Traumatic Brain Injury Strategic Partnership Advisory Council

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Meeting Materials for May 7, 2026

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TBI Council Agenda – May 7, 2026

8:00 – 9:00		Network/Log-in/Light Breakfast
9:00 – 9:40	**Regular Business**	
Housekeeping *(5 min.)*		Maralise Hood Quan, Facilitator
Welcome - Opening *(25 min.)*		Taylor Brummett, Chair Maralise, Facilitator
Mission – Meeting Norms *(5 min.)*		Amanda Kersey Heather Bahme, Vice Chairs
Approval of February 5 Minutes – *attached (5 min.)*		Taylor Brummett, Chair
9:40 – 10:00	**Public Comment**	Maralise Hood Quan, Facilitator
10:00 – 10:20	**Break (check out of room)**	
10:20 – 12:00	**Comprehensive Statewide Plan**	Maralise Hood Quan, Facilitator
12:00 – 12:45	**Lunch Break**	
12:45 – 2:30	**Comprehensive Plan Cont**	Maralise Hood Quan, Facilitator
2:30 – 2:50	**Nomination Committee**	Taylor Brummett, Chair

- Vote on Council Recommendations for Governor appointments
- Nomination Committee: Join the committee!

2:50 – 3:00	**Wrap-up**	
3:00	**Meeting Adjourn**	Maralise Hood Quan, Facilitator

Next Meeting – October 1, 2026, virtual

SEATAC Marriott: 3201 S. 176th St, Seattle, WA 98188

or

Join Zoom Meeting

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Per DSHS policy, we are unable to provide lunch for the public. We encourage you to bring your lunch or make arrangements.

TBI Council Mission Statement

The mission of the TBI Council of Washington is to advise and work in collaboration with the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) and other stakeholders to advise the Governor, the Legislature and the Secretary of the Department of Social and Health Services on the best ways to create and provide an array of coordinated, accessible services and supports which promote optimal quality of life for all individuals that have been impacted by a traumatic brain injury, including their families.

TBI Council Meeting Norms

- Respectfully engage and listen to discussions by allowing one member to speak at a time.
- Address differences in opinion in a thoughtful and respectful manner.
- Disclose any potential conflicts of interest that pertain to decisions made by the Council.
- Adhere to meeting agenda timeframes and refrain from disrupting Council meetings.
- Any accommodation for clarity or support among Council Members will be acknowledged and addressed.
- Provide your name, each time you are speaking or
  Provide your name each time you speak.
- Quorum - Over 50% of those assigned present.

Meeting Minutes: February 5, 2026

Attendees: HeatherLynn Bahme, Daphne Nolte, Katie Mirkovich, Tammy Cooper Woodrich, Cecil Daniels, Allison Garza, Brittany Lenihan (left meeting at 10:18), Amanda Sullivan-Kersey, Chad Anderson, Nick Mehrnoosh, Eric Rainey Gibson, Jesse Fann, Tracy Kahlo, Jessica Blanchard.

Absent: Taylor Brummett, Stephanie Kunold, Kris Rhoads

Others: Heather Bidwell, Maralise Hood Quan, Kim Conner, Lauren Miles, Nazar Borishkevich, Will Hitchcock, Parker, Steven, Valerie Wooten, Janet Novinger, Dru Aubert, Desiree Douglas, Sheri Barronian, Marla Emde.

Housekeeping: Maralise Hood Quan

Meeting Start: 9:08 a.m.

Welcome: TBI Council introduced themselves

- Conversation/Introduction: share your name/pronoun/day activities/how you were appointed
- What do you most wish to accomplish on the Council?

Mission – Meeting Norms: Amanda Sullivan-Kersey, Vice Chair

Approval of Minutes: Amanda Sullivan-Kersey, Vice Chair

> **Motion**: Approve as presented
> First: Katie Mirkovich, Second: Brittany Lenihan
> Yes: 14 No: 0 Abstain:0
> Decision: **Approved**

Executive Committee Report: Amanda Sullivan-Kersey Vice Chair

Ad Hoc Budget Committee Report: Tracy Kahlo, Council member

Overview of report.

> **Motion**: Accept recommendations as presented
> First: Tracy Kahlo Second: HeatherLynn Bahme

Yes: 13 No: 0 Abstain: 1
Decision: **Approved**

Nomination Committee for 2nd Vice Chair: Amanda Sullivan-Kersey, Vice Chair

HeatherLynn Bahme was presented by the Executive Committee serving as the Nominating Committee. No motions received from the floor.

