**Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI)**

**Survivors Meetings Materials**

**July 15, 2025**

**10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m**

**Informed Group Conscience vs Majority Vote:**

A group conscience is the collective conscience of the membership, and this represents substantial unity on a topic before definitive action is taken. This is achieved by the group members sharing of full information, individual points of view. To be fully informed requires a willingness to listen to minority opinions with an open mind. On sensitive issues, the group works slowly, discouraging formal motions until a clear sense of its collective view emerges. The group’s voice is heard when a well-informed group arrives at a decision. The result rests on more than a “yes” or “no” count. To arrive at an informed group conscience, every member gets a chance to be heard.

The majority vote process for reaching a group decision is quite different. This is often a competitive process with group members who have the loudest voices pushing their ideas across, taking a vote and come-up with a “majority decision.” This is not an informed group conscience. Group members should come together in mutual trust to arrive at a group decision. In the majority vote process, often all group members do not get heard before a decision is made.

**Survivor committee mission statement:**

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The Brain Injury Survivor Committee (BISC) is comprised of brain injury survivors (both acquired and traumatic) who work in collaboration with the TBI Advisory Board to maintain a focus on survivors, their families, support networks, and their caregivers. The BISC works to establish and promote plain language materials to improve education and awareness about TBI, resources for new survivors, and assist in closing gaps in services, supports, and information surrounding TBI. The BISC reminds the TBI Advisory Board that all work of the Board, Committees, and Program must be person-centered and culturally and linguistically competent.

State Plan

The Brain Injury Survivor Committee will ensure the State of California creates person-centered, culturally competent programs that are for TBI survivors, with input from all brain injury survivors, to meet the needs of TBI survivors, their families, and caregivers.