23rd Annual Conference for Professionals in Brain Injury

Asking the Right Questions: Sharing New Answers

April 17 & 18, 2008
St. Cloud Civic Center

This activity is jointly sponsored by
Hennepin County Medical Center
and the Brain Injury Association of Minnesota
Keynote Speakers

Thursday Keynote Address
Positive Behavior Supports for Individuals with Challenging Behavior: Common Sense Systematically Applies
Tim Feeney, PhD, Executive Director and President of School and Community Support Services
This keynote address will provide a framework for the development of behavioral supports for individuals with challenging behaviors that focuses on assessment that is context-sensitive and collaborative and intervention plans that are pro-active and developed to prevent problems from emerging. In addition, positive behavior supports integrate cognitive and communicative approaches, focus on the integration of meaningful activities in an individual's daily routine, and most importantly, are developed in collaboration with the individual and his or her natural network of support.

Thursday Afternoon Special Presentation and Reception
Special Presentation: The Central Park Jogger: A TBI Survivor's Perspective on Healing to Wholeness*
Trisha Meili
Ms. Meili will share lessons of healing from her journey of recovery that allowed her to move beyond being a victim, reclaim her life and become whole. She will provide the audience/participants with a patient's perspective of the non-clinical aspects of recovery, or the "art" of recovery. This includes care, support, hope and trust. Ms. Meili will discuss the possibility of attaining a full life despite the restrictive parameters of a traumatic brain injury.

Ms. Meili speaks at 4:15 p.m.  
Book signing immediately following Ms. Meili's talk at 5 p.m. 
Reception from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.  Refreshments will be served.

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Friday Keynote Address
The Person's Subjective Experience in Neuropsychological Rehabilitation After Brain Injury
Dr. George Prigatano, Department of Clinical Neuropsychology, Barrow Neurological Institute, St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center
The patient's phenomenological state will determine their willingness to engage in rehabilitation, as well as the clinician's ability to identify areas that need to be focused on. The issue of impaired self-awareness versus denial of disability will be briefly discussed and guidelines for approaching patients with these complicated sets of disorders will be considered.

For more information, please visit   www.braininjurymn.org/conference.html
Thursday, 12:15 – 2:30 p.m.

12:15 – 1:15 p.m. — Lunch
• “Family Retreat 2007” by Deb Williamson, Minnesota Department of Education
• Introduction by Courage Center, Thursday Lunch Supporter

1:15 – 2:30 p.m. — Breakout Session II
A. Helping People Without Making Them Helpless: Fun, Functional and Other “F” Words*
   Tim Feeney, PhD, Executive Director and President of School and Community Support Services
   This presentation will provide a framework for the development of positive, personal, and meaningful supports for individuals with acquired brain injury. The ultimate goal is to provide participants with an understanding of a manner to interact with others that encourages humor and fun while simultaneously doing serious work.

B. Building a Therapeutic Alliance with the People You Serve
   Norman Cohen, PhD, Neuropsychologist, Courage Center
   In order to maximize benefits of any therapy for individuals with brain injury, the therapist and client must communicate clearly and efficiently. This presentation will explore the relationship that develops between therapist and client, and the specific strategies to use to form a working bond to smooth the way to success.

C. Ending Homelessness in Minnesota
   Laura Kadwell, Minnesota Director for Ending Long Term Homelessness; Julie Grothe, Case Management Supervisor, Guild, Inc.
   One-third of people who are homeless report a brain injury. This workshop will look at the relationship between homelessness and brain injury and present plans to end homelessness as a “door” through which people with brain injury access appropriate services.

D. From the Past to the Future: A Historical Survey of Treatment in Brain Injury Rehabilitation
   David Tupper, Director of Neuropsychology, Hennepin County Medical Center
   This presentation will review the history and evolution of neuro-scientific and psychological concepts seen as important in empirically based brain injury rehabilitation, including as examples: neuronal plasticity, re-education, electrotherapy, retraining of mental faculties, substitution and compensation of function and constraint induced therapy.

E. Consumer Panel*
   Russ Philstrom, Nicolas Dennen, Aaron Clow, Gene Kaiser, John Johnson
   This panel consists of five men who have experienced brain injury and wish to tell their story. Learn about the personal journey that these men experienced for future consideration as you serve people living with brain injury.

F. Caring for Those Who Serve: Rehab Innovations for Military Service Members
   Jessica Kovacevich, MOT, OTR/L, Occupational Therapist, Minneapolis Veterans Affairs Medical Center (MVAMC); Hillari Olson, DPT, Physical Therapist, MVAMC; Colleen Schreffler, Med, CTRS, Recreation Therapist, MVAMC
   This presentation will discuss the Veterans Affairs Medical Center’s interdisciplinary team approach to polytrauma rehabilitation, including innovative programming, assistive and diagnostic technology, and the importance of lifelong care for our veterans.

