



Champlain ABI Coalition Meeting Minutes

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Chair	Denis Boileau	Minutes	Connie Coburn	
Date of Meeting	March 4, 2022	Time	9:00 – 10:30	
Location	Virtual			
1. Mission				
To provide leadership in furthering equitable, accessible, responsive, cost effective and quality services and support for persons living with the effects of an acquired brain injury (ABI) in the Champlain region.				
2. Attendance at Meeting				
Name	Position	Organization	Present	Regrets
Chantal Lauzon	Rehab, Community and LTC Coordinator	Champlain Regional Stroke Network	X	
Cheryl Graham			X	
Christie Swann	Client Services Manager	Pathways To Independence		X
Connie Coburn	ABI Navigator	Home and Community Care Support Services (Champlain)	X	
Darlene McKenny	Chief Operating Officer	Pathways To Independence		X
Denis Boileau	Executive Director	Vista Centre Brain Injury Services	X	
Faith Neale	Executive Director	Brain Injury Association of Ottawa Valley		X
Genevieve Parent	Rehabilitation Nurse	CHEO ABI Outpatient Clinic		X
Joanne Winckel	Speech Language Pathologist	Aphasia Centre of Ottawa	X	
Katie Jacobson-Lang	Coordinator of the City of Ottawa Therapeutic Recreation Programs	City of Ottawa		X
Leanne Boisvert	Trauma Nurse	Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario		X
Leanne Hunter			X	
Lori St. Jean	Community Support Worker	Canadian Mental Health Association		X
Michelle McDonald	Executive Director	Brain Injury Canada		X
Nesrine Awad Schimoon	Clinical Leader	The Robin Easey Centre		X
Patsy MacNamara	Manager, Outpatient Services and Rehabilitation Services	The Ottawa Hospital – Rehabilitation Centre		X
Renee Lebovitz Pelletier	Senior Integration Specialist	Ontario Health East		X
Sonshire Figueira	Trauma Program Manager – Injury Prevention Coordinator	The Ottawa Hospital		X
Stacy Moore	Regional Director	March of Dimes		X
Steve Vachon	Director of Service Access to Recovery and Mental Health Programs	Service Access to Recovery (SAR)		X
Suzanne McKenna	Caregiver		X	
Suzette Bobbitt	Trauma Nurse	Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario	X	
Sylvia Pearce	Clinical Manager, ABI Care Stream Rehabilitation	The Ottawa Hospital – Rehabilitation Centre		X
Tammy St-Jean	Manager Home and Community Care	Home and Community Care Support Services		X
Wendy Muckle	Chief Executive Officer	Ottawa Inner City Health		X

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3. Agenda and Notes, Decisions and Issues		
Topic	Owner	Time
Welcome, introductions, agenda and minutes approval	Denis	7 minutes
<p>Presentation: Model of Housing/Care for Acquired Brain Injury</p> <p>Ms. Budd reviewed the housing model that is a collaboration between Mind Forward and long term care facilities. The goals of the program included: maintaining a client in a consistent residence; increased recreation opportunities for clients; decreasing the need for relocation of residents due to behaviours; and offering support to caregivers.</p> <p>At the present time, Allendale Long Term Care has behavioural staff embedded within the facility to provide consultation, education, Day Program services and staff augmentation. There are neurobehavioral support workers in this facility 12 hours per day. Mindforward is progressing with other partnerships to address various levels behavioural intervention. Ms. Budd noted that the population consisted of moderate to severe traumatic brain injury. Ms. Budd noted that Keitha McNeil can be contacted regarding the funding formula model.</p> <p>Discussion took place regarding developing a working group in the Champlain region to explore this model. Mr. Boileau will be sending out an email for interested parties to join this working group.</p> <p>The slide presentation is attached for review.</p>	Ashley Budd	20 minutes
<p>System Navigator Report:</p> <p>Home and Community Care Support Services</p> <p>Connie expressed appreciation to Suzanne McKenna for returning from retirement to assist during the transition period. During this time the ABI Application has been updated to reflect the change in the ABI System Navigator as well as the addition of the roommate registry to the application. The updated application is attached to these minutes and has been sent out to referral sources.</p> <p>There continues to be a constant flow of calls/referrals from social workers, occupational therapists, court workers, mental health workers, caregivers, care coordinators, community agencies and survivors. This often leads to applications for community brain injury services.</p> <p>The next meeting for the ABI System Navigators will be March 7, 2022, and in the meantime there have been informal meetings with the System Navigators from the various LHIN regions.</p> <p>Housing:</p> <p>Funding proposals were submitted by Pathways To Independence, Vista Centre Brain Injury Services and March of Dimes in response to the recent request for proposals.</p>	Connie Coburn	10 minutes

