

Brain Injury Alliance of South Dakota

Meeting Minutes

Date | time February 5, 2022 at 9am CT via GoTo Meeting

Attendance

Karen Brokenleg, Jenny Hallan, Justine Ashokar, Glenn Schumacher, Doris Schumacher, Brian Poelstra, and Jennifer Williams, Mary Tommeraasen

Approval of Minutes

September 18, 2022 BIASD board meeting minutes will be sent out, voted on, and approved after any needed revision.

Individual & Organization Board Member Updates (Contacts/Correspondence)

Recent Contacts/Correspondence -- Individual:

Justine: Did presentation for students regarding TBI, per request of Amber Pourier, a past employee and intern of The Brain Injury Rehabilitation Center. March is Brain Injury Awareness – Justine will send out Toolkit for Brain Injury Awareness, produced by the National Association of State Head Injury Administrators.

Mary T: Touched base with long-term support services and those who work for the state who are in her work environment. Clients are interested in support groups offered. Sends resources and maintains contact with gets in touch. State pays for postage when mailing letters and information.

Karen: Will add input from board members for the letter to potential donor, Arlo from OK. He has expressed interest in donating to the BIASD. Board motioned for Karen to edit and then send. Has been in contact with one woman who sustained a brain injury 0 – currently not meeting in person. Ensure that we keep track of those who reach out so we are consistent in supporting those who need it. Will send those from Bookings to Doris and Glen to touch base.

Jenny: See Aberdeen Support Group update in organization correspondence section.

Jennifer: Presented at Stroke Survivors Support Group and provided resources, including BIASD and The Brain Injury Rehabilitation Center.

Brian: No outside contact currently – most work is through DRSD

Brenna: Continue to send people her way for volunteering opportunities. Referred a gentleman with MS and concussion to Justine – from CO.

Doris & Glenn: Has had seven phone calls since previous meeting. Two concern finding a nursing home for a gentleman needing such services. Want to develop better follow-up system.

Recent Contacts/Correspondence -- Organizations:

Irene (Doris) – Still looking for services.

Lifescape (Brenna) – Community Health needs Assessment – DO e need more people who socialize in TBI with counseling? Board agrees – yes. Jennifer is a counselor, under supervision of Justine, working toward CBIS and licensure. Pulled data from 2021 rehab patients - 25% increase to rehab program with individuals with brain injury -biggest population - don't know how many are going out of state, but hoping this is an indication of people staying - hope that the support after rehab us adequate- want people to be aware of referrals and to be confident in the services offered in SD. Would like to update resourced and beef up resource guide.

Rehabilitation Center – TBIRC (Justine & Jennifer) – Brian and intern visited TBIRC. Support groups have not yet started back up due to the Omicron variant of COVID-19.

Aberdeen Support Group (Karen & Jenny) – Will take over Aberdeen support group – it's already ran by ILC and she is in frequent contact them. Start TeleRehab groups – four to five people would typically attend previously. ILC would be willing to have two or three people come to the office and then the other additional people could attend the virtual meeting.

Center for Disabilities (Mary T.) – Justine and Mary will present at SDSPE conference in March on teens with concussion, as well as vocational rehabilitation and how it can help;

Disability Rights (Brian) – Continuing to work with Legislature; Bill and Legislate House Bill 11.29 for reference – makes it illegal to discriminate organ transplant donors based on disability. Took a bill that was pretty strong, and then shortened it up, not giving it credit. Look at legislature page and compare the original and the amended.

Committee Updates

Nominating/Membership Committee (Mary T. & Karen) – N/A, as board is currently full; reelecting officers will be held on this day during annual meeting, taking place immediately after quarterly meeting. Will need to send Karen \$10.00, addressed to BIASD, for annual dues.

Legislative Committee (Justine & Jennifer) – Legislature, went with a bill and then retracted it. Nothing has come out of this. A person who receives services from TBIRC went to meet with legislatures with his mom to speak about the lack of services in our state. Worked diligently with the state to bring him back to BIRC into services. His mother is a good advocate. CEO had planned to attend in Pierre, SD with them, but was unable.

Newsletter/Advertising (Doris and Mary O): List the donors on newsletter, this would help get more traffic to the website to get the names on there. Newsletter coming out this month. Thank you, Brenna, as we have someone who will be highlighted in Newsletter on Lexie's experience with Brain Injury. Her mother wrote a book and \$1,500.00 was donated from the profits. The book is called, "Embracing the New Normal" -The Delay Family

Technology (Glenn, Karen and Jenny): Jenny will ask Virginia, Logo Designer, to swap BIASD under the logo and to the side of the logo – further revisions will be explored with members via email. Board likes the color and capital letter for BIASD the most. Jenny will work formatting information on website.

Jenny & Doris - will explore a place on website where donors are acknowledged. Doris has recorded those who have given.

Fundraising (Doris and Brenna): A church gave 250 and with a matching grant actually received \$500. Glenn's birthday typically

Scholarship (Justine, Karen): N/A – will look into doing something in the next year. Jenny created a form for this.

Veteran's (Kevin, Brian and Mary T): Item is on hold. Brain has done some outreach with Veterans.

Treasurer's Report

January 2022 ending balance: \$7723.81

Annual Meeting

Annual Membership Dues:

- \$10.00, send them to Karen, addressed to the Brain Injury Alliance of South Dakota

Election of Officers:

- President: Doris
- Vice President: Justine (Jennifer f/u to ensure Justine agreed to be VP, and she did)
- Treasurer: Karen
- Secretary: Jennifer

Notes:

- Doris will be President for only one more year. Board would like Justine to consider becoming President in the next Term.
- All board members motioned this term's election of officers.
- Board Members – start thinking about meeting in person; Regroup next meeting in the Spring
- Jenny and Brenna offered to assist in making the budget process for BIASD easier

Set Next Meeting Date & Motion to Adjourn

Next meeting: May 21st, 2022 @ 9am CT via GoTo Meeting (link will be sent prior to meeting)

Meeting Adjourned: Quarterly meeting adjourned at 10:00 AM; Annual meeting adjourned at 11 AM