

**SCHOOL BASED HEALTH CENTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE (AD HOC COMMITTEE)**

Minutes of Meeting (*Draft*)

**Date:** January 16, 2024

**Location:** Microsoft Teams Meeting

**Participation:** John Flanders, Christin Kondash, Tricia Orozco, Sherry Linton-Massiah, Judy Kanz, Dr. Robert Dudley, Debbie Chameides, Amanda Pickett, Andrea Duarte, Catherine Holt, Melanie Wilde-Lane, Melanie Bonjour, Ann Gionet, Christine Velasquez, Johanna Davis, Isabel Gonillo, Anna Goddard, Victor Darr, Jamie Pietrosimone, Nicole Hampton, Chlo-Ann Bobrowski

**Absent:** Lynn Weeks, Ali Mulvihill, Steve Hernandez, Alice Martinez, Yvette Cortez, Jill Holmes Brown

Item	Action	Follow Up
1. Introductions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attendance taken</li> </ul>	
2. Approval of Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Approved minutes from 10/17/23 (1. Amanda Pickett 2. Sherry Linton-Massiah) Abstain Chlo-Ann Bobrowski</li> </ul>	
3. BIAC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presentation by: Victor Darr – Brain Injury Alliance of Connecticut</li> <li><a href="https://biact.org/">https://biact.org/</a></li> <li>See PPT presentation below.</li> </ul>	
4. DPH Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maternal and Child Health Block Grant needs assessment will be starting. Will be reaching out to stakeholders and partners to help develop the 5 year priorities.</li> </ul>	
5. CASBHC Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>State Legislative priorities:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Telehealth: raising a bill through Human Services to extend Medicaid reimbursement for telehealth services through June 30, 2025</li> <li>Expansion of Medicaid to include:                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Medicaid coverage for undocumented up through the age of 21, through the Human Services Committee</li> <li>Increase reimbursement rates for children’s Behavioral Health services to cover actual costs (rate study being done and this is phase 2)</li> <li>Establish a setting process</li> </ul> </li> <li>Reintroducing the COLA back into the budget line item for SBHCs through the Appropriations Committee</li> </ul> </li> <li>February 6, 2024 – Mindfulness Workshop</li> <li>February 22, 2024 – Advocacy Day <a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sbhc-advocacy-day-2024-tickets-777019565437?aff=oddtcreator">https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sbhc-advocacy-day-2024-tickets-777019565437?aff=oddtcreator</a></li> <li>February 28, 2024 BIAC Lunch &amp; Learn <a href="https://education.weitzmaninstitute.org/content/casbhc-lunch-and-learn-series-2024-brain-injury-alliance-ct-february-28-2024#group-tabs-node-course-default4">https://education.weitzmaninstitute.org/content/casbhc-lunch-and-learn-series-2024-brain-injury-alliance-ct-february-28-2024#group-tabs-node-course-default4</a></li> </ul>	

**6. Member Updates**

- CSDE:

**Virtual LEAP 101 Trainings**

The Connecticut State Department of Education is announcing two Learner Engagement and Attendance Program (LEAP) training opportunities (LEAP 101) in January. LEAP is Connecticut’s research-based, relational home visit model proven to increase student attendance and family engagement. The training is designed to prepare district, school, and community staff working with schools to engage in in-person visits with families to improve attendance through building relationships and strengthening family and student connections to school.

<https://nic.trumba.com/Learner-Engagement-and-Attendance-LEAP-Home-Visitor-Training-LEAP-101/E167271878>

**Webinar: Components of Social, Emotional, and Intellectual Habits: Kindergarten through Grade 12 (Habits K-12)**

The Habits K-12, supports school leaders and all educators to equip every child with the knowledge and skills necessary to succeed in college, careers, and civic life. Please join us on this webinar, where we will provide an overview of the Habits K-12, including the purpose and strategies for implementation. Please register for one webinar event on [January 10, 2024](#), or [January 17, 2024](#). For more information and contact Kim Traverso at [Kimberly.Traverso@ct.gov](mailto:Kimberly.Traverso@ct.gov) with any questions.

**Guidance on Civil Rights Protections and Supports for Transgender or Gender-Diverse Students**

The Connecticut State Department of Education is issuing its updated, January 2024 [Guidance on Civil Rights Protections and Supports for Transgender or Gender-Diverse Students](#). The *Guidance* reflects legal developments pertaining to gender-diverse students that have occurred since the CSDE’s prior, September 2017 guidance.

