



**Brain Injury (BI) Advisory Board  
August 2, 2024 Meeting Minutes  
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
In-person Meeting**

**Attendees:** Please refer to page eight of this document for Board Members and Guests in attendance.

**Public Participants/Special Guests:** N/A

**Facilitator:** Bridget Lowery, Chair

**Notes Completed By:** Amy Deiderick, Department of Health (DOH), Bureau of Family Health

Agenda Item	Notes	Action Items /Recommendations	Party Responsible
<b>Welcome and Introductions (Bridget Lowery)</b>	Ms. Lowery chaired the meeting and welcomed Advisory Board members and participants. Introductions were made for individuals attending. During the welcome, Ms. Nicole Adams announced that the Department brought additional copies of books on brain injury that we are sharing to add to support group libraries. Anyone interested in the books can see Ms. Adams.	N/A	N/A
<b>Formalities (Bridget Lowery)</b>	<b>Approval of the May Minutes:</b> Ms. Linda Washington Brown motioned to approve the May 2024 Board meeting minutes and Ms. Kelly Cappos seconded the motion with the addition of Ms. Cappos to the attendance of the May 2024 meeting. Board members in attendance approved of the minutes.	N/A	N/A
<b>Board Member Travel</b>	Ms. Adams reviewed travel for Board members. All travel and reimbursement requests are to be sent to Nicole Johnson. Reimbursement requests for travel are due within sixty days	N/A	N/A



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	<p>after the board meeting. Information on expense reimbursement was included in the board meeting handouts.</p>		
<p><b>Department of Human Services Q&amp;A (Randy Nolen)</b></p>	<p><b>Office Long-Term Living (OLTL) Update</b> Mr. Randy Nolen provided the following updates:</p> <p><b>Independent Enrollment Broker (IEB) Procurement</b> Procurement for the Independent Enrollment Broker is in a black out period. There is no information available about when the black out period will end. Maximus, the current enrollment broker, is beginning Beneficiary Support Services (BSS), which will include more case management services in an effort to reduce the number of days it takes to enroll participants. Ms. Monica Vaccaro asked that as the services begin, that the Brain Injury Association of Pennsylvania (BIAPA) be permitted to conduct a training for new staff on brain injury.</p> <p><b>Mercer Rate Study</b> A survey went out this week to providers to collect data on current provider rates in the following areas: -Adult Day -Structured Day Habilitation -Employment and Training -Personal Assistance -Residential Habilitation</p>		



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	<p>The information collected is meant to inform a current rate range and evaluate current payment rates. Surveys responses are due August 23, 2024.</p> <p>Mr. Kevin McDonald asked about information on the proposed plan to cut brain injury funding from the Center for Disease Control (CDC). He also asked if there is anything the board could do. Ms. Vaccaro shared that the Brain Injury Association of America (BIAA) has a nationwide effort to support the funding in the CDC budget. Ms. Erika Pae forwarded the email on behalf of the BIAA to the Brain Injury Advisory Board which included information on the proposed cut to brain injury funding that included sample letters to send to US Congressman to support the funding remain in the CDC.</p> <p>Ms. Lisa Tesler commented that she was appreciative of OLTL conducting the rate study.</p> <p>Ms. Tesler had follow-up questions – 1. What revisions were made to the waiver? 2. What comments were received? 3. Are person centered planning changes in the waiver? Mr. Nolan informed the group that the Centers for Medicaid/Medicare Services (CMS) report has not yet been received, so they are unaware of the contents and changes to the waiver.</p>	<p>Re-send the email with information on the proposal to cut brain injury funding.</p>	<p>Erika Pae</p>
<p><b>Written Board/Workgroup Updates Q&amp;A</b></p>	<p><b>Recruitment Flyer and Applicant On-Boarding Process</b> A copy of the Recruitment Flyer and Applicant On-Boarding Process for board members was included in the packet for</p>		



