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

# **November 14, 2024**

# **Meeting Minutes**

**Opening**

The regular meeting for California Department of Rehabilitation (DOR) Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Advisory Board Sub-Committees was called to order at 8:40 am, November 14, 2024, by Dr. Daniel Ignacio via virtual meeting.

**Data Analytics Committee**

Meeting was called to order at 8:40 a.m. by Dr. Daniel Ignacio. Quorum was met.

**Members Present**

* Dr. Daniel Ignacio (Lead), St. Jude Health and TBI Survivor
* Todd Higgins, Disability Rights California and TBI Survivor
* Esther Stauffer, Native American Health Center [Off camera: 9:23am-9:28am]
* Dr. Katie Shinoda, Mercy (Dignity Health) [Off camera: 9:02am-9:30am)
* Ryan Johnson, TBI Survivor

**Members not Present**

* Randy Dinning, Regional Ombudsman

**DOR Staff Present**

* Matthew Berube, DOR TBI Grant Administrator
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**Public Present**

* Dan Clark, TBI Advisory Board member and community advocate
* Berta Flowers, TBI Survivor
* Lily Zepeda, Brain Injury Center of Ventura County

**Committee Business**

* Matthew Berube reviewed Bagley-Keene guidelines for virtual meetings.

**Committee Comments:** Todd would like quarterly meetings kept in-person, even if it were possible to hold them virtually. Randy would like all meetings to be virtual. Daniel said that either would be acceptable.

**Public Comments:** Dan Clark said the Board should be in-person at least twice a year. Esther Stauffer said once or twice would be fine. Ryan Johnson said either way was fine.

**Approval of Meeting Minutes –**

* Motion to approve the September 12, 2024 DAC meeting minutes was made by Esther Stauffer; Ryan Johnson seconded the motion. Ignacio, Stauffer, Higgins, Shinoda, and Johnson voted to approve.

**Committee Comments:** None.

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* No updates.
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**Committee Comments:** Todd Higgins and Daniel Ignacio volunteered to meet with San Diego State University to discuss Needs Assessment.

**Public Comments:** None.

**Committee Projects**

**ACL Grant:**

Dr. Daniel Ignacio reviewed the purpose of the ACL Grant and reviewed updates on the Needs Assessment project

Matt gave updates on the Education and Public Outreach Committee’s “TBI Basics” presentation.

Matt gave updates on the EPOC’s TBI Resource Guide

Now uploaded to the DOR website

Daniel gave updates on the manuscript for publication in the Journal of Head Trauma Rehabilitation.

**Committee comments:** None.

**Public comments:** Dan Clark asked when the CATBI reports would be available to the public; the reports are currently undergoing de-identification and will be available immediately afterward.

**Future Meeting Dates**

* TBI Board Meeting – January 9, 2025
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**Committee comments:** None.

**Public comments:** None.

**Adjournment**

Todd Higgins motioned to adjourn; Ryan Johnson seconded. The meeting ended at 10:16am.

**Education and Public Outreach Committee**

Meeting began at 11:10 a.m. by Matthew Berube. Quorum was met.

**Members Present**

* Vince Martinez, TBI Survivor
* Theresa Woo, TBI Caregiver
* Dr. Steven Chan, Kaiser Permanente [Off camera 12:10pm-12:25pm]
* Dr. Vivian Harvey, Educator and TBI Survivor

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* Dr. Henry Huie, Santa Clara Valley Medical Chief of Brain Rehabilitation
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* Maam Fall, Account Executive (YesWare)

**Committee Business**

**Approval of Meeting Minutes –**

* Dr. Steven Chan requested one change to the September 12th minutes: his name should be added to the “members not present” section.
* Motion to approve the revised minutes for September 12, 2024 EPOC meeting minutes was made by Theresa Woo; Vincent Martinez seconded the motion. Woo, Harvey, Chan, and Martinez voted to approve.

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**Committee Comments**: Vivian Harvey asked who would be taking over Matthew Berube’s duties when he leaves; Tanya Thee will fill in temporarily. Theresa Woo asked if Victor Duron would fill in temporarily for Joe Xavier; no decision has been announced.

**Public Comments**: None.

**Committee Projects**

* Steven Chan reviewed the EPOC’s “TBI 101” presentation.

**Committee Comments**: Vivian Harvey asked if the Board members’ suggestions had been incorporated; Steven had not received them; Matt will send them to Steven directly.

**Public Comments**: None.

**Presentation**

* Maam Fall (Account Executive, YesWare)
* Maam Fall reviewed the features of the YesWare software so the Board members could see if it might be of use to them in coordinating services.

**Committee comments:** None.

**Public comments:** None.

**Presentation**

* Matt reviewed the new “Benefits Planning” document created by the California Committee for Employment of People with Disabilities

**Committee comments:** Dan Clark asked how to contact the CCEPD to make suggestions; contact information was provided.

**Public comments:** None.

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**Public comments:** None.

**Adjournment**

Theres Woo motioned to adjourn the meeting; Vivian Harvey seconded the motion. The meeting ended at 12:54 pm

**Public Policy and Funding Committee**

Meeting was called to order at 2:05 p.m. by Dr. Katie Shinoda. Quorum was met.

**Members Present**

* Erin Johnson, TBI Survivor
* Dr. Katie Shinoda, Mercy (Dignity Health)
* Michael Roscoe, TBI Survivor
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**State Plan**

* Katie and Erin discussed revisions to the CA State Plan. It was suggested to assign various committee members specific sections to revise and update. The tentative deadline would June 2025.

**Committee comments:** Dan Clark expressed frustration with the lack of support for DOR staff; the committee suggested drafting a letter to DOR to recommend increasing staffing.

**Public comments**: Lisa Hayes asked if there was a rubric for the State Plan; Regina Cademarti will ask the NASHIA representative. Matt will send Lisa copy of the current State Plan.

**Other updates**

Matt updated the Board on the progress of the other committees with the Brain Injury brochure developed by the Brain Injury Survivor Committee, the Needs Assessment, and the TBI Basics presentation.

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