

**North Carolina State Action Plan
For
People with Traumatic Brain Injury**

Department of Health and Human Services

Division of Mental Health, Developmental

Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services

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Goals and Objectives

Below are goals and objectives to assist policy makers and other interested stakeholders in helping to improve access to appropriate specialized services and supports and increase knowledge and awareness about brain injuries among children and adults, their families, and providers.

GOAL 1: DATA COLLECTION

Objective 1. Collect data on the incidence and prevalence of TBI for children under age 5.

Measure/Milestone 1: Establish as baseline of incidence and prevalence by assessing all existing TBI data sources (i.e., service systems and programs) used to identify individuals under age 5 in NC.

Objective 2. Collect data on the incidence and prevalence of TBI for individuals between age 5 and 21.

Measure/Milestone 1: Establish as baseline of incidence and prevalence by assessing all existing TBI data sources (i.e., service systems and programs) used to identify individuals between age 5 and 21 in NC.

Objective 3. Collect data on the incidence and prevalence of TBI for individuals age 22 and older.

Measure/Milestone 1: Establish as baseline of incidence and prevalence by assessing all existing TBI data sources (i.e., service systems and programs) used to identify individuals age 22 and older.

Objective 4: Collect data on usage of state resources for all ages.

Measure/Milestone 1: Identify the individuals with TBIs using existing data sources who are in state developmental centers, state psychiatric hospitals, ADACT's, PRTFs (Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities), community ICF's and SNF's.

Measure/Milestone 2: Identify individuals with TBI receiving Medicaid who enter jail or prison systems.

Objective 5: Develop a process to identify individuals with TBIs who are in community settings.

Measure/Milestone 1: Identify the individuals with TBIs using existing data sources who are in community settings.

Medicaid Services

Innovations Waiver

NC TBI Waiver

CAP-DA Waiver

CAP-C Waiver

Medicaid behavioral health services

(SUD, MH, I/DD)

Future 1915i Waiver services

Standard Plan Care Management

TP Care Management

Measure/Milestone 2: Identify the individuals with TBIs using existing data sources who are in community settings.

Non-Medicaid Services

State Funded Behavioral Health Services

(SUD, MH, I/DD)

TBI State Funded Services

GOAL 2: COLLABORATION AND DEVELOPMENT

Objective 1: Engage community stakeholders, organizations, and agencies to build broader understanding of brain injury while increasing involvement and opportunities for individuals with lived experience across the state.

Measure/Milestone 1: Streamline current TBI screening efforts to establish a baseline of potential incidence versus total number screened in each LME-MCO graphic area.

Measure/Milestone 2: Explore the integration of TBI screening with standard plans.

Measure/Milestone 3: Maintain TBI screening with tailored plans.

Measure/Milestone 4: Maintain ABI screening at DV pilot(s).

Measure/Milestone 5: Explore the integration of ABI screening with the criminal justice system and homeless population.

Measure/Milestone 6: Identify stakeholders and agencies with seats on the Advisory Council to collaborate with the council to identify brain injury needs and opportunities within their organization or agency.

Measure/Milestone 7: Identify other stakeholders and agencies for collaboration with the council to identify brain injury needs and opportunities within their organization or agency.

Objective 2: Promote active participation among Brain Injury Advisory Council (BIAC) members.

Measure/Milestone 1: Create an orientation and refresher curriculum to promote consistent awareness of the roles and responsibilities of each Council member

Measure/Milestone 2: Develop and conduct a survey within each organization represented on the BIAC to determine level of awareness and organization specific needs.

Measure/Milestone 3: Develop meaningful relationships between Council members and within their represented organizations.

Measure/Milestone 4: Maximize Council member involvement in standing and other ad hoc committees.

Objective 3: Facilitate and initiate brain injury education and training development across the state.

Measure/Milestone 1: Collaborate with provider agencies and organizations in regards to determining brain injury training and education needs.

Measure/Milestone 2: Identify available in-person or online training opportunities related to brain injury throughout the state including but not limited to events, conferences, and webinars.

Measure/Milestone 3: Disseminate current and new training and educational information from sources in state and across the country.

Measure/Milestone 4: Facilitate training and educational opportunities regarding brain injury across the state.

GOAL 3: RESOURCE ACCESS AND ENGAGEMENT

Objective 1. Establish opportunities for advocacy to allow for recommendations related to public policy and legislation.

Measure/Milestone 1: Utilize the results of the needs and resources assessment to identify gaps & needs within the NC service system for individuals living with brain injury to potential barriers, including but not limited to accessing benefits and services, long-term supports, residential options, employment, transportation, care coordination and disparities for historically marginalized populations.

Measure/Milestone 2: Identify recurring funding opportunities for individuals living with brain injury to help the brain injury service infrastructure and sustain the continuum of brain injury care.

Objective 2. Facilitate continued education, awareness, participation and collaboration in community-supports for individuals living with brain injury.

Measure/Milestone 1: Explore gaps & needs identified in the pilot of the TBI waiver with input from statewide stakeholders.

Measure/Milestone 2: Explore gaps & needs identified within the Medicaid Managed Care system with input from statewide stakeholders.

Measure/Milestone 3: Increase Council education and awareness regarding service system changes and updates.

Measure/Milestone 4: Expand public awareness of BI.

GOAL 4: PREVENTION

Objective 1. Enhance public awareness for targeted brain injury prevention efforts statewide.

Measure/Milestone 1: Determine highest incidence of brain injury based on existing data.

Measure/Milestone 2: Determine best and promising practices for brain injury prevention efforts based upon highest incidence.

Measure/Milestone 3: Identify potential collaborators for brain injury prevention efforts statewide.

Measure/Milestone 4: Implement best and promising practice strategies with collaborators