

Partners In Progress: Addressing Traumatic Brain Injury, Mental Health and Addiction

Thursday, May 23, 2019

Moderator: Maria Crowley, State Head Injury Coordinator, Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services

8:00 am - 9:00 am

Registration and Coffee

9:00 am - 9:30 am

Welcome and Conference Overview

Jane Elizabeth Burdeshaw, Commissioner, Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services and Chair, Alabama Head Injury Task Force

Kimberly Boswell, Deputy Commissioner, Alabama Department of Mental Health

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

Participants will learn more about the TBI system, behavioral health providers and how state and national initiatives are managing program services to maximize success.

9:30 am - 10:30 am

Traumatic Brain Injury, Mental Health and Addiction

Brian Hepburn, MD, Executive Director, National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors

John D. Corrigan, PhD, Professor, Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, Ohio State University, Director, OH Brain Injury Program

This presentation will describe how common TBI is among individuals receiving mental health and addictions treatment, and how this affects current caseloads being served. Presenters will discuss how current practices supporting recent findings related to TBI and mental health services can significantly impact outcomes.

10:30 am - 10:45 am

Break

10:45 am - 11:45 am

CDC Initiatives: Traumatic Brain Injury, Opioids and Other Projects

Julie Haarbauer – Krupa, PhD, Senior Health Scientist, TBI Team, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Participants will learn about CDC's TBI initiative, and objectives specifically focused on the current opioid epidemic, recognition and management of co-occurring TBI, mental health and addiction disorders, as well as promising practices for academic concussion management and other surveillance and research projects.

11:45 am - 12:45 pm

Identifying and Accommodating TBI in Behavioral Health Treatment

John D. Corrigan, PhD

This session will explain how to screen for lifetime history of TBI, critical dimensions that affect current behavior and the relationship of executive brain function to successful program participation and treatment.

12:45 pm - 2:00 pm

Lunch: Community Resources and Programs

Maria Crowley, Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services

Scott Powell, Executive Director, Alabama Head Injury Foundation

Two lead programs providing supports to children and adults with TBI and caregivers will be outlined, local resources will be shared, and examples analyzing the challenges of co-occurring disorders impacting intervention and success will be reviewed.

2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Behavioral Health, Children and Youth: Pediatric Interventions for TBI

Jesse Martinez, MD and Drew Davis, MD, Children's of Alabama (COA), University of Alabama at Birmingham

Participants will be able to compare behavioral issues for children and youth during acute care, demonstrate the effectiveness of interventions utilizing COA crisis services and assess benefits from clinic services and community referrals related to behavior and TBI.



3:00 pm - 3:15 pm

Break

3:15 pm - 4:15 pm

Medication and Behavioral Health: Managing Behavioral Issues During Acute Rehabilitation

Robert Brunner, MD and Tom Novack, PhD, Spain Rehabilitation Center , University of Alabama at Birmingham
Common behavioral issues arising during acute rehabilitation following moderate to severe TBI will be reviewed, as well as contributing premorbid factors, interventions and medications employed to address these challenges.

4:15 pm - 5:00 pm

Programs and Services for Mental Health, Addiction & Opioid Use

Kathy House, State Opioid Coordinator, Alabama Department of Mental Health

Participants will learn how opiates affect body systems, signs of overdose and Narcan treatment. opioid crisis consequences, state initiatives and community resources currently available will be shared.



Friday, May 24, 2019

8:30 am - 9:00 am

Breakfast

9:00 am - 9:15 am

Opening Remarks

9:15 am - 10:15 am

Assessing Children, Youth and Adults: Practical Applications in TBI

Joe Ackerson, PhD, Ackerson and Associates

James, Banos, PhD, Alabama Neurobehavioral Services

Presenters will describe key differences in general assessment and neuropsychological evaluation as well as results and recommendations from testing. Factors in differentiating learning, dementia, degenerative disorders from TBI, mental health and addiction challenges will be explained as well as specifics for intervention and practice.

10:15 - 11:15 am

Distracted Driving and TBI

Despina Stavrinos, PhD, Associate Professor, Department of Psychology, University of Alabama at Birmingham

This session will focus on methods used to understand risk behavior in the context of driving and factors that increase motor vehicle crash risk across typical development and TBI populations. Possible intervention strategies to improve driving safety outcomes will be discussed.

11:15 am - 12:00 pm

TBI Screening in Schools and Community Settings

Christy Johnson, Investigator Supervisor, Alabama Disabilities Advocacy Program

Participants will be able to describe premises and guidelines of the state's Protection and Advocacy System and the impact for individuals with TBI and their families. Legal advocacy services and initiatives will be outlined as well as the role of the TBI P&A grant benefiting state programs and service providers.

12:00 pm - 12:15 pm

Closing Remarks and Evaluations

About the Alabama Head Injury Task Force (AHITF): Established in 1989 by the Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services to develop the ideal service system for Alabamians who experience TBI and their families. The AHITF provides state coordination among numerous agency members and creates a forum for communication about emerging issues, development of training and monitoring activities relative to TBI. The AHITF has affected change through legislative support, increased awareness, education, needs assessment and development for the current system of care.