



2022 ACL TBI Stakeholder Day

Tuesday, March 8, 2022, 12:00-4:30pm ET

Agenda

12:00pm – 12:15pm ET Welcome, Introductions and Opening Remarks

Welcome and Introductions: Shawn Callaway, Project Officer, Administration for Community Living (ACL), Office of Disability Services Innovation

Opening Remarks: Allison Barkoff, Principal Deputy Administrator, ACL

12:15pm – 1:00pm ET Session 1: Survivor Engagement Strategies

Members of the TBI Advisory and Leadership Group (TAL-Group) for the TBI Technical Assistance and Resource Center (TBI TARC):

Clifford Hymowitz

Kelly Lang

Maria Martinez

Carole Starr

1:00pm – 1:45pm ET Session 2: Domestic Violence and the Effect on Children

Monica A. Lichi, Director, Ohio Valley Center for Brain Injury Prevention and Rehabilitation, The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center

Rachel Ramirez, Founder and Director, Center on Partner-Inflicted Brain Injury, Ohio Domestic Violence Network



1:45pm – 2:00pm ET Break

2:00pm – 2:45pm ET Session 3: Effective Partnerships with Behavioral Health

April Turner, State Head Injury Coordinator, Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services

Kimberly G. Boswell, Commissioner, Alabama Department of Mental Health

2:45pm – 3:30pm ET Session 4: Strategies for Using and Leveraging Data

Chris Miller, Director, Virginia Department of Aging and Rehabilitative Services, Brain Injury Services Coordination Unit

Matthew Breiding, Team Lead, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Division of Injury Prevention

3:30pm – 3:45pm ET Break

3:45pm – 4:30pm ET Session 5: Federal Partners Update

Rebecca Wolfkiel, Executive Director, National Association of State Head Injury Administrators

Genevieve Berry, Program Manager, Mountain Plains Mental Health Technology Transfer Center, Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education

Donna Bethge, Aging Services Program Specialist, ACL, Administration on Aging, Falls Prevention Program

Nsini Umoh, Program Director, National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke



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Bios of Speakers and Presenters

Alison Barkoff was sworn into office as the Principal Deputy Administrator on January 20, 2021. In this capacity, she provides executive direction, leadership, guidance, and coordination for ACL programs nationwide and advises the HHS Secretary on issues affecting individuals with disabilities and older adults. Ms. Barkoff comes to ACL from the Center for Public Representation, where she served as Director of Advocacy. In that position, she led policy advocacy with federal agencies and Congress and legal advocacy nationally to advance community living and inclusion, including in the areas of healthcare, Medicaid home- and community-based services, employment, housing, and education. She led and participated in numerous coalitions with disability and aging organizations, including as co-chair of the Long-Term Services and Supports Task Force of the Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities. She has testified before Congress and the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights on disability rights and was appointed to serve on the federal Advisory Committee for Competitive Integrated Employment of People with Disabilities.

Genevieve Berry is the Project Manager for the Mountain Plains Mental Health Technology Transfer Center (MP-MHTTC), a Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE) project that operates in partnership with the University of North Dakota. Genevieve received her B.A. in psychology from Memphis University. Prior to joining the WICHE Behavioral Health Program team, Genevieve worked for the state of Colorado on the Multi-Use Network Project and The Next Mile project, where she developed communications strategies and served as the liaison to rural communities, for each of the state-funded broadband programs. In this capacity, she traveled the state presenting each of the projects to various rural communities and learning firsthand about the unique obstacles rural communities encounter when trying to implement and use broadband. For the past three years, she worked for the Coleman Institute for

Cognitive Disabilities at the University of Colorado. In her role as the Content and Community Outreach Manager, she was responsible for all external communications, website content, and design, and she managed the Annual Coleman conference. For over three years, Genevieve worked to develop accessible content and products for people with cognitive disabilities and the communities that serve them.

Donna Bethge is an Aging Services Program Specialist in the Office of Nutrition and Health Promotion Programs at ACL, Administration on Aging. She worked in the aging network in Maryland for 10 years with Area Agencies on Aging and an assisted living community, developing and implementing programs for older adults, as well as supporting and promoting evidence-based programs before joining the team at ACL as the lead for the Falls Prevention grant program. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Organizational Management from Northern Kentucky University.