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	<p>information. Both have been approved. Ms. Tesler commented that she appreciates the peer support liaison and their role to assist new board members that was included in the Applicant On-Boarding Process.</p> <p><b>Five Year Needs Assessment</b> Ms. Adams shared that we are in year four of a five-year grant cycle with the ACL Grant. As part of the grant, the Department is to conduct a needs assessment. The needs assessment will include three surveys: one for individuals with brain injury, one for family members and one for providers. Flyers for individuals with brain injury have been approved. The flyers include a QR code for a survey and information on how to obtain a paper copy if need be. The individual will have the opportunity to request to be part of the second phase of the assessment which is a focus group. Ms. Adams asked BIAPA to add the flyer to their newsletters. RCPA will also distribute. Ms. Pae will send the flyer to the Board. The survey and focus groups are to identify gaps in services and supports and to guide the writing of the new ACL Grant.</p> <p><b>HIP Rate Increase</b> Ms. Adams shared that the Department is moving forward with the process of increasing rates on the fee schedule for the Head Injury Program. We are hoping the new rates will be effective in the next few months.</p>	<p>Email individual survey to the Board.</p>	<p>Erika Pae</p>



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	<p><b>School Transition after Traumatic Brain Injury (STATBI) Study</b> Ms. Becky Crambert shared that not all BrainSTEPS referrals are going to the STATBI Study. The study is a research project looking at outcomes for students with brain injury who were enrolled in the BrainSTEPS program compared to those who are not. The research study will be ending in September.</p> <p><b>Shaken Baby Brochure</b> The Department of Health has a grant with the BIAPA to update the Shaken Baby Brochure. The BIAPA is working with individuals who specialize in the topic and will also be seeking input from new parents. As an incentive, Dr. Diaz has donated \$250 to provide ten \$25 gift cards to parents who provide input on the brochure. Ms. Cappos has asked the Board for assistance in seeking parents to participate to ensure a diverse response.</p> <p>Ms. Cappos announced that the Shaken Baby Conference will be held in Salt Lake City, UT. Anyone interested can email her at <a href="mailto:kcappos@outlook.com">kcappos@outlook.com</a>.</p>		
<p><b>Board Meeting Structure</b></p>	<p>Ms. Adams reviewed the Board Meeting structure. Currently, Board meetings are held in person once a quarter with no virtual option. Ms. Adams suggested a vote on changing the board structure. Option one would be to hold two in-person and two virtual meetings per year. Option two would be to hold four in-person with two unofficial virtual meetings facilitated by the Board Officers. Option one received three votes; option two received 11 votes.</p>	<p>Determine schedule for the two unofficial virtual meetings</p>	<p>Board Officers</p>



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<b>State Action Plan</b>	During the last Board Meeting, goals one and two of the State Action Plan were reviewed and feedback was provided to Ms. Pae. The Plan was updated with the feedback provided and reviewed by the members. Additional updates to goals one and two were made and noted by Ms. Adams. Goals three and four will be reviewed during the November meeting. The finalized version of the State Action Plan will be voted on during the February 2025 meeting.		
<b>Public Comment</b>	<p><b>Brain Injury Awareness Day at the PA Capitol</b> Ms. Vaccaro shared that Brain Injury Awareness Day at the PA Capitol will be held Tuesday, October 8, 2024. Ms. Carmen and Mr. McDonald have organized meetings with Representatives and Senators to discuss additional funding for brain injury services.</p> <p><b>Fight Story</b> Mr. Frank Notaro shared that he was involved in the documentary “Fight Story” that highlights individuals who have overcome tremendous adversity. It will air on Amazon Prime Video in the near future. Mr. Notaro will be highlighted in Fight Story 3.</p>		
<b>Review Upcoming Meeting</b>	<p>Next TBI Advisory Board Meeting: <b>November 1st, 2024</b> Time: <b>10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.</b> Location: <b>PaTTAN (PA Training and Technical Assistance Network)</b></p>		



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	<b>6340 Flank Drive Harrisburg, PA 17112</b>		

Handouts: May 2024 Meeting Minutes, Agenda, Board Member Chart, Board Member Contact List, Acronym List, HIP Activity Report and Referrals, Board Updates and Workgroup Summaries, State Action Plan, Expense Reimbursement Handout, Recruitment Flyer and Applicant On-Boarding Process.

