting for California Department of Rehabilitation (DOR) Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Advisory Board Sub-Committees was called to order at 8:38 a.m. on September 6, 2022, via virtual meeting by Brandi Bluel.

**DOR Updates (provided at all meetings) – Megan Sampson**

ILATS Staffing

* IL SSA/AGPA (Phi Phi Phan) – being advertised
* CPUC/VO SSA (new) – hiring in process
* TBI HCBS LT AGPA (new) – introduction of Angela Stevens
* AT AGPA (Karl Ortega) – currently recruiting
* IL SSM I (Jocelyne O’Toole) – hiring in process
* ILATS OT (George Moultrie) – will be advertised soon

Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Funding

* HCBS Spending Plan Fund application for $5M was approved in January. Purpose is to increase services in unserved/underserved areas by providing additional funding to existing sites and provide funding to six new sites.

Board Member Updates

* Natalie Lebeck and Susan Hansen are on a 6-month leave of absence for personal reasons.

Survivor Committee

* Committee meets twice per month.
* Preparing to elect a committee lead who is also a TBI Board member.

Supplemental Public Health Workforce Funding (PHWF)

* The six state funded grantee sites will hire a TBI survivor to provide assistance with COVID responses.
* Funding will be provided via a negotiated contract.
* $73,350 available for all sites ($12,225.00 each).
* A Scope of Work will be sent to the sites.

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* Anticipated effective date will be November 1, 2022

Voice Options has provided 1200 devices to individuals across California. The program is a pilot program with hopes of becoming permanent.

**Data Analytics Committee**

Meeting was called to order at 8:38 a.m. by Brandi Bluel, TBI Program Administrator.

**Committee Business – Brandi Bluel**

**\*Members Present**

Randy Dinning, Regional Ombudsman

Michael Roscoe, TBI Survivor

Todd Higgins, Disability Rights California and TBI Survivor

Dr. Charles Degeneffe, San Diego State University

**\*Members Not Present**

Daniel Ignacio, St. Jude Health and TBI Survivor

Robert Medel, TBI Survivor

Natalie Lebeck, TBI Survivor

**\*DOR Staff Present**

Megan Sampson, DOR Independent Living and Assistive Technology Section (ILATS) Chief and TBI Survivor

Ana Acton, DOR Deputy Director Independent Living and Community Access Division

Tanya Thee, DOR TBI Program Administrator

Brandi Bluel, DOR TBI Program Administrator

Angela Stevens, DOR TBI Program Administrator

Kritika Devi, Independent Living and Community Access Division Analyst

**\*Public Present**

Dan Clark, Community Advocate

**Committee Objectives Overview – Brandi Bluel**

Grant objectives:

* Expand the TBI Advisory Board to include a TBI Survivor Committee – already been accomplished.
* Provide culturally competent resources to entities that intersect with homeless and domestic violence populations.
* Identify options for long term funding.
* Utilize the TBI Needs Assessment and Registry to inform policy, education, and training statewide.

Grant outcomes:

* Establish and promote plain language materials about TBI for public education through the TBI Survivor Committee.
* Expands systems to support early identification, intervention, resource facilitation, and coordination for people with TBI.
* Identify sustainable funding mechanisms to support locally based TBI services.
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Expected materials:

* Education and training materials for medical, rehabilitation, and community support professionals about the needs of TBI survivors and their families.
* A funding model proposal for TBI survivors to receive locally based services through the Department’s TBI sites.
* Culturally competent and evidence-based policies, education, and training informed by data gathered in the Needs Assessment and Registry.

Board Member/DOR comments:

* Randy mention that TBI is not something that Ombudsmen have discussed. Can we get an intake form to Ombudsman and skilled nursing facilities to assist with referrals?
* Megan reviewed our current consumer packets that is completed at our service sites.
* Todd suggested developing a mission statement.
* Chuck suggested developing a timeline for the next needs assessment.
* Brandi mentioned that the committee will need to select a lead at the November meeting.

**Future Meeting Dates**

* TBI Board Meeting – July 18, 2022
* TBI Board Committees – September 13, 2022

**Public Comment - None**

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjournment was motioned by Todd Higgins and second by Michael Roscoe at 9:55 a.m.

**Education and Public Outreach Committee**

Meeting was called to order at 11:10 a.m. by Brandi Bluel, TBI Program Administrator

**Committee Business – Brandi Bluel**

**\*Members Present**

Dr. Henry Huie, Santa Clara Valley Medical Chief of Brain Rehabilitation

Vincent Martinez, Family of a TBI Survivor

Heidi Frye, Independent Living Center of Kern County and TBI Survivor

Dr. Steven Chan, Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at Kaiser Permanente

**\*Members Not Present**

Theresa Woo, Department of Rehabilitation and Family of a TBI Survivor

Erin Johnson, Marriage and Family Therapist and TBI Caregiver

Susan Hansen, TBI Survivor Caregiver

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Tanya Thee, DOR TBI Program Administrator

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Linda Duggee, TBI Survivor

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The meeting adjournment was motioned by Dr. Henry Huie and second by Heidi Frye at 12:20 p.m.

**Public Policy and Funding Committee**

Meeting was called to order at 2:09 p.m. by Brandi Bluel, TBI Program Administrator

**Committee Business – Brandi Bluel – Quorum not met**

**\*Members Present**

Dr. Katie Shinoda, Mercy General Hospital

**\*Members Not Present**

Lili Whittaker, Kensington Foundation and Mother of TBI Survivor

Eric Williams, TBI Survivor

Kristie Warren, TBI Survivor

Phil Subia, TBI Survivor

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Board Member/DOR comments:

* Dan Clark asked about home care waivers and how to access them, Katie suggested connecting them to Todd Higgins at Disability Rights to access the waiver services. Dan would like to follow up about how to start the process. What DT waivers may be applicable to the TBI population.
* Brandi mentioned that the committee will need to select a lead at the November meeting.
* Dan Clark also mentioned CalAble.
* Two sides of funding: incoming and outgoing.

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