**Internet Safety Training – On behalf of the US Attorney’s Office, District of Connecticut and the Department of Children and Families**

Tweens and Teens spend many hours per day online chatting and interacting with friends and people who they may not know well and who may put them at risk. To educate parents, teachers and others, the US Attorney’s Office, District of Connecticut, in collaboration with the Department of Children and Families, is offering - FREE OF CHARGE - online Internet Safety Training. This training will introduce parents, teachers and others to Internet and cell phone applications and video game systems being used by the tweens/teens that could potentially put them at risk. Training will take place on Thursday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, from 6 – 7:30 p.m. We encourage all districts

	<p>to share this information with their teaching staff, as well as parents. Link for Evening of the Training: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89055726810?pwd=TVhyc3BxWlVUaGxHZmtpeDRoSHITZz09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89055726810?pwd=TVhyc3BxWlVUaGxHZmtpeDRoSHITZz09</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DMHAS SDE in collaboration with DMHAS and DCF put together a letter to endorse the Columbia Suicide risk assessment. Letter is waiting for SDE Commissioner signature and will be sent out to superintendents.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>8. Next Meetings</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• April 16, 2024 1:30-3</li> <li>• July 16, 2024 1:30-3</li> <li>• October 15, 2024 1:30-3</li> </ul> <p>Meeting Adjourned</p>	

Respectfully Submitted, Christine Velasquez

# Introduction to BIAC



Presented by Victor Darr  
Senior Brain Injury Specialist

## WHO AM I?

- 25 Years of experience with Brain Injury experience in the Humans Services field
- 10 years ago- Certified Brain Injury Specialist
- Last 5 years- Exclusive with Brain Injury as Director of Services



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# WHAT IS BIAC?

## BRAIN INJURY ALLIANCE OF CT

### CT'S GATEWAY TO SUPPORT

- HelpLine
- Outreach & Education
- Support Groups
- Social Events
- Legislative Advocacy
- All services free of charge (except Navigator)
- Annual Professional Conference
- **Brain Injury Navigator Service**





## BIAC History

- 1981 - Group of parents began meeting around the kitchen table of Charlotte Kane.
- 1992 – CT Traumatic Brain Injury Association (now BIAC) filed a class action lawsuit against DMHAS. Settled in 2002. Out of lawsuit came the ABI Waiver.
- 2012- BIAC becomes founding member of USBIA
- For over 35 years has worked to provide information, support, prevention, education and outreach throughout Connecticut.

BIAC free helpline:  
860.219.0291

- Free to all callers
- Individual consultation & support
- Information
- Education
- Community linkages and resource facilitation
- The type of assistance varies with each caller
- **ASK ME FOR EXAMPLES**





# OUTREACH AND EDUCATION: Awareness & Prevention Programs

- Overview of Concussion
- Return to Learn after Concussion
- **Introduction to Brain Injury for Professionals**
- Brain Injury Basics for Families
- Overview of Brain Injury Resources
- Pediatric Brain Injury
- Domestic Violence & Brain Injury
- Return to Work after Brain Injury
- Protect your Brain Presentations & Toolkit



# SUPPORT GROUPS AND SOCIAL EVENTS

- BIAC operates approximately 12 support groups throughout the state for individuals with injury, as well as family members and caregivers
- BIAC hosts annual social/recreational events throughout the year
  - Spring Social
  - Healthy Living Retreat
  - Fun in the Sun Picnic, in collaboration with Project Genesis



# BRAIN INJURY NAVIGATOR

## A fee-based service for survivors and their families:

- Guidance, support, and help – short or long term
- Individualized and customized to specific needs
- Managing the challenges of daily living
  - Home, work, community
- Problem solving for real solutions for safety & independence
- Finding, accessing & navigating resources



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# WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP

## SPREAD THE WORD!!

- Tell survivors, survivor family member and professionals about the **services we offer**
- Sign your Organization up for our **Outreach Training Programs**- Free and we come to you\*
- Support our **Fundraising** if you can- come to our Walk For thought in October
- Stay in Touch ( next slide ... please)



# BIAC – Staying in Touch

- **BUZZ:** The Alliance's monthly electronic newsletter  
<https://biact.org/news/enewsletter/> **Share your Email!**
- **Website:** Updated regularly with important news & events  
<https://biact.org/>
- **Facebook/ Instagram:** The best source for up to the minute information about brain injury and BIAC events



# Meet the BIAC Team



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# Q & A





# Thank You!



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