Facilitator Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



## Brain Injury Advisory Board Meeting Attendance

**August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024**

First Name	Last Name	Role	Board Member
Bridget	Lowery	Chair/Family Member	Y
Stefanie	Bauman	Secretary	Y
Becky	Crambert	Vice Chair/Individual with Lived Experience	Y
Kevin	McDonald	Individual with Lived Experience	Y
Frank	Notaro	Individual with Lived Experience	Y
Mary Margaret	Letteer	Individual with Lived Experience	Y
Melissa	Carmen	Individual with Lived Experience	Y
Kelly	Cappos	Family Member/ Individual with Lived Experience	Y
Linda	Washington-Brown	Family Member	Y
Symme	Trachtenberg	Family Member	Y
Lisa	Tesler	Developmental Disabilities Council	Y
Erica	Beidler	Duquesne University Researcher	Y
Maddie	DiPasquale	Brain Injury Association of PA	Y
Monica	Vaccaro	TBI Model Systems	Y
Stefani	Eichelberger	Provider	Y
Melissa	Dehoff	Rehabilitation and Community Providers Association (RCPA)	N
Kate	Baum	Comp Neuropsych Services	N
Bailey	Swaffer	Living Unlimited	N
Jane	McDevitt	Pennsylvania Athletic Trainers Society (PATS)	N
Doug	Albright-Pierce	Individual with Lived Experience	N
Stef	Milhalcik	Department of Health	
Randy	Loss	Office of Long-Term Living	N





Randolph	Nolen	Department of Human Services, OLTL	N
Caolinn	Martin	PA Insurance Department	N
Kaitlin	Salvati	Office of Vocational Rehabilitation	N
Mae	Reale	PA Coalition Against Domestic Violence (PCADV)	N
Jess	Hoffmaster	Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs	N
Eleanor	Daugherty	Office of Medical Assistance Programs	N
Nicole	Adams	DOH, Bureau of Family Health	N
Amy	Deiderick	DOH, Bureau of Family Health	N



# Department of Health (DOH) Updates

## General DOH Update

Dr. Debra Bogen was confirmed as Pennsylvania's Secretary of Health on July 1, 2024, after serving as acting Secretary for the past 18 months. Dr. Bogen is a pediatrician with more than three decades of experience and also served for three years as the Director of the Allegheny County Health Department. She earned her medical degree from the University of Colorado School of Medicine and completed her pediatric residency and general academic pediatrics fellowship at Johns Hopkins Hospital. She was one of the founders of the Mid-Atlantic Mothers' Milk Bank and served as the organization's Volunteer Medical Director until assuming her role at the state.

## Head Injury Program

HIP referrals continue to increase. Due to the increase in referrals, we have begun the process to add an additional \$25,000 to the Pre-enrollment Assistance grant. As the referrals increase, we will continue to oversee spending to ensure we stay within the budget of \$3,925,000 for state fiscal year 2024-25. Re-enrollments are still being accepted, but as referrals and spending increase, we will be monitoring the budget to determine whether re-enrollments will remain an option.

## Shaken Baby Syndrome (SBS)

The request to update the SBS brochure has been approved. Development of the brochure began July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024.

## Administration for Community Living TBI State Partnership Program Grant

The new grant year is to begin on August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024. Funding from the previous grant year will be requested to rollover to State Fiscal Year 2024/2025.



## **Drexel Project: Intersectionality of TBI and Autism Spectrum Disorder**

The DOH has partnered with Drexel University students to conduct an extensive literature review on the intersectionality of TBI and Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). The motivation for this study is to address the intricate clinical challenges faced by individuals who are affected by both conditions. This literature review aims to synthesize current knowledge on TBI and ASD, explore the behavioral, cognitive, and neurobiological characteristics of individuals with co-occurring TBI and ASD, highlight gaps in research, and propose areas for further investigation.

