BIAC Meeting Minutes
April 21, 2022
Attendees: Monical Lichi, Brei Miller, John Corrigan, Kathy Stachowski, Lauren Holly, Mark Holzapfel, Ruth Dowling, Imran Shaikh, Kristin Hildebrant, Sarah Buoni, Bob Roehm, Amy Lawson, Greg Wagner, Kathryn Coxe Hyzak, Danny Eakins, Dan Arnold, Sahithi Aurand, Jessica Folsom, Stephanie Ramsey, Sara Morman, Adreana Tartt, Mussa Zatreh, Rachel Rameriz, Spencer Smith, Teresa Teeple

- Meeting Minutes from January 2022 - motion to accept by Dan Arnold.

10:10 a.m.
- Introductions from the group
- Review Meeting Minutes – any corrections or changes – Motion to accept Danny Eakins, Diane Pollock. No oppositions

10:19 a.m.
- Stephanie Ramsey provides introduction to John and Michelle Fishpaw – Elevating your Voice Across the Continuum
    o Claire, at 11 months, was injured by a babysitter
    o Medical support in Columbus and Cincinnati Children's hospital and used a vast array of resources by the State of Ohio
    o "Clair's Law" in 2008 was signed by Governor Strickland and became first state in nation to track Shaken Baby Syndrome (SBS) cases
    o Law requires SBS prevention materials to be made available to parents of newborns through hospitals, providers, licensed centers and in home settings.
    o Education is key – inconsolable crying is leading causes of SBS/AHT – most preventable form of child abuse, most expensive due to long-term and complex nature of ongoing treatment
    o Young adulthood, taxpayer resources, expanded on Early Intervention, K-12 Education and Medicaid
    o Education – we and others, evaluate people and places in whom you entrust, Elevate your voice and advocate no matter the situation
    o Step for self-Advocacy - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SM_tKy1z_l0
    o Ohio Revised Code 3701.63

- o www.michellefishpaw.com – Claire's Voice by Michelle Fishpaw, book is locally available in German Village and in Bexley
- o First Webinar with BIAOH with the Fishpaw's in 3 series
    - https://www.biaoh.org/
    - http://www.ohioana.org/programs/ohioana-book-festival/ - Michelle will be a featured author

11:13AM Ohio Brain Injury Program Update
- Monica is departing after 10 years with the organization and accepted another position at the Medical Center
- BIP Emphasis on 2022
    - Launch Ohio Brain Injury Connection, expand professional training, Assists BIAOH to implement Ohio Brains, implement other requirements of ACL grant, Continue Star Behavioral Health Program
    - New chair elect nominations May 5th
    - Review of Toolkit and continue to implement new ways to improve our committee
        - Easy to read information and one pager, increased accessibility
        - New prebriefed meeting – Zoom meeting, Monday noon prior to meeting, will highlight new meeting, potentially attending July 21st meeting, restructuring website, creating complete orientation process, pictured roster

11:48 am. Workgroup Updates
- Data Workgroup – Finalizing report with mechanics, executive summary, and final signoff from Department of Health
- Education and Training Workgroup – Previously working on adding brain injury language on USLME around brain injury and not just concussion through Spencer's Smith whitepaper. Working on updating goal to target nursing and social work in same fashion.
- Communications Workgroup – Multiple states sharing their advocacy, training
    - o Creating a plan on continuing to be present with legislation
    - o Modernization language – The Brain Injury Program of Ohio and Brain Injury Advisory Council established by statue by the state and language has lasted 30 years. Do not currently have a lobbyist.
- Services Workgroup – Danny Eakins stepped into Services group to replace Teresa Teeple. Reviewed pieces of strategic plan with strong emphasis to implement screening into behavioral health field. Goal is to focus on increase in training and awareness.

12:30 PM Personal Care Attendants Panel
Ohio Department of Aging, Jackie Degenova and Alicia Hullinger
- Passport Administrative Agencies
- CMS Home and Community Based (HCBS) Waivers
    - o Medicaid 1915c Waivers – designed to allow states to use a portion of Medicaid money to support individuals living in their community

- Passport Waiver (Department of Aging) and Ohio Homecare Waiver (Ohio department of Medicaid)– services https://aging.ohio.gov/care-and-living/get-help/home-and-community-care/passport-1
- Assisted Living Waiver - 1915c Medicaid waiver for individuals who require more than what is available through home care services https://ohio.gov/residents/resources/assisted-living-waiver-program
- Provider Oversight – Department of Agency of Aging provides oversight
- www.aginging.ohio.gov
- Looking at unique needs of areas and ideas to address crisis in workforce

Cleveland VA Regional Benefits office – Larry Zietlow

- Service-connected Disability
  - TBI at the level of veterans, will often be found with PTSD
  - Rating decision, coding sheet, and VA examination
  - Each county has an officer to help with services and help apply for benefits
  - Aid and attendance – out of the VA Center – separate compensation for individuals
  - Department of Veterans affairs and department of Veterans administrative

Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities - Jessica Folsom

Personal Care Assistance – 100 people in the state of Ohio.

- Physical disability that impacts activities of daily living
- Once an individual is eligible, person will receive up to 35 hours, based upon income – will be assigned a reimbursement rate. Maximum reimbursement rate if under $40,000 a year. About to receive $13 an hour.
- Person will submit a bill and reimbursed for their time. https://ood.ohio.gov/individuals-with-disabilities/services/personal-care-assistance
- https://atohio.org/device-lending-library - technology assistance

1:38 PM Community Partner Updates

- Individuals provided updates on their area of work and involvement with brain injury and advocacy. Due to technical issues at facility, minutes were not able to be recorded at this time.

1:54PM Adjournment – Spencer Smith motion to adjourn, Mark Holzapfel seconds motion