

## **Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services - TBI Overview**

**State Funded Program** – The Local Management Entity-Managed Care Organization (LME-MCO) are allocated funding to provide TBI specific services and supports to individuals with TBI living in their respective catchment area. The Brain Injury Association is also contracted to provide education, training and TBI outreach activities statewide.

**TBI Grant**- Total of \$450,000 in funds contracted through the BIANC who aims to reach 32,000 people – \$150,000 per year for the next three years. The funds will be used to continue to strengthen and improve the state infrastructure for further development of TBI services, supports and educational initiatives statewide.

**TBI Waiver** - This waiver will be a 3 year pilot for adults whose injury occurred after age 22, 49 individuals the 1st year, 99 the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 107 in the 3<sup>rd</sup> year. Some of the services includes personal care services, life-skills training, cognitive rehabilitation, home and/or vehicle modification, technology supports, occupational, physical and speech therapy, activities to do during the day or help in finding a job, -family/caregiver support.

**Adult and Pediatric Pilot Program**- This was first piloted in Michigan and showed great results in reducing cost, improving patient's recovery and reducing hospital stay. Qmetis, a healthcare software company that has developed a solution and an approach to address the issue of low compliance, poorer medical outcomes, and unnecessary high medical cost. The software solution is, web based, interactive, real-time, decision and support tool that takes the latest approved TBI treatment guidelines and places them into a 90 second tool for clinicians.

**Brain Injury Advisory Council**- The North Carolina Brain Injury Advisory Council consists of 33 members (23 voting and 10 ex officio non-voting members) and meets quarterly. The purpose of the BIAC is to review the nature and cause of traumatic and other acquired brain injuries in North Carolina. The Council also makes recommendations to the Governor, the General Assembly, and the Secretary of Health and Human Services regarding the planning, development, funding, and implementation of a comprehensive statewide service delivery system to address the needs of brain injury survivors. The TBI program provides administrative support to the council.

**Data**- Currently engaged in several data initiatives to assist in determining the number of individuals living with TBI throughout NC. Initiatives include: TBI screenings at five LME-MCO's and a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC), Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) - This is a telephone survey that includes questions specific to TBI, Claims Data Reviews - Collaboration with the Quality Management Section at DMH/DD/SAS to determine the number of individuals that have accessed publicly funded services such as physical health, mental health and substance use service systems.

**Training and Outreach**- TBI training opportunities are available both in-person and online. The TBI Program contracts with BIANC to provide education, outreach and training i.e. Brain Injury Basics, TBI and Co-Occurring Mental Health and Substance Use Disorders, TBI & Aging, TBI and PTSD in the Military and Crisis Intervention Training. Trainings are offered in-person and/or in webinar format. The online training modules include topics such as Identification of TBI among Medical Professionals and the Primary Care Workforce as well as TBI and Public Services in NC. Online trainings can be found at <http://biancteach.net/>