# Board Member and Department of Health Grantee Updates

## Brain Injury Association of Pennsylvania (BIAPA)

- **BIAPA Annual Conference**

BIAPA's annual conference, held on June 24 and 25, 2024 at the Marriott Hotel in Lancaster, was a great success. This year's event brought together 273 survivors, caregivers, professionals, and advocates, as well as 34 exhibitors, in the spirit of learning and community. We are proud to report that *every* survivor who applied for a scholarship to attend the conference was awarded one, totaling **53** scholarships.

- **Annual Awards:** BIAPA presented awards in 4 categories at this year's conference. Award recipients were:

**Steve Holefelder** - Pioneer in Brain Injury Award

**Damon Slepian** - Service to the Association Award

**Amy Casarella** - John Sears Inspiration Award

**Howard Blumberg** and his family- Dennis Minori Family Tribute Award

- **Changes in the BIAPA Board of Directors**

BIAPA elected Dr. Madeline DiPasquale as the new President of the BIAPA Board of Directors. She is succeeding Dr. Ann Marie McLaughlin who filled that role for 5 years. Ann Marie will continue to serve on the Board as Past President.



Tracy Yatsko Onyekanne, a Director on the Board, was elected to serve on the Executive Committee as a Vice President.

BIAPA elected 2 new Board Members: Elijah Wood, a person with lived experience with brain injury, and Dr. Michelle McCann, a professional working in the field,

- **Upcoming Events**

- **John Savelloni Memorial Golf Clinic**

- Friday, August 9, 2024  
Penn Oaks Golf Club

- **The Learn to Swing Clinic:** This is designed for golfers and non-golfers of all abilities. The clinic will include instruction on both the driving range and the putting green by PGA Professionals from Penn Oaks and the surrounding area. This is a free event. More information can be found on the BIAPA website at <https://biapa.org/golf/>.

- **BIAPA Day with the Pittsburgh Pirates**

- Sunday, August 18, 2004  
PNC Park  
Pittsburgh, PA

BIAPA is the "Non-Profit of the game" on August 18 as the Seattle Mariners take on the Pirates. All tickets include a \$5 food and beverage credit, as well as a \$5 donation back to BIAPA. More information, including a link to purchase tickets can be found on the BIAPA website at <https://biapa.org/pirates/>



- **Brain Injury Challenge: Race for Recovery**  
Walk, Run, Roll Partnership with Moss-Magee Rehabilitation  
Saturday, September 28, 2024  
Tyler State Park, Newtown PA. For more information, go to: <https://biapa.org/get-involved/challenge2024/>

- **Virtual Support Groups**

BIAPA hosts 3 state-wide support groups that meet on zoom:

- **Survivor Support Group:** Third Thursdays, 5pm ET
- **Caregiver Support Group:** Second Wednesdays, 6pm ET
- **Coping with COVID Support Group:** 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays, 5pm ET

For a complete list of support groups, please visit this link: [Support Group Listing - Regional - Brain Injury Association of Pennsylvania \(biapa.org\)](#)

- **Rediscover U**

Survivors have been enjoying **Rediscover U** which offers evening virtual “classes” and sharing for survivors at 6pm every Monday. The program is on hiatus for the months of July and August and will restart on Monday September 9<sup>th</sup>. Information about classes and a link to join can be found on the BIAPA website at <https://biapa.org/programs/rediscoveru/> .

- **Clinical Forum**

BIAPA hosts a clinical forum for professionals 4 times per year. The most recent presentation, *Suicidality and Self Harm in Individuals with TBI: Characterization, Assessment, and Management*, was presented by Amelia Hicks, Ph.D., Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai on April 23, 2024 and was attended by 132 professionals from across the country.