Motion: Accept HeatherLynn Bahme as 2nd Vice Chair
First: Tracy Kahlo Second: Cecil Daniels
Yes: 13 No: 0 Abstain: 1
Decision: **Approved**

Pathway update: Maralise Hood Quan, Facilitator

Discussion:

- Importance of building relationship with local DV commissions, outreach to primary care and first responders, coalitions, and working with Nooksack tribe and Murdered & Missing Indigenous Women and People (MMIWP). Shared importance of working with clergy and spiritual aspect of recovery and healing. Tribal police need more training and need to be aware of extensive trainings police and first-responders already take.
- Council agrees with the importance of continuing this work.
- Sunsetting Pathways and creating TBI DV Committee

Motion: Accept the recommendation of the Pathway to create a committee with a scope based on recommendations. Membership starts with Tammy and Allison with staff liaison and they will inform them when they meet.
First: Tammy Kahlo Second: Katie Mirkovich
Yes: 12 No: 0 Abstain: 1
Decision: **Approved**

Break

Public Comment: Maralise Hood Quan, Facilitator

- **Desiree Douglas**: Describe work that she has been doing throughout the years. How can we, community leaders, connect with the Council?
- **Sheri Barronian**: Thank you and it's great to see forward movement with the Council. Has a 30 year old son with a severe TBI. Cannot express how much in-person support groups are so important. Hosts a support group for young adults.
- **Janet Novinger**: ED of Imaginal Network. Has support group and yoga classes. Hi to Tammy! Thank you for the work you do serving our community. As a community we work

closely together and looking forward to forging a connection. We do virtual support groups as well. The work you do to help families and survivors change the lives of thousands of people across the state. Appreciates hearing about the individual council members.

Report to Council: Kim Conner, TBI Council Coordinator & Lauren Miles, TBI Project Manager

- March: TBI Awareness month. Offered to share materials to Council for their own distribution.
- Heading Forward: shared history and data.

Comprehensive Statewide Report & Plan update: Maralise Hood Quan, Facilitator

- Discussed history and background of the Comprehensive Statewide Plan. Coming up on 20 years since the TBI Council formation.
- Build relationship with local DV commissions, outreach to primary care and first responders, and working with Tribal Nations and Murdered & Missing Indigenous Women and People (MMIW). Important to work with clergy and spiritual aspect of recovery and healing.
- Look at historic Venn diagram of all accomplishments. This will help show where other access points have not yet been addressed. This supports future direction.
- Workforce development: use strategy of resource development for those with TBI for supported employment and helping the workforces serve TBI.
- Continued work with incarcerated individuals.
- Cornerstone/Looking forward: survey data information, staffing levels, how the work is happening.

Motion: Create committee to do the Comprehensive Planning Report and Review.
First: Katie Mirkovich Second: Allison Garza
Yes: 12 No: 0 Abstain: 0
Decision: **Approved**

Meeting Adjourn: 11:31

Nomination Committee Council Recommendation – May 2026

Applicant	Position # & Title
Eric Golike	25 - Expertise on children with TBI - (1-year term)
Isaac Peterson III	21 - Public member with TBI #2 - (3-year term)
Sidney Ritter	19 - Public member with TBI #1 - (1-year term)
Mary Taylor	17 - Rehabilitation Specialist - (3-year term)
Rick Richards	22 – Public member with experience in TBI #2 - (1-year term)
Jason Foderman or Michael Sims	20 - Public member with experience in TBI #1 - (2- year term)
Wanda Oliver	14 - Nonprofit #2 - (2-year term)
Dr. Frank Jackson	6 - Nonprofit #1 - (3-year term)
Sheri Barronian	23 - Family member of individual with a TBI - (2-year term)
Taylor Brummett	16 - Social Worker or Clinical Psychologist with TBI Experience - (3-year term)
Daphne Nolte	18 - Family member of Individual with a TBI - (2-yearterm)

Executive Committee Report – May 7, 2026

Taylor Brummett: Chair

Council Committees:

- Reviewed and approved Budget Committee recommendation: TBI staff to forward to DSHS
- Reviewed and approved recommendation from Comp. Plan Committee to create a:
    - 6-year Comprehensive Statewide Plan separate from the 2-year Legislative report
- Review and approve committee purposes for: Comprehensive Plan & Report and TBI DV committees

