

**CO Brain Injury Trust Fund Board Meeting Minutes**  
**February 21, 2014**  
**1575 Sherman Street Room, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room**  
**Denver, CO 80203**

**I. Welcome & Introductions**

Board Members Present: Jeff Cuthbert, Susie Charlifue, Deb Boyle, Tim Hurtado, Helen Morgan, Sena Harjo, Dannis Schanel (via phone)

Staff: Judy Dettmer, Regina Rodriguez & Intern Kendall Sauer

Guest: MaryAnn Snyder

Absent: James Pinkney, Indira Gujral, Laetitia Thompson, Catie Johnston-Brooks

**II. Minute Review from January 18, 2014 Meeting**

Susie Charlifue moved to approve the minutes from the board meeting on January 18, 2014. Dannis Schanel seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved the minutes.

**III. Announcements**

**Events for March Brain Injury Awareness Month:**

- Geeks who Drinks Events – Trivia Game Saturday, March 15<sup>th</sup>. Proceeds to go to BI Program. Hoping board members can attend and form a team. The board discussed some concern philosophically with supporting and/or hosting events in which drinking may be involved. Judy explained that the site for the event serves more than alcohol. However in the future we will run the idea of these events by the Board prior to promoting the event.
- Kendall arranged for a fundraising event through Patxi Pizza in Cherry Creek. Patxi will give 10% of all proceeds to the Brain Injury Program's Youth Brain Injury Connection.
- Webinar 28th Event for BI Awareness and we will have remote sites. Topic this year is emotions after Brain Injury & Anger Management
- Speak Up for Kids – A Day at the Capitol
  - March 13<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 7:30 to 2:00
  - 175 Registered to attend
  - Sena is working on getting the CO Brain Injury Program to be included

**IV. Program Update**

- Program will stay under Division of Vocational Rehabilitation. We are developing Managerial Support and strengthening our presence within the Department.

- We are applying for a HRSA TBI Implementation Grant. HRSA Houses the Federal TBI Program and gives awards to State Government Agencies that are designated as the lead TBI State Agency. Very prescriptive this year with the following components required: i.e. Screening & identification, information and referral, resource facilitation and training for target site personnel. Our application will focus on the corrections/justice population. The program will partner with three county jails, Denver Problem Solving Court, Denver Juvenile Probation and Division of Youth Corrections.
- Helen suggested it would be beneficial to partner with the Denver Victim Comp Board.
- Education Grant Priorities – The BI Program is developing an online application system for Research & Grant Applications. Hoping to announce education grants in mid-April. Discussed education grant priorities. The Board and program indicated the following:
  - Corrections – sensitivity & awareness
  - First Responders
  - Law Enforcement
  - Homeless Population
  - Phoenix Project – sober 24 hours, for folks coming out of corrections – sober alternative to AA.
  - Educators
  - Athletics / Recreation
  - TBI as Chronic as opposed to limited injury
  - Aging population
- We will develop an announcement and will seek board members to volunteer to review.
  - It is likely that MaryAnne Snyder will hold the CDHS Board Position. We will have to include her application in the CDHS clearance process. Below are some key highlights of her background:
    - 1<sup>st</sup> Director Office of Early Childhood from Wisconsin
    - Child Abuse Prevention
    - Celebrate Children – created this organization
    - Pediatrician in Milwaukee research around abusive head trauma
  - MaryAnne Snyder gave a presentation on the Office of Early Childhood.
  - Judy presented to the board on the history of how we collect our revenue, some of the barriers we are having in terms of receiving funds and a review of strategies we have tried to date in terms of working to increase our surcharge revenue.

V. Motion to dismiss was made by Deb Boyle and seconded by Helen Morgan.

Respectfully submitted,  
Regina Rodriguez