We are seeking a presenter for the Fall, so if you know of someone who might be interested, please let us know.

We have a presentation scheduled for December 10, 2024. *Formalizing a Disorders of Consciousness Program for Pediatric Patients at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia* will be presented by Jacqueline Conklin MS OTR/L Emily Diliberto, MS, CCC-SLP Emily K. DiVirgilio, PhD and Sarah A. Jones, PT, DPT, PCS.

- **The Brain Injury Ambassador Outreach Program**

This program has continued, with 226 families referred to date. This program is situated in acute inpatient rehab as the goal is to connect with families early after injury, deliver the message of help and hope, share resources, and connect them with BIAPA. They'll receive the monthly e-newsletter and stay connected with the brain injury community. The majority of calls we get on the Brain Injury Resource Line are from people 5, 10, and 15+ years post injury who have been without resources. We want to be able to connect earlier to avoid that occurrence.

- **DOH Initiatives**

BIAPA continues to implement DOH initiatives including:

- **The NeuroResource Facilitation Program (NRFP)**

The NRFP served 38 new clients with brain injury in the recent quarter, for a total of 158 for the fiscal year. BIAPA is looking for 2 Certified Brain Injury Specialists to provide NeuroResource Facilitation: one in Central Pennsylvania and one in Philadelphia. If you know anyone who might be interested in this part-time work (20-30 hours a month), please contact Monica Vaccaro at [vaccaro@biapa.org](mailto:vaccaro@biapa.org). The posting can be found on the BIAPA website using this link: <https://biapa.org/employment-opportunities/>.

- **Education and Training**



BIAPA provided 5 trainings this quarter for a total of 28 trainings to varied audiences for the fiscal year. The focus is on “non-traditional professionals,” that is, professionals not trained in brain injury but who will encounter individuals with brain injury in the context of their work.

- **Opioids Initiative**

BIAPA conducted outreach to 28 individual providers during the past quarter and a total of 65 for the fiscal year for the purpose of raising awareness of the intersection of brain injury and opioid misuse as well as to offer trainings on the topic. Outreach efforts focused on the 47 Single County Authorities which administer drug and alcohol programs, areas of the commonwealth that have been most affected by the opioid crisis, and treatment providers that have Intensive Outpatient Programs.

We provided 5 trainings to professionals in the field of substance use disorder during the recent quarter, with 22 trainings provided for the fiscal year.

A new training geared toward brain injury professionals has been developed and piloted at the BIAPA conference with the goal of offering it to brain injury professionals across the commonwealth. The focus is on how to provide treatment to clients with co-occurring brain injury and substance use disorder, a braided treatment approach.

- **BrainSTEPS**

The BrainSTEPS program received 68 referrals during the recent quarter. Referrals were made to 24 teams and came from 49 different schools and 27 counties in Pennsylvania. As previously reported, laminated posters about BrainSTEPS were shipped to 3200 school buildings in the Commonwealth in February to ensure that faculty in all schools are made aware of the program. Principals were asked to post them in the main office, teacher’s lounge and nurse’s office.

If anyone (parent, school staff, Brain Injury Advisory Board Member, etc.) does not see the poster hanging in their school building’s front office, that individual can now simply contact their local BrainSTEPS team leader and ask to pick up the laminated poster at the Intermediate Unit to take to their local school building. An additional 2000 posters have been made available for this purpose. A list of team leaders is available at [brainsteps.net](http://brainsteps.net)





## Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence (PCADV)

- **Domestic Violence and Brain Injury Toolkit.**

PCADV is in the final process of review and design of a toolkit to be used by domestic violence advocates, EMS providers, substance use providers, and brain injury providers to assist in connecting domestic violence survivors to brain injury supports. After this is completed, the final version will go to DOH for approval. The toolkit will have sections for professional roles that feature tangible information about the ways in they can support the unique needs of domestic violence survivors with a brain injury.

