

November 12, 2019

Dear Members of the Arkansas Trauma System Rehabilitation Sub-Committee:

Since our August report, the TBI State Partnership Program, UAMS Trauma Rehabilitation Resources Program (TRRP), and the TBI Advisory Board Workgroup have accomplished the following:

- Terri Imus and Kim Lamb represented Arkansas at the National Association of Head Injury Administrators (NASHIA) annual conference and presented a session about the use of telemedicine for the TBI population in the state.
- The teams organized, sponsored, and promoted a Brain Injury Regional Workshop in East Arkansas, which was held on October 28 at the UAMS Regional Program Facility in Helena. The TBI Registry documented 116 people living with brain injury in the counties of Cross, Crittenden, Woodruff, St. Francis, Lee, Phillips, Monroe, Prairie, Arkansas, Desha, Chicot, Ashley, Drew, Lincoln, Cleveland, Bradley, Jefferson, and Grant. Postcards and phone calls were made to extend personal invitations. Event attendance was 35.
- The teams began the development of a Brain Injury Regional Workshop in Central Arkansas, which will be held at the Jacksonville Community Center on December 9. The TBI Registry documented 422 people living with brain injury in the counties of Conway, Faulkner, Perry, Saline, Pulaski, Lonoke, Grant, and Garland. Promotion of the event began on November 5.
- Collaboration continued with agencies and organizations that promote resources for the TBI community. New resource partners added this quarter to the Brain Injury Regional Workshops included Disability Rights Arkansas - Protection and Advocacy for Voting Access (ACL grantee); Arkansas Lifespan Respite Coalition; Telecommunications Access Program – TAP; Arkansas Rehabilitation Services – Vocational Education; Champions Grant - voting access for the disabled.
- The teams began developing a working relationship with Jim and Patti Drake of the Miracles for Mary foundation. The Drakes, and the work they do on behalf of Arkansans living with brain injuries, provides support for our work to build a trust fund/waiver in the state.
- The TBI SPP team continued to participate and contribute in three Administration for Community Living (ACL) national workgroups – Advisory Boards, Trust Funds; Underserved Populations. The Arkansas Model for Rural Outreach will become a focus

for documentation and replication in year 2 of the ACL grant for the Underserved Populations Workgroup.

- The TBI SPP team continued to engage with NASHIA through committee involvement to develop national relationships with others serving those living with brain injury, obtain education, and promote the use of technology in TBI healthcare.
- The teams helped to promote the Collaborative on Health Reform and Independent Living survey (<https://www.chril.org/>).
- The TBI SPP and TRRP teams worked together to update contact information in the TBI Registry through personal invitation phone calls to those living with brain injury in the areas of a regional brain injury workshop.
- The TBI SPP team submitted the stories of two Arkansans living with brain injury to a national ACL awareness campaign to promote those who have returned to work after a traumatic brain injury (Joe Page, Kerrie Snyder).
- The TBI SPP team provided a survivor story (Tony Thornton) for the quarterly Brain Waves newsletter, which was delivered to the TBI community in paper and digital formats.
- The teams continue to work on the development of an online story repository that will provide a platform for people living with brain injuries, and family members interested in sharing their stories with others in the TBI community and the public. An initial launch is planned at the Jacksonville event on December 9.
- Kevin DeLiban, attorney with Arkansas Legal Aid, presented to the TBI Advisory Board Workgroup at the August 11 meeting. The teams sponsored his presentation for the UAMS Connecting Across Professionals (CAP) program on October 16.
- The teams continued representation on several planning committees, including the Arkansas Trauma Rehabilitation Symposium; Survivor's Day Conference – Little Rock; 2020 Brain Injury Conference planning committee, and the Miracles for Mary "Marython" planning committee.
- The enhancement and maintenance of the TBI SPP website continued in an effort to educate and inform the public about TBI SPP and the current work that is taking place in Arkansas.

- Terri Imus completed an interview with KTHV 11 (CBS affiliate) to discuss TBI and the TBI Advisory Board Workgroup. Several phone calls were received after the interview from those living with a brain injury that predates the TBI Registry (2013). Efforts were made to provide resources.

State Plan Development Sub-Workgroup

Needs assessments continue to be collected at regional events, conferences, workshops, and on the TBI SPP web site. Survey input is being reviewed by the sub-workgroup for inclusion into the state plan. Surveys will continue to be implemented and compiled throughout the life of the grant.