HeatherLynn Bahme appointed Comprehensive Plan & Report Chair

Nomination Committee: EC is serving as Nominating Committee

- Vetted 12 of 15 applicants received by the Boards & Commissions.
    - 2 applicants are current council members applying for a second term
    - 1 applicant could not attend day meetings therefore not vetted
- Reviewed applicants and are submitting a slate of applicants for council approval
- EC committee will ask council members to join the Nomination Committee

May Council Meeting:

- Developed agenda for May meeting

Other Business

- Agreed to meet with Secretary Ramirez through the IMPACT Council: Secretary Ramirez is touring the state meeting with consumers and constituents to gather feedback and information.
- Agreed that council presentations should be posted to DSHS website for transparency
- A council member reached out to the EC with a proposal for a subcommittee. The EC reviewed and asked the council member to do outreach to other members to identify interest. Since we don't have a mechanism for this type of request. EC asked TBI staff to develop a form for council members to propose committees and project ideas.
- TBI staff updated EC on the work they are engaged with:
    - Juvenile justice and adult justice systems.
    - DV/IPV systems.
    - Request for Proposal process for implementation of the three new programs: in-person support groups, community integration activities, and peer-to-peer mentoring and navigation. Center for Brain Injury and Research (CBIRT) at University of Oregon was the winning bidder.

- TBI staff? conducting multiple presentations to state agencies such as: Office of Equity, UW Harborview Injury Violence Prevention program, Governor's Committee? Commission on Disability Issues and Employment, DSHS Health Home Program, and ReEntry Council. Tammy Cooper Woodrich participated as a presenter at the ReEntry Council presentation.
- Letter to the medical community on awareness and resources on TBI/DV. This is a joint letter between DSHS/TBI Council, Department of Health, Health Care Authority. Distribution of letter will go out in the summer/fall.

Comprehensive Plan & Report Committee Report – May 7, 2026

HeatherLynn Bahme: Chair Report – May 7, 2026

Met: February 24 & April 28
Attendees: HeatherLynn, Tracy, Kim, Lauren, Will, Nazar, CDR: Maralise, Heather, Steven

HeatherLynn was appointed as Chair by EC Chair

Reviewed Comp Plan & Report Committee Purpose: approved

- Use plain language
- Incorporate storytelling paired with data
- Provide clear context (similar to pillars) to support understanding of the Comprehensive Plan framework.
    - Alternative terminology may be used to improve clarity
- Separate Comprehensive Plan from reporting requirements
    - Conduct a full Comprehensive Plan review every 6 years
- Establish a biennial (every 2 years) report to DSHS/Legislature/Governor Office (in odd years), including:
    - Recommendations on staffing needs
    - Recommendations for updates to the Comprehensive Plan

Comprehensive Statewide Plan:

- Begin development of a framework for the next Comprehensive Statewide Plan in 2027
- Next full plan review anticipated in 2033

Biennial report to Legislature/Governor: (Odd Years)

- Summarize accomplishments of the prior biennium: (compiled by the TBI Staff)
- Develop recommendations aligned with the Comprehensive Statewide Plan

Provide staffing recommendations to DSHS

Key Priorities

- Strengthening alignment between data and lived experience
- Increase clarity and usability of the statewide planning documents
- Ensuring reporting drives actionable system improvements
- Prepare Council Members for May 7 TBI Meeting with background information in preparation for planning discussions and visioning work.

Community Report

- Produced annually, published in July
- Includes updates on:
    - Storytelling initiatives
    - Key accomplishments

TBI/Domestic Violence/Intimate Partner Committee Report – May 7, 2026

Tammy Cooper Woodrich: Chair Report – May 7, 2026

Met: March 10 & April 14
Attendees: Tammy, Allison, Kim, Lauren

Tammy was appointed as Chair by EC Chair

Reviewed Committee Purpose: approved

- Council involvement with MMIWP (Murdered & Missing Indigenous woman and people)
- Navigator(s) to support people with TBI/DV/IPV
- Education & awareness
- Defined first responders to include any responder (DV shelter, police, paramedic, navigator, victim advocate).

TBI Staff shared their work:

- Outreach
    - Juvenile and adult justice systems
    - Court Administrators
    - Justice Training Center
    - DV and training division of police department in Vancouver, WA
- Work already accomplished
    - Updated TBI website for Vancouver police department as resource
    - Focused FY2026 webinars from CBIRT on TBI + DV systems
    - Working with DOH on joint letter to inform WA medical community on TBI + DV

Next Steps:

- Committee to spend time to brainstorm what areas of TBI + DV/IPV they want to focus on

Once the top focus areas are determined, they will delve into assessing how the committee can be the most effective