- **Technical Assistance**

During the reporting period, we engaged in a technical assistance with our member domestic violence programs regarding brain injury and domestic violence, including strategies for engaging in discussions about brain injury with all survivors and connecting with EMS providers to raise awareness about the intersection between DV and brain injury.

- **Pilot Sites**

Four domestic violence programs were chosen as pilot sites. As pilot sites, they created a proposal during which they will engage in one of, or a combination of, the following options to increase awareness and response to survivors of domestic violence who may have a brain injury:

- **Option 1:** Implementation of the BIRD (Brain Injury Resource Discussion) approach to connect survivors with brain injury resources and education.
- **Option 2:** Creation of community workgroup focused on brain injury support- workgroup can include EMS, substance use support providers, nurse family practitioners, healthcare system representatives, and any other community partners identified as key components in brain injury/survivor support.



- **Option 3:** Other options that enhance community-level partnership between people who work with survivors of brain injury and domestic violence.

## **Pennsylvania Athletic Trainers Society**

PATS has created an infographic on Second Impact Syndrome (SIS) which occurs when an individual sustains a second brain injury while they are still recovering from an initial concussion. The SIS infographic will be used for a statewide awareness campaign.



# BI Advisory Board Workgroup Summaries

## Summaries of the Health Equity, Education and Resource Facilitation, and Systems Workgroup Meetings

### Health Equity Workgroup Update

#### **Topic: Recruitment Flyer and Onboarding Process**

The workgroup reviewed the Board’s comments and revised both the Recruitment Flyer and Onboarding Process based on the feedback.

#### **Topic: Recruitment**

The workgroup discussed having a discussion with Board attendees about their ability to assist with recruitment through the dissemination of the recruitment flyer upon Board approval.

#### **Topic: Access For Everyone Toolkit**

The workgroup reviewed the Centers for Excellence for Integrated Health Solutions, Access for Everyone Toolkit : [Access for Everyone \(thenationalcouncil.org\)](https://thenationalcouncil.org). This is an interactive toolkit that could assist the Board to address bringing a more diverse perspective to the Board as it relates to the Board’s “why.” It can also be used to expand the Board’s awareness and understanding of the following areas:

1. Health equity
2. Health inequity
3. Health disparities and social determinants
4. Health literacy
5. Cultural and linguistic literacy



6. Racial equity and social justice

## **Education and Resource Facilitation Workgroup Update**

### **Topic: Slide Deck**

The workgroup reviewed the board's suggestions regarding the general TBI PowerPoint slide deck. The updated version can be found using this link: [TBI General Information PPT 7.3.24 Updated.pptx](#). This slide deck provides general information about brain injury and possible support to people who do not usually work with survivors. The workgroup continued to discuss the ways in which they will promote and encourage the use of the slide deck among and with the Board members and other who are interested in doing training about brain injury with non-brain injury professionals. They continued to work on a cover letter to accompany the slide deck that will encourage use, explain its purpose, and track its usage.

### **Topic: Brain Injury Educational Materials for Substance Use Treatment Providers**

At the June meeting, Monica Vaccaro from BIAPA gave an overview of the educational matters being used across the state, especially with substance use treatment providers.

### **Topic: Blue Envelope and Yellow Dot Programs**

The workgroup continued their discussion connecting with law enforcement organizations who are using the Blue Envelope and Yellow Dot programs, which are designed to alert first responders to medical information and needs. These programs can assist first responders identify that people in the car may have medical needs, including a brain injury. They provide specific information about the driver/passengers in the vehicle and information that would be useful for first responders to have upon interacting with individuals in the vehicle. Dr. Crambert reported success with one police department, with which she has been in contact, reaching out to make the Blue Envelope program more inclusive to brain injury survivors.



## **Topic: Discharge from Health Systems**

At our July meeting, the group discussed some ideas that could be shared with discharge planners who work at health systems in PA. The workgroup discussed that when supports are available, they tend to focus on the immediate needs post injury. This means there is not as much support or as many resources for people in the longer term after the injury. The workgroup would like to investigate how to convey information about long-term resources.

