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Capitol News Live!
Public Policy Update

March 4, 2022
1:00pm – 2:00pm (EST)

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Welcome!

Jennifer Braun, Moderator
Chair, NASHIA Public Policy Committee

Zoom Chat box:
• Website for PPTs and materials
• Introductions – Sign In
• Questions/comments

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NASHIA’s Public Policy Work

• Public Policy Committee
• Public Policy Platform for 117th Congress
• Public Policy Brochure, 2nd Session: www.nashia.org
• Staff

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Objectives:

1. Overview of NASHIA’s public policy work and priorities.
2. Review current status of Congress and legislation that impact brain injury.
Objectives:

3. To prepare Members for virtual Hill visits.

4. How to advocate.
Introductions

Susan Vaughn
NASHIA Director of Public Policy

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Public Policy Work

- Coalitions – CPR, CCD, DRRC, IVPN
- Federal – ACL, CDC, CMS
- Materials and Publications
  - Webpage: Tips, Links to S/H, CBITF
  - ACL TBI SPP Grant Profiles
Get Involved

NASHIA Public Policy Webinar: Capitol News Live!

**March 4, 2020.** Noon-1:00pm (CT)/1:00pm-2:00pm (ET)

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Tentative Agenda

Boiler Plate Language for Advocating for Appropriations and H.R. 2992, Law Enforcement Training

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NASHIA Public Policy Brochure, 2nd Session, Feb. 2022

How to Advocate as a State Employee

Tips for Contacting Your Member of Congress

Congressional Brain Injury Task Force, February 2022

Find Your U.S. Senators

Find Your U.S. Representative
Public Policy Resources

Key Policy Issues

Federal Fiscal Year 2023 Funding
Coming Soon

Federal Fiscal Year 2022 Funding

NASHIA Letter to H/S Appropriators on FY 2022 Funding, Feb. 17, 2022

NASHIA Organization Sign on Letter Supporting House Funding for CDC National Concussion Surveillance, November 18, 2021

NASHIA Testimony on FY22 TBI Funding Submitted to Senate Subcommittee on Labor-HHS-ED-Related Agencies, June 22, 2021

Senate Colleague Sign On letter to Senate Appropriators for FY22 TBI Funding, June 7, 2021

Federal Policies

CPR Letter to CMS on Proposed Rehab NBPP for 2023, Jan. 27, 2022

Cong. Ayanna Pressley and Don Beyer Letter Urging the CDC to Report Data on Disability and Long COVID, Jan. 25, 2022

Guidance on “Long COVID” as a Disability Under the ADA, Section 504, and Section 1557, July 26, 2021

Medicaid & HCBS

Potential Impact of Additional Federal Funds for Medicaid HCBS for Seniors and People with Disabilities, KFF, May 28, 2020

The Importance and Value of Advocacy: Engaging with Policy Makers

March 16, 2022
2:30-4:40pm (ET)

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Hear Cong. Bill Pascrell, Jr. (D-NJ), Co-Chair of Congress

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Resources – State Contacts

Grantee Profile 2018-2021: Missouri

The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) is the designated lead agency for TBI, the Adult Brain Injury Program (ABI), and the Brain Injury HCBS Waiver.

Main Grant Aim: Maximize the independence, well-being, and health of individuals with TBIs and their families within Missouri

Additional Aims
- Increase collaborations through Missouri Brain Injury Advisory Council and other strategic partnerships
- Develop a comprehensive, culturally competent State Plan
- Enhance the capacity of professionals to serve individuals with TBI and their families
- Provide educational opportunities to survivors and families to foster self-determination and promote TBI prevention
- Increase capacity of resource facilitation services
- Increase capacity to provide services through workgroup and conference attendance
- Promote ongoing quality improvement and sustainability

Accomplishments/Outcomes
- Increased percentage of Adult Brain Injury (ABI) participants that reported satisfaction with DHSS services from 81% to 86% from 2019 to 2021
- Increased percentage of ABI participants that reported maintenance of or improvement in independent living or community participation from 94% to 99% from 2019 to 2021
- Conducted survey to assess healthcare access/equity with input from individuals living with brain injury
- Developed “Step by Step” guide on recovery and transition to community and available resources, provided to patients who enter healthcare systems
- Produced an infographic capturing the results of the 2020 Needs Survey
- Developed a partnership with the DHSS Electronic Surveillance System for Early Notification of Community-based Epidemics (ESSENCE) to provide timely contacts from TBI, hospitals and health facilities, allowing TBI staff to follow up with info and resources
- Partnered with Missouri Assistive Technology (Mo-AT) to develop a long-term loan library of AT KITs to address challenges often experienced by people living with TBI
- Worked with several partners with the goal of funding “Get Schooled on Concussions” program for all Missouri schools
- Participated on the Missouri Disability and Health Collaborative to increase preventative healthcare utilization by ensuring that local public health agencies have information about TBI
- Worked with Missouri’s No Wrong Door to ensure long-term supports and services are accessible to TBI survivors and their families

