

Board Meeting | November 18, 2023 | 8:00am MST/9:00am CST | Virtual platform

- 1. Welcome and Call to Order at 8:13 AM MST
- 2. Attendance: Mary Tommeraasen, Justine Ashokar, Karen Brokenleg, Brenna Christiansen, and Jennifer Williams. Jenny Hallen and Brian Poelstra were unable to attend.
- 3. June 2023 BIASD meeting minutes have been approved by the board.
- 4. Treasurer's Report:
  - a. October Balance: 10,630.97
  - b. \$500 received. Mennonite church provided \$250, and then another organization paid another \$250.
  - c. Arlo covered all of the costs for stationary pens, business cards, etc.
  - d. Treasure's report has been approved by board.

## 5. Strategic Planning:

- a. Continuing to wait to pursue until we have the results of the survivor caregiver survey, and will then schedule to meet for strategic planning.
- b. Development within BIASD on hold until strategic planning is underway (amending bylaws, etc.).
- 6. Contacts, Correspondence and updates on organizations/support groups:
  - a. Brenna: In communication with company's administration to see what information can be brought forward to potentially start a new support group with parents and children. Currently looking into various means for people to attend, as there are a few platforms that can be worked with. Letters will be sent out with options to provide feedback on meeting time and location preferences. Information on who to send to was attained from hospital database.
  - b. Jennifer/Justine: Black Hills Brain Health and outpatient brain injury rehabilitation programming has been closed. Hope to reopen services if funding from state can be attained. Brain Injury Support Group of the Black Hills is on pause and an update will be provided when it starts back. No new legislative updates. There has been an increase in awareness about lack of brain injury services since BHBH closure, which will hopefully provide some momentum. The goal is to attain funding for services for folks who are over age 21.



- c. Jennifer: will continue to lead the development of the spring and fall newsletters.
- d. Brain/Mary: Veteran's support group continues to run via online platform. It is going well.
- e. BIASD had a booth at the Connect Health Fair. Masks, brochures, pens, sticky notes, and thank you cards were all handed out. This was beneficial and more opportunities like this will be sought out once strategic planning is initiated.
- 7. Next meeting date is set for 03/16/2024 at 8:00am MST/9:00am CST via virtual meeting.
- 8. Meeting adjourned.