# **Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Advisory Board Meeting**

# **Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, July 15, 2024**

**Meeting called by:** Theresa Woo, Chair

1. **Call to Order**

Meeting called to order by Theresa Woo, Chair at 9:00 a.m.

## **Welcome and Introductions**

Chair Theresa Woo made introductions.

Board Members Present:

* Erin Johnson, TBI Survivor
* Randy Dinning, Long Term Care Ombudsman (Virtual)
* Dr. Daniel Ignacio (Vice-Chair), St. Jude Brain Injury Network
* Dr. Katie Shinoda (Chair), Mercy General
* Dr. Henry Huie, Santa Clara Valley Medical Center
* Dr. Steve Chan, Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (PMR) at Kaiser Permanente
* Vince Martinez, Santa Clara Valley Medical Center and TBI Survivor
* Kristie Warren, TBI survivor
* Heidi Frye, Independent Living Center of Kern County and Brain Injury Survivor (Virtual)
* Theresa Woo, Department of Rehabilitation and TBI Caregiver
* Todd Higgins, Disability Rights California and TBI Survivor

 Board members not present:

* Michael Roscoe, TBI Survivor

Members of the Public:

* Dan Clark, Community Advocate
* Ryan Johnson, TBI Survivor
* Berta Flowers, TBI Survivor (Virtual)
* Brenda Plechaty, Traumatic Injury Caregivers Support Group
* Lily Zepeda, Brain Injury Center of Ventura County (Virtual)
* Gina Alvarez, Central Coast Center for Independent Living (Virtual)
* Linda Eby
* Gary Johnson
* Georgina Alvarez
* Noah Cox
* Amy Nam
* Elaine Cheng
* Rudy Contreras

Department of Rehabilitation Staff:

* Matthew Berube, TBI Program Administrator
* Tanya Thee, TBI Program Administrator
* Regina Cademarti, Chief of Independent Living & Assistive Technology

## **Housekeeping**

Matt Berube, DOR TBI Grant Administrator reviewed housekeeping items.

## **Public Comment**

Theresa Woo, Chair, asked for public comments.

## **TBI Advisory Board Meeting Minutes Approval**

Theresa Woo, Chair, asked for comments regarding the July 15, 2024 TBI Board Meeting.

Board Comments – None

Public Comments – None

Kristie Warren motioned to approve the minutes. Todd Higgins seconded the motion. Mathew Berube called for a Board vote. Shinoda, Ignacio, Johnson, Dinning, Huie, Chan, Martinez, Warren, Frye, Higgins, and Woo voted to approve. Motion passed and minutes are approved.

1. **Board Member Updates**

Lili Whittaker and Eric Williams have chosen not to reapply to join the Board after serving their full terms.

Board Comments – None

Public Comments – None

## **Subcommittee Reports**

The following subcommittee committees reported on their individual projects and progress.

* Data Analytics Committee (DAC)

Dr. Daniel Ignacio (Lead) reported on publication of manuscript and potential additional Needs Assessment. Current members include Todd Higgins, Randy Dinning, and Daniel Ignacio.

* Education and Public Outreach Committee (EPOC)

Randy Dinning (Lead) reported on resource directory. Current members include Henry Huie, Vincent Martinez, Heidi Frye, Steven Chan, and Theresa Woo.

## **Presentation**

Noah Cox, Elaine Cheng, and Amy Nam gave a presentation on the efforts of the LA County Public Defenders Office to assist justice-involved individuals with disabilities.

## **Subcommittee Reports**

The following subcommittee committees reported on their individual projects and progress.

* Public Policy and Funding Committee (FPPC)

Kristie Warren (Lead) reported on current recommendations and projects. Current members include Michael Roscoe, Eric Williams, Katie Shinoda, and Erin Johnson.

* Brain Injury Survivor Committee (BISC)

Kristie Warren (Lead) and Erin Johnson (Co-Lead) reported on projects including TBI brochure.

## **Presentation**

## Ryan Johnson gave a presentation on the use of AI in a professional setting. Examples, including ChatGPT, were demonstrated.

## **Department of Rehabilitation Updates**

Regina Cademarti details updates from the DOR, including changes to personnel, the TBI program, the Home-Based Community Services program, the Public Health Workforce program, and the Requests for Proposals for the new funding for California TBI providers sites.

## **Site Presentation**

Southern California Resource Services for Independent Living (SCRS) Executive Director/CEO Rudy Contreras gave a presentation on services provided by SCRS.

## **Site Presentation**

Mercy General Hospital Client Liaison Dr. Katie Shinoda gave a presentation on services provided by Mercy General Hospital.

## **Addition to the Bylaws**

Additions to the TBI Advisory Board bylaws were reviewed. Theresa Woo asked for a motion to approve.

Todd Higgins motioned to approve the minutes. Henry Huie seconded the motion. Mathew Berube called for a Board vote. Shinoda, Ignacio, Johnson, Dinning, Huie, Chan, Martinez, Warren, Frye, Higgins, and Woo voted to approve. Motion passed and additions to the bylaws were approved.

## **CATBI Data Presentation**

Dr. Daniel Ignacio provided on the collection, analysis, dissemination, and use of the data provided to the Department of Rehabilitation by the State-funded CA Traumatic Brain Injury resource provider sites.

## **Next TBI Board Meeting**

Next Board meeting is October 21, 2024, and will be help in person with virtual availability.

Next sub-committee meetings are August 8, 2024, and will be held virtually.

## **Action Items**

Presentations will be sent out to Board members.

Matt Berube will send out meeting minutes.

Dr. Steven Chan will present at an upcoming Brain Injury Survivors meeting.

## **Public Comments**

None

## **Adjournment**

Kristie Warren motioned to adjourn and Dr. Steven Chan seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 3:17 pm.