Advisory Council

The Missouri Brain Injury Advisory Council (MBIAC) was established by Executive Order in 1981 and by law in 1986 within the Missouri Office of Administration, later transferred to DHSS. The council makes recommendations to the DHSS Director for developing and administering a state plan to provide services for people living with TBI, thereby leading in the development of a collaborative statewide system of prevention, public awareness, and provision of services and supports driven by the needs of people with brain injury and their families. MBIAC also serves in an advisory capacity on ACL, SPP grant activities.

MBIAC has 15 members appointed by the Governor with advice and consent of the Missouri Senate; it also has representatives from State agencies and supporting members. The council meets quarterly. Members elect a chairperson, and the council has committees to facilitate its work.

Registry and Data

Missouri DHSS administers several datasets used for determining incidence and prevalence and for follow-up with individuals newly injured. These include:
- Missouri Public Health Information Management System (MOPHIMS)
- The trauma registry, which collects same information as the Head and Spinal Cord Injury Registry
- EMS data
- Hospital discharge data
- Electronic Surveillance System for the Early Notification of Community-Based Epidemics (ESSENCE), which provides data to ABI for follow-up

In 2018, Missouri added four questions related to head injuries to its Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance Survey (BRFSS) and to the Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System (YRBISS).

Brain injury staff make resources available on-site to hospitals, rehabilitation and other healthcare facilities and programs; these include “Missouri Greenbook: Living with Brain Injury” Program Fact sheet for the Adult Brain Injury program and Brain Injury Waiver, Special Health Care Needs (SHCN) brochures, the Step by Step Guide, and promotional items with contact information.

Service Delivery

Since 1985, DHSS has administered the Adult Brain Injury (ABI) Program, authorized by a state appropriation, whereby adults ages 21 to 65 with TBI may seek an array of services that are currently supported by Medicaid, state appropriations and/or dedicated funding through the Missouri Brain Injury Trust Fund. Individuals enter the system by contacting 1 of 11 service coordinators around the state to receive information, referral, and access to services. Case management services are also available under the Medicaid Brain Injury Home and Community-based Services Waiver.

Individuals with TBI may also receive services through other state agencies.

Legislative Accomplishments

Missouri implemented a 1915(c) Medicaid TBI HCBS Waiver in 2020 with additional State appropriations for match requirements.

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Numbers Served:
2018 – 569
2019 – 542
2020 – 520 plus 20 people were enrolled in the state’s new HCBS BI waiver.
Featured Speaker

Zaida Ricker
NASHIA Government Relations

Ridge Policy Group
Washington, DC
Lay of the Land – Congress

Current Priorities for the Hill:

1. Appropriations
   - TBI Funding
   - Funding for Ukraine
   - Funding for Pandemics

2. Build Back Better/
   Economic Revitalization Bill
NASHIA Priorities for 2022

1. Appropriations
   - TBI State Grant Program
   - CDC Concussion Surveillance Program

2. Crisis Intervention Training
3. Intimate Partner Violence
4. Havana Syndrome
5. Regional Collaboration

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“Asks” for Hill Meetings

1. $19M for ACL TBI State Grant Program so ALL states can receive a grant
2. $5M for a national concussion surveillance system
3. Sign the appropriations letters led by Reps. Pascrell and Bacon in House and Senator Van Hollen in Senate
4. Join the Congressional Brain Injury Task Force
Hill Meetings – What to Expect

1. Members and staff want to hear from you!
2. Hill Culture
3. Meeting Etiquette
4. Constituent Connections
5. Using Basic Language
1. NASHIA staff will introduce NASHIA and meeting (3-5 minutes)

2. Your Perspective (5-10 minutes)
   - Highlights of the TBI program in your state, including what you use grant funding for or would like to use it for, the population served, etc.
   - What happens when you do not have ACL funding
   - Other exciting initiatives in the state

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Hill Meetings – Outline

3. Our “Asks” (3-5 minutes)
   - You can turn this over to NASHIA staff if needed

4. Conclusion and Q&A (Remaining Time)
   - Express Gratitude
Advocacy

1. As a State Employee
2. Collaborating with Partners
3. Other Examples
4. Questions?

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