A content update and rebranding of the Arkansas State Plan for TBI is currently underway.

Underserved Populations Sub-Workgroup

Issues related to the PASSE system continue to arise. The sub-workgroup continues to monitor and document specific cases and needs.

Trust Fund/Waiver Sub-Workgroup

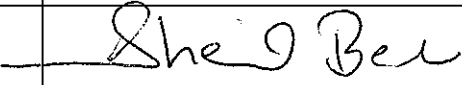


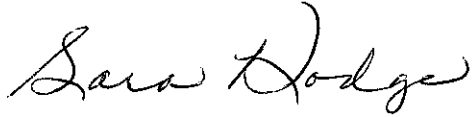

Danny Bercher, a co-leader with the Trust Fund/Waiver Sub-Workgroup, attended the NASHIA annual meeting to meet with state leaders who have expertise in the development of trust fund and waiver programs. Danny was able to connect with Maria Crowley, Alabama TBI Program, and Geoffrey Lauer, Iowa Brain Injury Alliance (president-elect of the U.S. Brain Injury Alliance). They were able to share suggestions and experiences with developing these resources in their states. Mr. Lauer is continuing to provide information about the case of justifying a cost savings that resulted in a TBI waiver passed by Iowa legislature.

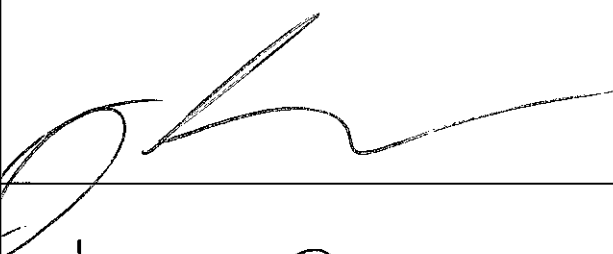
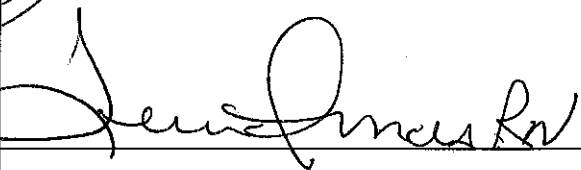
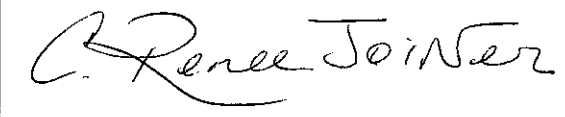
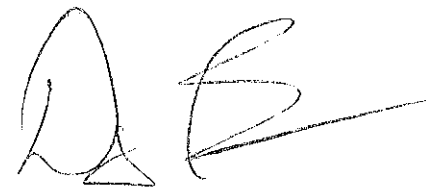
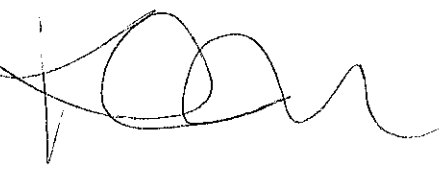
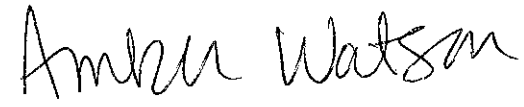
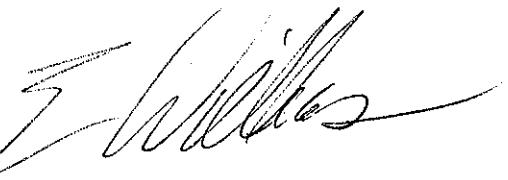

ACL Funding

On November 1, we were notified that our request to roll over remaining year 1 funds from the TBI SPP grant was approved. These funds will be used to plan and implement additional Brain Injury Regional Workshop events for Arkansans living with brain injury.

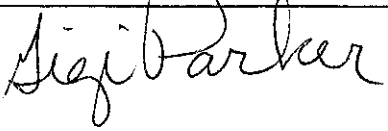


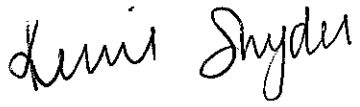

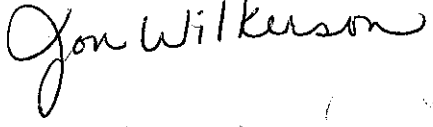

Thank you for your support as we continue our efforts to build a stronger infrastructure to better serve this population.

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