Matthew Breiding is a behavioral scientist and serves as team lead of the Traumatic Brain Injury team in the Division of Injury Prevention at the Centers for Disease and Control and Prevention's (CDC) Injury Center. His work at CDC has been focused on surveillance of traumatic brain injury, intimate partner violence, sexual violence, and child abuse—both domestic and international. He began his career at CDC as an Epidemic Intelligence Service (EIS) officer, assigned to CDC's Division of Violence Prevention. Upon completion of his two-year EIS fellowship he remained with the Division of Violence Prevention, serving as a behavioral scientist. Dr. Breiding received a Bachelor of Science degree in industrial and systems engineering from Ohio State University and masters and doctoral degrees in counseling psychology from the University of Notre Dame. He completed a post-doctoral clinical residency at the Washington University in St. Louis Student Health and Counseling Center. He is a licensed psychologist in the state of Missouri.



Kimberly G. Boswell was appointed Commissioner of the Alabama Department of Mental Health by Governor Kay Ivey on December 16, 2020. Boswell’s goals include furthering an accessible, interconnected, effective and just system of care for individuals served by the Department of Mental Health. Boswell has more than 36 years of experience working with individuals with mental illness, substance use disorders and developmental disabilities. Boswell previously served as Chief of Staff, Associate Commissioner for Administration and Director of Human Resources for the Department. Over the course of her career, she worked as a planner to improve human service delivery systems, a program evaluator, a School to Work transition coordinator, and served as the state office administrator for the Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services. She earned her Master of Social Work from the Florida State University College of Social Work in 1984, with a specialization in planning and program evaluation. She holds a Bachelor of Social Work degree from The University of Alabama at Birmingham

Shawn Callaway is a Program Specialist at the ACL, within the Office of Disability Integrated Services. Mr. Callaway is currently working with the Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) State Partnership Planning Grant (SPP) program, the Dual Diagnosis Behavior Health grant, the Bridging Aging and Disability grant as well as a handful of Protection and Advocacy grants. Prior to working with ACL, Shawn was a social worker for the Washington, D.C. Department of Behavioral Health. He has served as President of the National Federation of the Blind (NFB) in Washington D.C. and on the NFB National Board of Directors where he is the Co-Chairman of the NFB Diversity, Equity and Inclusion committee and the Chairman of the Black Leaders for Advancement committee. Shawn is the host of a radio show titled “Open Our Eyes” which focuses on the inclusion of persons with disabilities within our society.

Maria Crowley is the Director of Professional Development for the National Association of State Head Injury Administrators (NASHIA), planning and coordinating programs to enhance the knowledge and skills of the brain injury community, focusing on state government needs. She also serves as a primary consultant for the TBI Technical Assistance and Resource Center (TBI



TARC), funded by the ACL, supporting State TBI grantees and other stakeholders. She has worked in the disabilities field with state government for 30 years, and specifically in brain injury since 2000, to help individuals in home, community, and employment. Maria was the State Head Injury Program Director for the Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services, designated lead agency in Alabama for TBI services, for 14 years.

Judy Dettmer has been working in the field of brain injury for over 30 years. Ms. Dettmer is the Director for Strategic Partnerships and a Technical Assistance Lead for the TBI TARC funded by ACL. Ms. Dettmer has worked extensively with adults, children, and family members of individuals with brain injury. She has provided direct and systems consultation and technical assistance to improve the lives of individuals with brain injury. Judy has also assisted with research efforts related to brain injury and has conducted countless presentations, classes, and seminars on brain injury both in the state of Colorado and Nationally. Ms. Dettmer is currently a co-facilitator for NASHIA's Leading Practices Academy for Criminal and Juvenile Justice and Brain Injury.

Clifford Hymowitz is a member of the TBI Community in New York State, where he is employed as a Peer Specialist for Federation of Organizations in Suffolk County New York. He is presently enrolled in the Academy of Peer Services for certification as well as in the PEER Specialist Training Group of the Mental Health and Wellness Association of Suffolk County. He is currently serving as an appointed member to the New York State Traumatic Brain Injury Services Coordinating Council. He previously served as a member of Easterseal's National Steering Committee of Project Action, where he was the first participant with a hidden disability. Clifford is a member of the TBI Advisory and Leadership Group (TAL-Group) for the TBI TARC.