## **Systems Workgroup Update**

### **Topic: Update on Opioid Settlement Funds For Pilot**

The Systems Workgroup continues to pursue opioid settlement funds in Berks County to fund a pilot program that introduces screening for brain injury into mental health services.

- The group met with Dr. Sigal (ED Research Director) and Traci Deaner (Manager of Research) from Tower Health to share and discuss the proposal. Dr. Sigal thought this project would be valuable as it could provide an understanding as to prevalence of brain injury in opioid patients at Tower in comparison to other prevalences reported in the literature. He also thought there would be a benefit to following the patients who received NeuroResource Facilitation to see if the intervention was effective.
- Dr. Sigal thought it would be possible for Tower Health staff to run reports in real time to identify those who had received Narcan. He suggested the workgroup may want to check again with the Warm Handoff program, since that program would already have access to patient contact information. If there was some kind of formal agreement between the hospital and BIAPA to incorporate the brain injury screening project as an extension of the Warm Handoff program, there is a possibility to re-address the issue of how to get that information from the Warm Handoff program.



- After meeting with the representative of the Warm Hand-off program it was determined that while they support the project, the Warm Hand-off program would not be the best place to start because the person is typically in crisis at that moment. They suggested engaging someone further down the line.
- Explored the option of whether an ER doctor could embed a referral for brain injury screening in the discharge instructions just as they would for a specialist, but there was questions whether this would be feasible from a legal standpoint. The workgroup also explored the option of explaining the referral and ask the person to sign a consent for someone to call to follow up with brain injury screening. After some discussion it was determined that Tower Health's Legal Department would have to weigh in on this to determine if it would be permissible to embed the referral in the discharge instructions.
- Would like the Social Work Department to weigh in on the process and determine if it could fit in to their work in the Emergency Department. A small group meeting is to be set up with the Social Work Department to gain their perspective prior to contacting Tower Health Legal Department.



# DOH HEAD INJURY PROGRAM REPORT

## HIP Referral Sources

### May 2024

- HIP Providers = 7
- HIP website/internet = 5
- Doctor = 3
- Allegheny General Hospital = 2
- Therapist = 2
- Neurologist = 1
- Dr. Franz = 1
- Geisinger Medical Center = 1
- Grandview Hospital = 1
- Brandywine Village = 1
- Service Access Management (SAM) = 1
- TBI Opioid Training = 1
- Einstein LTSR = 1
- NRFP = 1

### June 2024

- HIP Providers = 8
- Allegheny Valley Hospital = 5
- Doctor = 3
- Hershey Medical Center = 1
- Bucks County Human Services = 1
- St Lukes Penn Foundation = 1
- UPMC Health Plan = 1
- Occupational Therapist = 1



- Internet = 1
- Counselor = 1
- Brain Injury Helpline = 1
- Friend = 1
- Dr. Franz = 1

### **July 2024**

- HIP Providers = 5
- BIAPA/BIRL = 4
- HIP Rack Card/BI Helpline = 4
- Internet/HIP website = 3
- NREFP = 2
- Allegheny Valley Hospital = 2
- Social worker = 2
- Penn State Hershey Rehab = 1
- Community Legal Services of Philadelphia = 1
- VOICe of Butler (Domestic Violence Shelter) = 1
- Dr. Franz = 1
- Brain Injury Support Group = 1
- Doctor = 1
- Nurse = 1





## HIP Activity Report

HIP Activity Report:

