

August 11, 2020

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

Since our May report, the activities of the TBI State Partnership Program, UAMS Trauma Rehabilitation Resources Program (TRRP), and the TBI Advisory Board Workgroup include the following accomplishments:

- The Arkansas State Plan for Traumatic Brain Injuries is updated and currently being reviewed by the TBI Advisory Board Workgroup. The plan identifies needs within the TBI community through data gathered over the past two years by online survey and in-person events. The final plan will be posted to the TBI SPP website by the end of August. At that time, the public will be able to provide feedback to the plan through a data collection link that will be available on the website.
- The TBI SPP held a virtual TBI Advisory Board Workgroup retreat on August 11, 2020. Participants in the workgroup discussed the state plan, development of a local Brain Injury association chapter, need for state government recognition for the development of an official Arkansas advisory board, and identified next steps to move forward. The workgroup will meet again on October 27. The meeting will be public; however, due to COVID-19, in-person or virtual is still to be determined. Meeting information will be posted on the TBI SPP website as soon as it is available.
- Due to the current pandemic, in-person brain injury regional workshops have been on hold. To meet the need for sharing resources with the community, teleconferences are being planned that can be promoted through social media and resource websites. On September 17, Amy Goddard (Arkansas Department of Education) and Steven Long (ICAN) will present the latest information on assistive technology. On October 28, Stacy Gravett (Arkansas Department of Career Education, Rehabilitation Services Division) will present on the job training opportunities and other information.
- A regional brain injury workshop is tentatively planned for October. Details will be posted on the TBI SPP website as soon as available.
- The summer issue of the Brain Waves Newsletter featured the story of Kim Knight. Kim and her partner, Judy, have also joined the TBI Advisory Board Workgroup. The newsletter was delivered to the TBI community in paper and digital formats.
- 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. All meetings of the TBI Advisory Board Workgroup are published on the site.

- The TBI SPP welcomed a new program manager to the team, Amy Moses. Amy will be working with the day-to-day responsibilities of the TBI SPP grant.
- Members of both the TBI SPP and TRRP teams have registered to attend the National Association of Head Injury Administrators State of the States conference, which will be held virtually in September.
- 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 3 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.
- A new grant funding application to continue the TBI SPP grant is expected from the Administration of Community Living (ACL) in January. The TBI SPP team is hoping for the opportunity to continue our efforts.
- The TRRP resource website continues to be updated with COVID-19 resources.
- The TRRP team worked to increase offerings and facilitation of telemedicine consultations.
- The TBI SPP team has been attending bi-weekly ACL networking meetings to discuss state responses to COVID-19 from across the country.
- The TBI SPP team continues to pursue opportunities to provide resources on topics of importance to the TBI population during the pandemic, such as mental health, suicide, isolation and how we can respond to those needs.

Thank you for your support as we continue our efforts to build a stronger infrastructure for the underserved TBI population.

**TBI Advisory Board Workgroup Participants**

**\*Participant signatures not available due to COVID-19.**

<p>FranSha' Anderson, MBA, DD                  Executive Director                  Arkansas State Independent Living Council</p> <p>Leader, State Plan Sub-Workgroup</p>	
<p>Sheila Beck, MSPT, CCI, CBIS                  Therapy Coordinator                  Easterseals Arkansas</p> <p>Trust Fund/Waiver Sub-Workgroup</p>	
<p>Charlotte Bishop                  State Long Term Care Ombudsman                  Arkansas Division of Aging and Adult Services</p> <p>Underserved Populations Sub-Workgroup</p>	
<p>Jenny Frederickson                  Baptist Health Rehabilitation Program</p>	
<p>Amy Goddard                  Arkansas Department of Education</p>	
<p>Stacy Gravett, MA, CRC                  Certified Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor                  Arkansas Department of Career Education                  Rehabilitation Services Division</p> <p>Underserved Populations Sub-Workgroup</p>	
<p>Sara Hodge, MCD, CCC-SLP, CBIS                  Clinical Evaluator                  NeuroRestorative Timber Ridge</p> <p>Leader, Underserved Populations                  Sub-Workgroup</p>	

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<p>Rani Lindberg, MD          Physiatrist          UAMS/Baptist Health Medical Center</p> <p>Co-Leader, Trust Fund/Waiver          Sub-Workgroup</p>	
<p>Steven Long          ICAN Assistive Technology</p> <p>Underserved Populations Sub-Workgroup</p>	
<p>Tom Masseur          Executive Director          Disability Rights Arkansas</p> <p>Trust Fund/Waiver Sub-Workgroup</p>	
<p>Jim Mather, PhD          Director          Sources for Community Independent Living          Services</p> <p>State Plan Development Sub-Workgroup</p>	
<p>Miranda Morris          ACO Executive Director          Aledade, Inc.</p> <p>Trust Fund/Waiver Sub-Workgroup</p>	
<p>Valerie Oji, PharmD          IPAC Innovative Pharm &amp; Consulting</p>	

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<p>Joe Page, MS          Warden          Arkansas Department of Corrections          Person Living with Brain Injury</p> <p>Underserved Populations Sub-Workgroup</p>	
<p>Dan Parker, MSN, RN, MBA          Retired Nurse and Administrator          Caregiver to Person Living with Brain Injury</p> <p>Trust Fund/Waiver Sub-Workgroup</p>	
<p>Gigi Parker, SLP          Speech Language Pathologist          Caregiver to Person Living with Brain Injury</p> <p>Trust Fund/Waiver Sub-Workgroup</p>	
<p>Crystal Payne          Survivor</p>	
<p>Susan Pierce          Director of Policy and Planning          Disability Rights Arkansas</p> <p>Trust Fund/Waiver Sub-Workgroup</p>	
<p>Kevin Sexton, MD          Physician          Person Living with Brain Injury</p> <p>Co-Leader, Trust Fund/Waiver          Sub-Workgroup</p>	
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<p>Aleecia Starkey, MSP, CCC-SLP          Retired           Underserved Populations Sub-Workgroup</p>	
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<p>Stanley Ellis, EdD          Director of Education          UAMS, IDHI           State Plan Development Sub-Workgroup</p>	
<p>Terri Imus, RN, BSN          TBI SPP Grant PI          Clinical Director – Go Live Team          UAMS IDHI</p>	
<p>Kimberly Lamb, MS          TBI SPP Team</p>	
<p>Amy Moses, MSeD          TBI SPP Team</p>	
<p>Renee Joiner, RN          Director of Operations          Stroke and Trauma Programs          IDHI, UAMS</p>	
<p>Daniel Bercher, PhD, NRP, CBIS          Assistant Director          Trauma Rehabilitation Resources Program          UAMS, IDHI           Co-Leader, Trust Fund/Waiver          Sub-Workgroup</p>	

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