Jill Jacobs was appointed to serve as the Commissioner of ACL's Administration on Disabilities on Feb. 14, 2022. Ms. Jacobs has more than two decades of professional experience managing disability services organizations, analyzing policy, and working toward improved health and

disability programs and services at local, state, and federal levels. She also has been an active grassroots organizer, leading campaigns to depict President Franklin D. Roosevelt seated in his wheelchair in the national monument in Washington, D.C. and to ensure the inclusion of disabled children in schools and organizing disaster response efforts for people with disabilities following Hurricanes Harvey and Maria, to name just a few of her accomplishments. In addition, Ms. Jacobs brings to the role the lived experience of her own disability and as the mother of two disabled adults. Before joining ACL, Ms. Jacobs served as the Executive Director of the ENDependence Center of Northern Virginia (ECNV), a center for independent living. Previously, Ms. Jacobs founded and served for sixteen years as the CEO of Ability Unleashed, a coordination and facilitation agency for Medicaid home and community-based services. She has held executive positions at several non-profit and government entities and served on the boards of several disability advocacy organizations, including the National Council on Independent Living and United Cerebral Palsy of Washington & Northern Virginia. For her work advancing rights and access of disabled military family members while she was an Army spouse, the United States Army awarded Jill the Dr. Mary E. Walker Medal of Honor. Ms. Jacobs is a graduate of Texas A&M at Central Texas and received social work training at Army Social Work Services at Fort Hood, Texas.

Kelly Lang is a brain injury survivor and caregiver to her daughter who sustained a traumatic brain injury in 2001 at the age of 3. Kelly is a member of the Brain Injury Association of America's Brain Injury Advisory Council, and she co-leads the TAL-Group for the TBI TARC. Kelly is also a former faculty member of the National Center for Advancing Person-Centered Practices and Systems (NCAPPS) Brain Injury Learning Collaborative, and she serves on the Virginia Brain Injury Advisory Council. Kelly has presented to many different groups, including speech, occupational and physical therapists; neuroscience students; attorney groups; and support groups. Kelly was a presenter at the 2018 Interagency Conference on Traumatic Brain Injury and spoke at the NIH Conference for Rehabilitation along with other parents in May 2017. Kelly and



her husband created a website, <https://www.themiraclechild.org/>, to educate others about brain injury and they are also publishing a book about their family's experience.

Elizabeth Leef is a Program Specialist at the Administration for Community Living (ACL). In this role, she serves as the Project Officer for 14 TBI SPP grants. She also oversees the Paralysis Resource Center, the National Limb Loss Resource Center, a handful of Protection and Advocacy grants as well as medical curriculum grant for individuals with ID/DD. Ms. Leef has more than 20 years of experience advocating for people with disabilities and addressing barriers to healthcare and independent living.

Monica A. Lichi is Director for the Ohio Valley Center for Brain Injury Prevention and Rehabilitation at The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center, a center dedicated to conducting research, providing education, and developing programs to improve the quality of life of persons who experience a TBI. She is also Director for the Ohio Brain Injury Program, whose mission is to advance prevention and treatment that will improve the lives of Ohioans impacted by TBI. She serves on the Board of Directors for the NASHIA, most recently and President and (past) Finance Chair. Monica received her Master of Science in Education and has been a Licensed Professional Counselor since 2007. Monica also holds a Master of Business Education degree. In 2016, Monica achieved the Certification of Clinical Research Professionals from the Society of Clinical Research Associates. Prior to joining The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center, she had nine years of experience working in the community mental health system of Franklin County.

Maria Martinez worked in the fields of domestic violence and substance use and eventually retired from the Colorado Department of Corrections in 2010 after a stroke. Maria was in a motorcycle accident in 2007 and sustained a brain injury. She has complications with memory and balance. Maria realized that where she lived (Pueblo, Colorado) had an impact on her recovery. Maria traveled to Denver and connected with the Brain Injury Alliance of Colorado

attending classes, workshops, and events that were provided to those impacted by a brain injury. Today Maria is a brain injury support group leader and advocate. She is also a member of the TAL-Group for the TBI TARC.

Chris Miller joined the Virginia Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services (DARS) Brain Injury Services Coordination Unit as Director in December, 2019. Prior to that she spent several decades building community housing and supportive services for children and adults with disabilities in the Culpeper, Fredericksburg, and Charlottesville regions. In 2006 Chris joined Aging Together as Executive Director. This nonprofit organization focused on developing community support to create livable communities for older adults and their families in Culpeper and the surrounding counties. Just prior to joining DARS she was the Executive Director of the Free Clinic of Culpeper. A graduate of Mary Washington College and Averett University, Chris lives in Madison County with her partner Charles and their many pets.

