

**MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING OF THE
GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON SPINAL AND HEAD INJURIES (GCSHI)
Full Council Meeting**

A public meeting of the Governor's Council on Spinal and Head Injuries (GCSHI) was convened on February 8, 2017 at 1:06 p.m. at 3425 E. Van Buren, Suite #102, Phoenix, AZ. Present at the meeting were the following members of GCSHI: Tim Flood/ADHS representative (via teleconference), Benjamin Gross, Jonathan Lifshitz, Kristen Mackey/RSA Representative, James Pallas, Tara Pepiton, Ricki Ray. Absent were: Mary Lu Bushnell, Javier Cardenas, Sara Harris, Michael Lavoie, Gary Smith, and Keith Watt.

Council staff: Ann Tarpy, Sue Leeper.

Guests: Will Damron, Catherine Dohlquist, Jessica Foster, Cameron Harris, Malissa Mallett, Tomi St. Mars, Larry Wanger.

1. Call to Order, Welcome and Introductions
Ricki Ray, Chair, called the meeting to order, welcomed those in attendance, thanked them for coming and invited the members to introduce themselves.
2. Approval of draft November 16, 2016 Council Meeting Minutes
Approval of the November 16, 2016 Meeting Minutes will be held over for the May 10, 2017 Council meeting as a quorum was not established.
3. Reports
 - a. **Council Chair**
 - i. Executive Committee –
No updates at this time.
 - ii. Concussion Coalition Committee
No updates were available at this time.
 - b. **RSA Update**
Kristen Mackey, RSA Administrator provided a brief summary of her background. Ms. Mackey stated that the State's case management system 'Libera' is in the sun setting period, the system will no longer be supported as of 12/31/2017. The State and DES has decided to use 'Sales Force' for the process of developing a new case management system. Kristen Mackey provided a summary of the following items; the outcome of the Sunset Audit; 100 people were taken off the Priority Two Order of Selection.
 - c. **RSA FBU –SFY2016 and SFY 2017 budget and SHIF updates**
Shelia Washington reviewed the handout that was provided to the Council members on the Council SFY2017 expenditures as of February 02, 2017.

Spinal and Head Injury Fund (SHIF) (Trust Fund) update: As of December 2016 the SHIF fund has received \$910,502 in income and interest, which is under where we were this time last year, but still on track to accumulate the \$1.8M needed for our appropriated amount. Some high lights of the annual meeting with the AZ Supreme Court, Administrative Office were; funds are down in comparison of 2015 to 2016 possibly due to the change in being able to attend traffic school every year instead of every two years; red light cameras being turned off; and possibility of laws being changed after the 'Ferguson' event.

d. ADHS –Data Reports and new CDC grant

Tomi St. Mars provided a PowerPoint presentation on 'Traumatic Brain Injuries among Arizona Residents 2015.

e. Council office

Ann Tarpy, Executive Director of GCSHI, provided updates on the NASHIA conference; GCSHI will be able to provide scholarships for registration for AZ residents to attend the conference. GCSHI will also provide scholarship funds for VRC's to attend the AzSCIA 2017 Push Forward conference in March, and scholarship funds for the AZ Coalition for Military Families Symposium in April.

4. Presentations by other Councils: Presentation by Larry Wanger from the Statewide Independent Living Council

Larry Wanger share information about Statewide Independent Living Council.

5. Highlights/updates from the BIAAZ and AzSCIA on contracted services with the Council

- Cameron Harris, Program Director for AzSCIA, provided an update on some of their 2017 goals of establishing and reconnecting with the community. AzSCIA plan to go to U of A Disability center in Tucson to have a 'Meet the Association' night; will also be starting a new support group for Caregivers and Family members at St. Joseph's rehab center. This week they had PT/OT conference with about 45 students in attendance; in January they had the Adaptive Fishing outing with 25 people in attendance, with plans of seven more outing this year. The second annual 2017 Push Forward conference will be held on March 10th at Desert Willow Conference Center.
- Malissa Mallett, Program Director for BIAAZ Resource Facilitation Service, provided a PowerPoint presentation to review their contracted services: Resource Facilities; Outreach Services (Support Groups and Exhibiting at Community Events); Educational Services (Educational classes and Conferences). Malissa shared some upcoming activities; March 15th is Brain Injury Awareness Day; the annual Rays of Hope conference will be May 12th at Desert Willow Conference Center.

6. Council member updates
Tara Pepiton shared some details on their new non-profit '[Moving Forward](#)', which is an activity and social events for survivors of Brain Injury and family members.
7. Announcements and other items
None
8. Tentative agenda items for Council Meeting on May 10, 2017
Tentative agenda items will include: approval of November 16, 2016 meeting minutes; approval of February 8, 2017 meeting minutes; regular update (e.g. Alliance and Association, Concussion Coalition, ADHS data reports, NASHIA SOS updates); possible presentation from the Statewide Rehab Council, FBU 2018 Budget
9. Call to the public
A call to the public was made with no response forthcoming.
10. Adjournment
Jonny Lifshitz moved the meeting be adjourned. James Pallas seconded the motion, and the motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 3:33 pm.