	2023					2024					
	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June
<b>Total Enrollment</b>	113	115	108	113	111	114	114	110	113	111	115
Residential	6	5	4	4	4	6	6	5	6	5	5
Outpatient	37	38	36	35	37	43	43	45	45	44	39
Home/ Community Based	41	46	45	45	45	47	43	38	37	34	37
Transition	29	26	23	29	25	18	22	22	25	28	34
<b>Gender Distribution - Clients Receiving Services</b>											
Male	57	55	53	53	55	55	56	55	57	55	55
Female	56	60	55	60	56	59	58	55	56	56	60
<b>Total in Process</b>	144	136	134	131	134	130	130	127	121	134	135
Applications in Process	102	108	97	91	92	96	94	90	87	89	93
Approved for Assessment	23	19	28	30	29	24	26	27	23	27	32
Approved for Services	7	0	3	5	7	2	3	3	6	13	6
Re-Enrollment applications	12	9	6	5	6	8	7	7	5	5	4
<b>Ineligible</b>	1	3	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	2
Ineligible by Application	0	2	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	2
Ineligible by Assessment	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Eligible/Enrolled</b>	120	115	111	118	118	116	117	113	119	125	121
<b>Results over past 12 months</b>											
Moved to Waiver System	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
Ended- No future funding	5	6	6	3	1	10	9	9	7	8	1
Moved to Other Funding	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0
In Waiver Process	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Re-Enrollment	2	1	3	0	0	1	2	1	2	0	0
Other (deceased, moved, etc)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0



Average Age of New Referrals	41.5	48.9	49	42.2	45	45.5	48.6	42.4	54.2	47	47.6
Median Age of New Referrals	39	42	43	42	46	45	53	43	58	47	50

Wait List for Start Date											
Approved to begin services	8	7	6	12	10	9	9	9	9	13	4
Closed	2	5	2	2	2	6	2	5	4	1	1

Assessment Wait List											
Approved for Assessment	11	7	16	16	10	14	13	16	12	15	11

Respite											
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

2023					2024					
Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June

County of Residence for New Referrals											
	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June
Philadelphia	5	7	4	3	3	3	3	2	5	4	5
Delaware	2				1	1		1		2	2
Montgomery	2	1	1	2	4	1		3	2	3	1
Allegheny	3	2	2	3	3	2	4	2	2	3	5
Lehigh	1		1	1	1						2
Bucks	1	1	1	2	3	3	2	2	1	3	2
Northampton				1		1		1		1	
Chester	3				1		1				1
Lancaster	1	2		1	1				1	2	
Dauphin	2	1	2		1			1			
York											
Berks		1		1			1			3	
Lackawanna											
Cumberland			2								
Beaver											
Lebanon	1	1		1							1
Luzerne		1			1				1		1
Westmoreland	5	1	2	8	3	2	2	2	4		1
Monroe											1
Lawrence											
Washington	1	1	1			1		1			
Blair											
Butler		1	1		1	1	1	1		2	2
Cambria	1		1	1				1			1



Northumberland	1											
Franklin								1				1
Adams												
Schuylkill	1					1						
Erie				1								1
Fayette							1	2				
Mercer												
Carbon		1										
Union												
Centre							1					
Montour												
Columbia												1
Snyder												
Mifflin												
Indiana	1						1	2				1
Armstrong												

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Pike												
Lycoming	2		1									
Crawford	1					1						
Perry			1									
Venango												1
Somerset					1	1			1			
Clearfield					1							
Wyoming												
Wayne												1
Jefferson												
Greene												
Clarion					1			1				
Juniata												
Bradford												
Huntingdon												
Susquehanna												
Bedford	1											
Warren												



Clinton  
McKean  
Elk  
Tioga  
Fulton  
Forest  
Potter  
Sullivan  
Cameron  
unknown

Definitions:

Applications in Process - Application sent to individual, waiting on return or waiting on additional information from the individual to determine if eligible for an assessment.

Approved for Assessment - Application received and approved. Individual has been found eligible for a HIP assessment. Reflects either notification to select provider or notification to provider and individual of assessment approval.

Approved for Services - Individual has been determined to be clinically/functionally eligible. DOH is awaiting rehabilitation start date from the provider. Application received, assessment completed and approved, rehabilitation services recommended, service plan approved.

Total Eligible/Enrolled - The number of individuals currently receiving HIP services + the number of individuals who are approved for HIP but are waiting on a rehabilitation start date from the provider.