Thursday, 2:30 – 4 p.m.

2:30 – 2:45 p.m. — Break and Exhibits Open

2:45 – 4 p.m. — Breakout Session III
A. Asking About Depression: Is It Grief, Depression or Something Else?
   Robert Karol, PhD, Program Director, Brain Injury Services, Director, Psychology and Neuropsychology, Bethesda Hospital
   After a brain injury, what appears to be depression can often be a mask for grief or other issues. This talk will highlight the variables, address how to conceptualize the information the person presents to the professional, and help the professional ask the right questions.

B. Acute and Long Term Nutrition Support for the Person with Brain Injury
   Karen Kopyy, MPH, RD, LD, Clinical Dietitian, Hennepin County Medical Center
   The presenter will review the strategies used to provide patients with adequate nutrition in both the acute and long term settings. Topics will include age specific challenges in providing adequate nutrition, various methods for delivering nutrition support, and new developments in nutrition intervention for people with brain injury.

C. Identifying the Mild Brain Injury – And Now What?
   Marilyn Haight, Sr. Occupational Therapist, Hennepin County Medical Center (HCMC); Linda Mabbs, Speech Language Pathologist, HCMC; Helen Mathison, Speech Language Pathologist; Chris洛gren, Sr. Occupational Therapist, HCMC
   Changes in function may appear even if the CT or MRI appear normal. What tests might be used to identify the mild brain injury condition? What remediation or compensation interventions can be used? What are low cost options? Audience sharing is encouraged.

D. White Matter and Neurocognitive Changes in Adults with TBI: What Does Diffusion Tensor Imaging Tell Us?
   Mary R. T. Kennedy, PhD, Associate Professor, Department of Speech-Language-Learning Sciences, University of Minnesota (U of M); Jeffrey R. Wozniak, PhD, Assistant Professor of Psychiatry, U of M; Ryan Muetzel, Junior Scientist, Psychology, U of M; Bryon Mueller, PhD, Information Technology Professor, Psychiatry & Radiology, U of M
   This presentation will review Diffusion Tensor Imaging (DTI) findings after TBI, describe a recently completed study at the Center for Magnetic Resonance Research, and to discuss the usefulness of DTI given the current evidence.

E. What About Social Emotional Learning?*
   Katherine Utter, LICSW, Social Emotional Learning Coordinator, Intermediate District 287 and Virginia Nyhus, Social Emotional Learning Coordinator, Intermediate District 287
   This presentation will provide a brief introduction to Social Emotional Learning (SEL), including a framework for understanding and implementing SEL to learners with unique needs.

F. TBI on the Inside: Traumatic Brain Injury in the Minnesota Prison System
   Marlena Wald, MLS, MPH, Epidemiologist, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; Steve Allen, Director of Behavioral Health, Minnesota Department of Corrections (MN DOC); Dr. Kenneth Carlson, Neuropsychologist, Minnesota Department of Corrections (MN DOC); Dr. Adam Piccolino, Neuropsychologist, MN DOC
   This presentation is an overview of the prevalence of TBI in the prison population and a more detailed progress report on the training and release planning efforts. CDC information will be presented giving a national perspective on the issue of TBI among offender populations.

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**Friday, 8 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.**

8 – 9 a.m. — Registration and Exhibits Open
9 – 10:30 a.m. — Keynote Address
10:30 – 11 a.m. — Break and Exhibits Open
11 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. — Breakout Session I

**A. Principles of Neuropsychological Rehabilitation in Clinical Practice**
Dr. George Prigatano, Neuropsychologist, St. Joseph's Medical Center

**B. Bridging Homelessness and Brain Injury: Cultural Perspective Approaches**
Dr. Kristen Ryan, Psychologist, South Metro Services; Raye Marie Black, CBIS, RN, Multicultural Outreach Coordinator, Brain Injury Association of Minnesota

**C. Telemedicine Based Cognitive Rehabilitation After Acquired Brain Injury: The Results of a Randomized Control Trial**
Thomas Bergquist, Ph.D., ABPP, Program Director of Brain Injury Outpatients Programs, Mayo Clinic; Susan Lepore, OTR/L, Cognitive Rehabilitation Specialist, Mayo Clinic

**D. Dialectical Behavior Therapy Basics and Innovative Applications in Working with Individuals with Brain Injuries and Borderline Personality Disorder**
Kathy Nesheim-Larson, MSW, CBIST, Director of Brain Injury Services, Mentor Network/ REM Minnesota; Kris Wainright-Tadych, MS, Director of Mental Health Services, Mentor Network / REM Minnesota

