

Brain Injury Committee (updated 4/13/26)

Located within the State Council For Persons With Disabilities

Created by:	Title 29, Chapter 82, §8210(b)(10) of the Delaware Code			Chair: Stefanie Lancaster
Purpose:	Facilitate prevention and centralized interdisciplinary planning, assessment and an improved service delivery system for individuals with brain injury.			Vice-Chair: Carey Swartzentruber
Members or designees of such members as per Title 29, Chapter 82, §8210(b)(10)	Current Member by virtue of position	Designee	Date Appointed, Joined or Reappointed	Additional Information
Director of the Division of Public Health;	Steven Blessing Director	Karen McGloughlin Social Service Administrator	3/20/2018	
Director of the Division of Developmental Disabilities Services;	Jody Roberts Director	Amelia Khalil Deputy Director	2/6/2023	
Director of the Division of Substance Abuse & Mental Health;	Joanna Champney Director	Amy Fierro SUD Harm Reduction & Infection Prevention Nurse	7/11/2022	
Director of the Division of Aging and Adults with Physical Disabilities;	Shekelia Hines Director	Devon Manning	2/2/2026	
Director of the Division of Prevention and Behavioral Health Services;	Dr. Aileen Fink	Jessica Lust	11/6/2023	
Director of the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation;	Elisha Jenkins, Director Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Delaware Department of Labor (DOL/DVR)	Hayley Mehalshick	1/22/2024	
Exceptional Children Director of Department of Education;	Dale Matusевич, Director		9/15/2009	
Chair of Governor's Advisory Council for Exceptional Citizens	Bill Doolittle Chair	Lacie Spence		

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Chair of Developmental Disabilities Council;	Dielle De Noon Chair	Kristin Harvey Social Service Administrator	7/1/2018	
Minimum of 3 survivors of brain injury or family members of such individuals; and	Carey Swartzentruber Survivor		7/1/2019	
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Representatives of prevention , planning, veterans and service delivery organizations appointed by the Council	Andrew Burdan Brain Injury Advocate & Caregiver		4/7/2014	
Representatives of prevention, planning, veterans and service delivery organizations appointed by the Council	Nancy Ranalli Director of Community Outreach & Assistive Technology Easterseals		11/6/2017	
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Representatives of prevention, planning, veterans and service delivery organizations appointed by the Council	Dr. Susan Cowdery Medical Director LTSS Case Management BCBS, Highmark Health Options		1/8/2019	
Representatives of prevention, planning, veterans and service delivery organizations appointed by the Council	Emerald Davis Nurse, Strategy & Integration PAM Health Rehabilitation Dover		5/6/2019	
Representatives of prevention, planning, veterans and service delivery organizations appointed by the Council	Nicole Laird, Social Work Supervisor, Nemours Children's Hospital;		11/6/2023	
Representatives of prevention, planning, veterans and service delivery organizations appointed by the Council	Encompass Health	Jade Bruce/ Kaity Valentin	4/13/2026	
A representative of the State Chapter of the Brain Injury Association of America;	Dan Davis		8/1/2025	
A representative of the "protection and advocacy agency" defined in §1102 of Title 16.	Elizabeth Booth Community Legal Aid Society Disability Rights Delaware		2/23/2021	
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