



Champlain ABI Coalition Meeting Minutes

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June 5, 2020 @ 9h00

Ontario Health East/Champlain LHIN

Attendees (via Zoom): Joanne Winckel (recorder, Aphasia Centre of Ottawa), Suzanne McKenna (Champlain LHIN), Denis Boileau (Vista), Christie Swann (Pathways), Sylvia Pearce (TOHRC), Kevin Barclay (Ontario Health East), Scott Vernon (BIAOV), Wendy Muckle (Ottawa Inner City Health).

Regrets: Tammy St. Jean (Champlain LHIN), Genevieve Parent (CHEO), Michelle McDonald (BIC), Steve Vachon (Addictions), Sonshire Figueira (TOH, Civic), Beth Donnelly (Stroke Network), Leanne Boisvert (CHEO), Patsy McNamara (TOHRC), Lori St. Jean (CMHA), Darlene McKenny (Pathways), Katie Jacobson-Lang (City of Ottawa), Stacey Moore (MOD).

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| 1. Confirmation of the agenda | Confirmed | D. Boileau |
| 2. Approval of the minutes: March 6, 2020- approved
Action Items from the minutes – completed | | D. Boileau |
| 3. Ontario Health East update | | K. Barclay |

The transition to Ontario Health East continues and Ontario Health has been active during COVID-19. Senior leadership positions have been posted, suggesting more formal organization for Ontario Health. Some funding allocations are starting to be determined for some hospitals.

COVID-19 has led to the development of some new programs, such as virtual services, virtual day programs and community support services. Other issues related to COVID-19 include looking at how to safely manage congregate living arrangements, residential treatment in addictions, and social housing settings.

During COVID-19, issues such as infection control and PPE have been managed by the Champlain Health Region Incident Command (CHRIC), relying on public health expertise. Regarding pandemic premium pay, the best way to stay up to date is to follow the Ministry's website. When asked about a possible second wave of COVID-19, Kevin suggested that we may see a trend of undulations rather than a true second wave.

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| 3. System Navigator update | | S. McKenna |
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A comprehensive online ABI resources was created and posted on Champlain LHIN website.

Attended the 3 day Virtual Ottawa Enable 2020 this week.

Provincial Navigator updates: Updating our Activity Sheet for the next 6 months, Guest speaker: John Zsofcsin of HHSC updating us on the Provincial Bed list, application process (quick links), improving communication between Navigators and CIC's regarding inpatient and outpatient data for each of their respective LHINs. John will return at our September meeting to follow up. Joined the ABI Justice Tool-Kit Sub-Committee to design toolkit for criminal justice professionals to increase awareness, provide information and practical tips for interacting with individuals with a brain injury. It is intended for use by police, corrections, probation and parole officers, crown attorneys, duty counsel, Victim Witness Assistance Program, judiciary youth justice staff and mental health court workers. When complete we can implement in each of our HSJCC's.

Research: Invite those that have clients interested in partaking in a University of Toronto TBI Research called Challenging Behaviours Study to contact Hamdi Hussein, hamdi.hussein@mail.utoronto.ca

Wiki Head CT Choice Study: adaptation of two decision aids to support shared decision making about performing a head CT for adult and pediatric victims of mild traumatic brain injury

DSO: Passport funding temporary expansion of eligible expenditures:

https://www.mcsc.gov.on.ca/en/mcsc/programs/developmental/serviceSupport/passport.aspx?fbclid=IwAR0IjCy0_aJ2eCWnlrsaESW8nwQxYCTMECsL7XWhe0D9yYA15oLv-IV38WQ
HSJCC: Zoom Meeting took place on May 19. Presentation by the Ottawa Detention Centre outlining their Intermittent Community Work Program. And everyone is giving COVID-19 updates and how HSJCC can assist in any way.

Regional Trauma Network: No updates

BIC: The Brain Injury Canada National Conference has been rescheduled to June 2-4, 2021 the month of Brain Injury Awareness at the Ottawa Conference Centre, with a day of workshops on June 2nd.

Their 18th AGM is scheduled on June 16th. As the situation surrounding COVID-19 continues to unfold, the BIC website engaged followers with "30 Things to Do" and a weekly new challenge. It was a huge success providing support to reduce the inevitable isolation of ABI survivors.

awarded a federal grant to establish a comprehensive online national Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) Resource site for everyone to access credible evidence based ABI information. We subsequently hired two additional staff members. Welcome Rachel and Karissa! Content is being continually developed and we are happy to say that we are set to launch in September of this year.

Webinars: attended various Planning Network Webinars mostly related to COVID-19.

Also partaked in Charity Village webinars and the Ontario Caregivers Organization.

5. PABIN Network

D. Boileau

The Provincial ABI Network is meeting bi-weekly during this pandemic time.

