

# State Council for Persons with Disabilities

## Brain Injury Committee

### Priorities, Goals, and Objectives

**1. Priority: Provide a network to identify and facilitate acquisition of enhanced resources**

**Goal 1: Facilitate the ready availability of information on resources and services useful to persons with brain injury and their families.**

**Objective 1.1:** Promote the facilitation of the availability of care coordinators/specialists with expertise in public and private brain injury resources.

#### **Potential Action Items/Strategies**

- Provide input about brain injury in the SIM Care Coordination model.
- Improved coordination of existing information systems such as BIAD and ADRC.

**Objective 1.2:** Facilitate multimedia compilation and accessibility of current, comprehensive information on brain injury support options.

(Potential revision: Facilitate the comprehensive compilation and the enhanced accessibility of current information on brain injury support options through a variety of methods such as flyers, web sites, training sessions, and email.)

## **2. Priority: Provide a forum for the sharing and analysis of information**

### **Goal 1: Increase information sharing among committee members and the organizations they represent**

**Objective 1.1:** Expand distribution of Brain Injury Committee information and meeting minutes within the organizations represented on the committee.

#### **Potential Action Items/Strategies**

- Determine current agency processes of distributing BIC information.

**Objective 1.2:** Revise Brain Injury Committee meeting agendas and protocols to increase sharing and learning among members.

**Objective 1.3:** Explore the development of other networking opportunities between Brain Injury Committee members

### **Goal 2: Improve state data collection system on individuals with brain injuries, their needs, and the services**

**Objective 2.1:** Promote the improvement of useful data collection.

**Objective 2.2:** Identify existing sources of Brain Injury Data in Delaware

**Objective 2.3:** Develop the specifications (*alternate wording: requirements*) of an improved information system

#### **Potential Action Items/Strategies**

- Identify key objectives and essential functions of the data collection system.
- Identify the necessary elements to be collected

### **3. Priority: Provide technical assistance to educate public and private policymakers**

#### **Goal 1: Increase SCPD non-clerical staff capacity and resources**

**Objective 1.1:** Acquire one FTE non-clerical position and an additional part-time clerical position.

##### **Potential Action Items/Strategies**

- Develop job descriptions for needed positions
- Research best options for acquiring this staff

#### **Goal 2: Promote & advocate for laws, regulations, policies, services and funding to effectively serve the needs of people with brain injuries and their families**

**Objective 2.1:** In the area of youth concussions, promote the establishment of a uniform documentation protocol between the medical community and the schools.

**Objective 2.2:** Promote a youth sports body to address education and regulation of community, recreation, and travel sports programs.

##### **Potential Action Item/Strategy**

- Explore if DIAA could be expanded.

**Objective 2.3:** Promote enhanced training of health care providers in brain injury diagnosis, management and treatment of concussions.

##### **Potential Action Item/Strategy**

- Explore statutory change that would require physicians who manage concussions to complete approved training in diagnosis, management, and return to activity (school and sports).

**Objective 2.4:** Expand brain injury resources by 2016.

**Potential Action Item/Strategy**

- Review & improve brain injury fund application process

**Objective 2.5:** Work with the Division of Medicaid and Medical Assistance to revise assessment to better identify behavioral and cognitive deficits.

**Objective 2.6:** Collaborate with SCPD Policy and Law committee to ensure the effective implementation of this goal (*thoughts on additional wording: to provide input on state legislation, regulations, and policies to effectively support the development and expansion of brain injury programs and services.*)

**4. Priority: Be an advocacy agency and promote a consumer-oriented, effective injury and preventive service delivery system**

**Goal 1: Promote brain injury precaution and recourse options**

**Objective 1.1:** In collaboration with the Coalition on Injury Prevention and BIAD, revise the State's strategic plan for injury prevention by August 2015.

**Objective 1.2:** Promote and facilitate a visible public injury prevention campaign by the end of 2015.

**Objective 1.3:** Increase the number of DIAA-affiliated schools which have active concussion management programs.

**Objective 1.4:** In concert with the SCPD Policy and Law Committee, provide input on state legislation, regulations, and policies with significant effect on brain injury prevention and recourse options.