Rachel Ramirez is the Founder and Director of The Center on Partner-Inflicted Brain Injury, a project of the Ohio Domestic Violence Network (ODVN). For the past 15 years at ODVN, Rachel has led multiple initiatives on trauma-informed approaches as well as other topics. She has trained hundreds of audiences and co-authored Trauma-Informed Approaches: Promising Practices and Protocols for Ohio's Domestic Violence Programs, as well as journal articles in the Journal of Family Violence and the Journal of Aggression, Maltreatment and Trauma. Rachel is a licensed independent social worker and is a registered advocate with senior standing in Ohio.

Carole Starr sustained a brain injury in a car accident in 1999. The ongoing symptoms left Carole unable to return to her life as a teacher and classical musician. One small step at a time, she's reinvented herself. Carole is now a national keynote speaker, the author of the award-winning book *To Root & To Rise: Accepting Brain Injury* and the founder/facilitator of Brain Injury Voices, a survivor volunteer group in Maine. Carole serves on the Brain Injury Association of America (BIAA)—Maine Chapter Advisory Board, is a co-chair of the BIAA Brain Injury Advisory Council

and co-leads the TAL-Group for the TBI TARC. Carole is also a former faculty member for the NCAPPS Brain Injury Learning Collaborative. Carole is passionate about using her brain injury experience to make a difference for others.

April Turner is currently the State Head Injury Coordinator for the Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services. She is also the TBI Program Director of the Federal ACL TBI Partnership Grant, the State TBI Pre-Vocational Care Coordination Program and Statewide TBI/Spinal Cord Injury Registry Services for the Lead Agency on TBI. Her agency also carries the Alabama Head Injury Task Force and The Alabama Head and Spinal Cord Injury Trust Fund. Recently, she wrote and was awarded a 5-year Administration on Community Living Federal TBI Grant for systems change in the Behavioral Health area for individuals with TBI. Mrs. Turner received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Rehabilitation from Troy University in 1999 and then went on to receive her Master of Science in Rehabilitation Counseling and Vocational Evaluation from Auburn University in 2001. She has worked as a Vocational Evaluator, Welfare to Work Counselor and Transition/General Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor and a specialized hybrid Traumatic Brain Injury/Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor. Mrs. Turner, a native of Alexander City, AL resides in Opelika, AL with her husband Chad and two sons, Cam and Cole.

Nsini Umoh, is a Program Director in the Repair and Plasticity Cluster in the Division of Neuroscience. Dr. Umoh received her Ph.D. at Howard University in the Department of Physiology and Biophysics and did post-doctoral training in extremity trauma at Yale University and the U.S Army Institute of Surgical Research. Before joining The National Institute on Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS), she served as a scientific program manager at the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Office of Research & Development. While at the VA, she managed research related to traumatic brain injury, women's health, and health equity. Before joining the VA, Dr. Umoh spent 3 years as a portfolio manager at the U.S Department of Defense (DoD) Medical Research and Development Command (MRDC) headquartered in Frederick, MD. While at MRDC, she worked with the Combat Casualty Care Research Program

(CCCRP) to manage research related to the early management of combat-related neurotrauma on the battlefield. As a NINDS TBI Program Director, Dr. Umoh manages a broad research portfolio including translational and clinical research, serves as co-director of the Federal Interagency TBI Research informatics platform and works with national and international partners.

Rebecca Wolfkiel joined NASHIA as Executive Director in January 2018. She brings over a decade of experience in promoting federal policies that provide resources for individuals with brain injury, and their families. In her role as Executive Director, Rebecca is committed to representing the interests of state governments and supporting the unique and integral role they play within the service delivery system. Rebecca has also worked with former Pennsylvania Governor, Tom Ridge, at the Ridge Policy Group, for eleven years, where she represented NASHIA as a government affairs advisor. She played an integral role in the successful reauthorization of the Traumatic Brain Injury in 2014, paving the way for the federal TBI program's move to ACL. Prior to time at the Ridge Policy Group, Rebecca worked on Capitol Hill for over six years where she served as Legislative Director to Congressman Todd R. Platts, Co-Chair of the Traumatic Brain Injury Taskforce.