Many of the agencies are adapting to offering virtual services and some are quicker than others. It is still a challenge to switch from in-person meetings to offering virtual services.

The PABIN network has discussed the topic of a pandemic pay premium and most agencies have not given this out and are awaiting info from their local LHIN to supply them with these funds and to determine exactly who gets this pandemic pay premium.

The Ontario Neurotrauma will soon release a report and the first of its kind on the state of TBI care within the province of Ontario. Further info will be provided at a later date.

6. New Business: No new business
7. Member updates

Aphasia Centre: Joanne Winckel

During the temporary closure of the Aphasia Centre of Ottawa, we are offering services in English and in French via telepractice and we are accepting new referrals. We are offering secure virtual communication groups and counselling services to both new clients and families who are/were attending our programs. Clients who are unable to participate in virtual programs receive wellness check-in phone calls from staff. We are working to develop an iPad lending service for those who don't have and cannot purchase a device that would allow them to access virtual services. ACO has been staying informed about issues related to communication such as clear masks (currently available only in bulk - 10,000 masks - orders). ACO has also been learning and experimenting with ways/techniques to support communication in a virtual format (e.g. integrating text and images, use of a white board during virtual conversations). ACTION Send info on masks

Pathways: Christie Swann

Pathways to Independence, continuing to adhere to Covid restrictions in our homes and programs. Working on plan to roll out pandemic pay. Programming services been offered virtually in Ottawa and Renfrew, as well as continuing to offer home visits to those individuals who require essential services. Starting look to look at first steps once we are able to start opening up.

BIAOV: Scott Vernon

Update for the Brain Injury Association of the Ottawa Valley (BIAOV). Scott reported that they held their AGM on Tuesday June 2. Christie Swann had stepped down from the role as President and Scott Vernon has been appointed President. The Step Up Work Centre (SUWC) has been closed since mid March due to the Covid-19 pandemic. One of the members has been remotely checking message and forwarding them on to the different board members as needed. The SUWC has started a weekly video conference meetings called Virtually Step Up. One of the issues is that some members don't have the technology to take part. Our annual golf tournament was postponed till Sept 15 and it will most likely just be golf with no dinner component.

Ottawa Inner City Health: Wendy Muckle

ACTION : send newsletter

Robin Easey Centre: Patsy McNamara update (via Sylvia Pierce)

REC continues to admit residential patients, only from ward C at this time.

The OR team continues to accept referral and initiate new patients using MSTeams. The wait list has significantly decreased.

Dr Mark Ferland is retiring July 31st after over 30 years of Neuropsychology practice, much of it with the ABI population. Mark has been the clinical leader at the REC for the past 13 years and has led the team in the development of a number of innovative practices to best support the life skills needs of individuals with ABI. His recent work in the area of Transition for complex clients from hospital to community has been a great accomplishment.

It has been a pleasure working with Mark and he will be greatly missed.

We are pleased to announce that Dr Nesrine Awad Shimoon will assume the role of Clinical Leader in August. Nesrine joined the Rehab Centre in October of 2007. Within TRC, she has worked across all programs/services, including the ABI program. Nesrine worked on a pilot project in 2017-18 funded by the University of Ottawa Mind Brain Institute to develop and implement an evidence based group approach to the management of individuals with concussion to improve access to care. We look forward to having Nesrine join our team.

TOHRC: Sylvia Pierce

Ward C is continuing to admit patients to inpatient unit. We have seen an increase in referral volumes as general activity in the community and surgeries increase.

Behavioural Rehab Outreach Services are continuing to accept new referrals and these remain virtual for now.

ABI day program has been running for a few weeks virtually. We have been using MS Teams and are seeing a cohort of 4 patients. This is going well so far. We will be transitioning to EPIC-Zoom later in June.

Vista Centre: Denis Boileau

VCBIS Report

VCBIS is continuing to offer virtual services for its Day program (In Ottawa and Cornwall) as well as for in-home visits. The virtual services are beneficial for our clients and it is a way to keep in touch with them.

VCBIS is submitting a funding request in relation to dollars available to help community associations cope with the COVID-19 situation. VCBIS has applied for a grant from United Way as well as the Ottawa Community Foundation.

VCBIS is working on a back to work policy and program. A document was sent to all employees and these policies are being discussed with them to find an appropriate fashion of delivering in-person services for the Day program and for in-home visits.

At the residence we had a possible case of the COVID-19. The resident was tested and the results was negative. We already had a pandemic plan in place and this proved beneficial as the policies and steps within this plan were enacted.

ACTION send information on grants.

8. Date of next meeting - September 4, 2020 Recorder: Leanne Boisvert (CHEO)
D. Boileau

9. Adjournment D. Boileau