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<p>BIAOV BIAOV has recently hired a part time recreation program coordinator, Katie Hoferek. BIAOV is expanding their programming as of March 2022 to include a Women’s Support Group, a Social Group, an accessible exercise program as well as a music program.</p> <p>Brain Injury Canada Brain Injury Canada is working on a number of initiatives including education for staff working in the justice system, resources for families of brain injured individuals, advocacy for a hidden disability symbol, a low cost e-course for health care providers as well as online community supports.</p> <p>Other: The John Howard Society has launched a free online training hub to support frontline staff in navigating the justice system as they assist clients.</p> <p>Printable resources available through ABI Justice were discussed.</p> <p>Ms. Winckel noted that Communication Disabilities Access Canada has volunteer resources including Speech Language Pathologists to serve as intermediaries in justice environment.</p> <p>As we are coming up on tax time, discussion took place regarding free tax clinics for clients that are seeking support.</p> <p>Upcoming Training:</p> <p>Canadian Concussion Centre (CCC) Webinars – Education and Support Series for people with persisting concussion symptoms.</p> <p>Brain Injury Canada Conference May 25 and 26, 2022.</p> <p>For Caregivers: Able2Grow : Smooth Transitions – Helping Your Family through Daily Routines – Grow Education Series.</p> <p>The Royal – Caring For Caregivers Series</p>		
<p>PABIN Update: At the last meeting of PABIN (Provincial ABI Network) half of the meeting was devoted to the housing issue. Some representatives from KPMG requested an hour to discuss the issue of housing for those with an ABI throughout Ontario. Their report will be sent to the Ministry of Health. Some of the key points mentioned were</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The lack of housing but also appropriate housing, 2) Housing is required in all of Ontario and not just in some areas, 3) Specialized housing and services are concentrated in one region and that is a deterrent for many clients requiring specialized services, 4) There is a need to consider housing for different cases of ABI, (mild, moderate, and severe) 	<p>Denis Boileau</p>	<p>5 minutes</p>

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<p>5) Housing younger ABI clients in long-term care homes is unacceptable,</p> <p>6) Clients are kept in the hospital setting due to a lack of housing but this ensures a financial strain and drain on the system.</p> <p>The TBI report card project is working to finalize the report card for this year and hopefully this will be done by March 2022. The release of the report card is slated for June 2022 as it is Brain Injury Awareness month.</p>		
<p>Member Updates:</p> <p><u>Vista:</u></p> <p>i) The resumption of the in-person Day program has resumed as well as in-home visits. Everyone will follow the established Covid protocols as the services are delivered. VCBIS will continue with Covid protocols until the end of March and re-evaluate these afterwards.</p> <p>ii) VCBIS as well as another agency partnered to submit a proposal for the housing proposal put forth by Health Ontario East.</p> <p>iii) The residence will welcome a new occupant shortly. A committee was formed of a resident staff, an employee, a caregiver and a management representative to evaluate the submissions received. The management is looking into dedicating one of the beds as a transitional bed.</p> <p><u>Champlain Regional Stroke Network:</u></p> <p>Ms. Lauzon reviewed the three active projects currently taking place through Champlain Regional Stroke Network, peer support, post stroke community exercise program, and stroke education for personal support workers.</p> <p>Ms. Lauzon reviewed that March of Dimes has three after stroke programs in existence in Ontario and that they are currently hiring one staff member for the 2022/2023 year to bring the program to the Champlain region.</p> <p>Ms. Lauzon reviewed that due to Covid-19, the post stroke community exercise program transitioned to a virtual platform but that they are offering this program 3 times per week with 4 different groups. Ms. Lauzon reviewed that participants are providing positive feedback.</p> <p>Ms. Lauzon reviewed the stroke education program which is being provided to personal support workers being trained through Algonquin College. Student feedback was that their confidence has increased as a result of the training. Training is being developed and provided by the Best Practise Team.</p> <p>There are three other programs being developed through the Champlain Regional Stroke Network, and further information will be provided in future meetings as these programs develop.</p> <p><u>Aphasia Centre:</u></p> <p>Ms. Winckel reviewed that the Aphasia Centre has hired a new bilingual social worker. Therapies continue to be virtual at this time with the plan to</p>	<p align="center">All</p>	<p align="center">20 minutes</p>

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<p>transition to a hybrid model as guidelines allow. It was noted that the virtual option has allowed participation by more rural clients. Ms. Winckel noted the potential for growth as rural residents access services through the virtual format.</p> <p><u>Champlain Housing Task Force:</u> Ms. Graham reviewed that the Champlain Housing Task Force has one meeting left and has gained significant knowledge due to the meetings in the last year.</p> <p><u>Caregiver Representative:</u> Ms. McKenna has transitioned from the ABI System Navigator to the caregiver representative for the ABI Champlain Coalition and she reviewed some “caregiver prescriptions”.</p>		
<p>Discussion took place regarding training for future meetings.</p> <p>Upcoming Meetings 9:00 – 10:30 on the following dates:</p> <p>June 3, 2022,</p> <p>September 9, 2022,</p> <p>December 2, 2022,</p> <p>March 3, 2023.</p>	<p>Denis Boileau</p>	<p>2 minutes</p>
<p>Adjournment</p>	<p>Denis Boileau</p>	<p>2 minutes</p>