



ARIZONA

GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL

ON SPINAL AND HEAD

INJURIES

**MISSION**

Increase awareness and understanding of traumatic brain and spinal cord injury, strengthen services and supports for those who have sustained injuries and their families and promote prevention to enhance quality of life.

Virtual Public Meeting  
Governor's Council on Spinal and Head Injuries  
Full Council Meeting  
**Wednesday, November 10, 2021 via Zoom**

**Meeting Minutes**

Attendance:

**Voting Council Members in attendance:** Tammy Abbott-Thiel; Kristen Bishop; Mary Lu Bushnell; Michael Lavoie; James Ledgewood; Jonathan Lifshitz; Tara Pepiton; James Sieffert; Keith Watt; Evan Werk; Kay Wing.

**Voting Council Members not in attendance:** Alex Hishaw;

**Non-voting Council Members in attendance:** Tim Flood

**Non-voting Council Members not in attendance:** Kristen Mackey

**Council Staff:** Ann Tarpy; Lindsey Powers

**Public:** Tomi St. Mars; Shannon Carter; Carrie Collins-Fadell

**1. Call to Order, Welcome, and Introductions**

*Chair Tara Pepiton called the virtual meeting to order at 1:04 pm. Participants were asked to introduce themselves.*

**2. Vote: To approve draft Minutes of September 8, 2021 Full Council Meeting**

*Chair Pepiton asked that James Sieffert's name be added after the Vice Chair. No other changes were noted. A. Tarpy will make the correction. T. Abbott moved to approve the draft Minutes as amended; K. Wing seconded; Motion passed. The corrected approved Minutes will be posted on the Council website.*

**3. Reports**

**a. Executive Committee**

**i) 2022 Full Council Meeting dates**

*A. Tarpy sent a document to the Council Members with the proposed Meeting dates for Full Council Meetings in 2022 for their review prior to the November Council Meeting. All meetings will be virtual.*

*Chair Pepiton reviewed the document with the Council Members; no changes were recommended. Meeting invites will be sent to the Council Members.*

**b. RSA**

*RSA Administrator was unable to attend the meeting. A. Tarpy provided an update from the Finance and Budget Operations Administration.*

*c. Council Office - A. Tarpy provided an update on Council Office activities.*

*She is working with Procurement to develop the ISA with ADHS that was an approved project at the September Council Meeting. It is ready to begin the internal process before sending over to ADHS for approval. Hopefully the ISA will be in place so the ADHS Injury Epidemiologist will be able to provide the Council with a presentation on the 2019 Annual AZ TBI data report at the February 9, 2022 Full Council Meeting. The ISA allows for regular ADHS data report presentations at Full Council Meetings.*

*Now that the new Consultant Pool contracts are in place, Ms. Tarpy is moving forward with the projects discussed and approved at the September 2021 Full Council Meeting to include the next in a series of VR TBI educational programs.*

*The Council assisted with hosting the virtual November 3, 2021 Injury Prevention Advisory Council (IPAC) Meeting. There were twenty-four (24) on the call from throughout the state. The 2022 IPAC Meetings will be held the first Wednesday in February, August, and November.*

**i) AzSCIA**

*Shannon Carter, Executive Director, provided an update on their activities. They held their Push Forward conference in person this year October 15, 2021 at Desert Willow Conference Center. The attendees were excited to be able to get together again.*

*Their Transportation Service remains very busy; they are looking to hire additional drivers to meet the demand. Ms. Carter continues to apply for grants for funding for this important service.*

*They are back in person in the Office; they have people coming in every day. Their activities are in person and well attended. They have some activities planned with "We're Moving Forward".*

**ii) BIAAZ**

**(1) COVID Relief Funds**

*Executive Director, Carrie Collins-Fadell, provided an update on the educational programs they completed, and the final event scheduled for December 2021 for the COVID Relief Funds. She shared that the responses from the events have been positive, and the Alliance is grateful for the funding to provide these events.*

**(2) Justice Learning Practice Academy**

*Ms. Fadell shared that they have put their involvement in the Academy through the National Association of Head Injury Administrators (NASHIA) on hold but are continuing their work with the partners on this project. They are learning a lot that will help inform future work.*

**4. Council member updates and announcements**

*Chair Pepiton shared that We're Moving Forward was able to hold their outdoor Day in the Country event this year. The fun-filled day was very well attended. They have a full schedule of social events planned for this year.*

*The Council Members who have served, those who are military families, and Council members working at the VAs in Phoenix and Tucson were thanked for their service. We were reminded to honor and give thanks to our active-duty service members, veterans, and military families on Veteran's Day tomorrow.*

**5. Next scheduled Council Meeting**

*Will be Virtual on February 9, 2022. Council members were invited to share potential agenda items with A. Tarp/Council or with Chair Pepiton.*

**6. Other**

*No other agenda items were identified.*

**7. Adjournment**

*There being no further business, Chair Pepiton adjourned the meeting at 2:08 pm.*