**E. Legislative Update**
Jeff Nachbar, Public Policy Director, Brain Injury Association of Minnesota

**F. Benefits of Group Programming for Adolescents and the Strategies that are Most Effective when Working with Adolescents with TBI**
Sara Hicks, LICSW, Behavior Professional, Courage Center; Jennie Lee-Burns, CBIS, Behavior Analyst, Courage Center; Beth Childs, CBIS, Behavior Analyst, Courage Center

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**Friday, 12:15 – 2:30 p.m.**

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**1:15 – 2:30 p.m. — Breakout Session II**

**A. Classroom Interventions for Behavioral Challenges: The Student with TBI**
Deb Williamson, Statewide Traumatic Brain Injury Specialist

**B. Community Integration After Blast Injury and PolyTrauma**
Don MacLennan, MA, CCC, Speech Pathologist, VA Medical Center; Deborah Vuydetch, OTR/L, Occupational Therapist, VA Medical Center; Janelle Gustafson, Certified Recreation Therapist, VA Medical Center; Carol Ellingsberg, MS, Vocational Counselor, VA Medical Center

**C. Neuropsychological Evaluations in the Management of Sports and Other Concussions**
Nancy Spitzack Psy.D., L.P., Clinical Neuropsychologist, Bethesda Hospital; Maida Gunther, Ph.D., L.P., Clinical Neuropsychologist, Bethesda Hospital

**D. Challenges of Abusive Head Trauma in Pediatrics**
Marjorie Hogan, MD, Department of Pediatrics, HCMC/HFA

**E. TBI: One Ounce of Prevention is Worth a Pound of Cure**
Julie Philbrook, Trauma Prevention Specialist, HCMC; Nancy Franke Wilson, Independent Contractor for HCMC; Erin Petersen, Sage Kids of Minnesota, Minnesota Safety Council; Jon Roessler, MS, Epidemiologist, Supervisor Minnesota Department of Health (MDH), Injury & Violence Prevention Unit; Anna Gaichas, MS, MDH; Mark Kinde, MPH, Research Scientist Supervisor, MDH

**F. Severe Brain Injury and Life-Long Outcomes: The Hidden Issues**
Debra Brauning-McMorrow, Ph.D., V.P. ABI Services Diversification, The MENTOR Network

This presentation will discuss the hidden realities for some with severe brain injury including issues of poverty, homelessness, and inappropriate placements in correctional facilities or psychiatric placements. This presentation will also emphasize the importance of continuing to challenge ourselves as service providers and advocates.

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Thank you to our Diamond Supporters:

Has your agency signed up for a conference exhibit booth?

Space is filling quickly.

Contact Melissa at 612-378-2742 or 800-669-6442 or e-mail melissaa@braininjurymn.org to reserve your space today!

For Your Comfort

Please be responsible for your own comfort during the conference. Layering is recommended given the temperature ranges of large conference center settings.

Additional Information

Video or audio taping during the conference requires pre-approval by the Brain Injury Association of Minnesota. If you have questions please call 612-378-2742 or 800-669-6442.

If you require a reasonable accommodation to access this conference please contact the Brain Injury Association of Minnesota one month prior to the conference and specify your needs.

Vegetarian meal options are available if advance arrangements are made two weeks prior to the conference.

Parking is available at the St. Cloud Civic Center, but is limited. Please plan accordingly. City lots are close by.

Lodging

Blocks of rooms have been arranged at the Kelly Inn, Radisson, and Country Inn & Suites. Registrants are responsible for their own hotel arrangements. Please mention the Brain Injury Association of Minnesota when reserving your room.

Kelly Inn
320-253-0606
100 4th Avenue S
St. Cloud, MN 56301

Country Inn & Suites
320-252-8282
120 7th Avenue SE
St. Cloud, MN 56304

Radisson
320-654-1661
404 W St. Germain
St. Cloud, MN 56301

For other hotel information please contact the St. Cloud Convention & Visitors Bureau at 800-264-2940.

Please address questions to the Education Manager at the Brain Injury Association of Minnesota, 612-378-2742, 800-669-6442, janiscw@braininjurymn.org.

Poster Session Information

NEWW this year at the 23rd Annual Conference for Professionals in Brain Injury – Poster Session!

Posters will be available for viewing and speaking with presenters during conference breaks.
Conference Overview

Target Audience
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Acknowledgement
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Statement of Need
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CME and Continuing Education Credits
This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the Essential Areas and Policies of the Minnesota Medical Association (MMA) through the joint sponsorship of Hennepin County Medical Center and the Brain Injury Association of Minnesota. Hennepin County Medical Center is accredited by the MMA to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

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Faculty Disclosure Policy
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Mission Statement
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Registration Information
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Please confirm via (check one):  ☐ Phone ☐ E-mail

Please check the sessions you would like to attend (choose only one class from each of the three breakout sessions).

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11 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. – Breakout Session I
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