



2021-2022 Advisory Council on Brain Injuries

Appointed Members

Carmine Boal (2021-2023) Ankeny, IA <i>Survivor of Brain Injury</i>	Danielle Brazant (2021-2023) Marion, IA <i>Survivor of Brain Injury</i>	Tom Brown (2020-2022) Madrid, IA <i>Family Member</i>	Brenda Easter (2020-2022) Indianola, IA <i>Provider</i>
Andrea Gomez (2021-2023) Shenandoah, IA <i>Family Member</i>	Justin Johnston (2020-2022) Sioux City, IA <i>Survivor of brain injury</i>	Ashley Smith (2021-2023) De Witt, IA <i>Provider</i>	Mary Underwood (2021-2023) Adel, IA <i>Survivor of brain injury</i>
Frank Varvaris (2020-2022) Cedar Rapids, IA <i>Family Member</i>	Sue Wilson (2020-2022) Indianola, IA <i>Provider</i>	Open (2020-2022) <i>Provider</i>	Open (2021-2023) <i>Provider</i>
Open (2021-2023) <i>Provider</i>	Open (2021-2023) <i>Provider</i>		

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Task Force Members

Executive Task Force			
Chair: Brenda Easter Chairperson	Open Vice-chairperson	Open Immediate Past Chairperson	Brenda Easter State Plan Task Force Chairperson

State Plan Task Force			
Chair: Brenda Easter ACBI member	Tom Brown ACBI member	Andrea Gomez ACBI member	Megan Hartwig Iowa Assoc. of Community Providers
Justin Johnston ACBI member	Geoff Lauer Brain Injury Alliance of Iowa	LeAnn Moskowitz ACBI member	Brooke Lovelace Developmental Disabilities Council
Toni Reimers ACBI member	Ashley Smith ACBI member		Sue Wilson ACBI member
Maggie Ferguson Iowa Dept of Public Health	Jim Pender Iowa Dept of Public Health		

Individual and Family Access Task Force			
Co-Chair: Sue Wilson ACBI member	Co-Chair: Mary Underwood ACBI Member	Connie Fanselow ACBI member	Andrea Gomez ACBI member
Megan Hartwig Iowa Association of Community Providers	Brandi Jensen Brain Injury Alliance of IA	Jim Pender Iowa Dept of Public Health	Toni Reimers ACBI member

Service Systems Enhancement Task Force			
Chair: Open	Carmine Boal ACBI member	Danielle Brazant ACBI member	Tom Brown ACBI member
Andrea Gomez ACBI member	Megan Hartwig Iowa Association of Community Providers	Toni Reimers ACBI member	Mary Underwood ACBI member
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Prevention Task Force			
Chair: Open	Gina Batten Community M	Brenda Easter ACBI member	Maggie Ferguson Iowa Dept. of Public Health
Justin Johnston ACBI member	Vicki Peterson Iowa Dept. of Public Health	Ashley Smith ACBI member	Melissa Walker Iowa Dept. of Education
Sue Wilson ACBI member			

COVID-19 Task Force			
Chair: Open	Megan Hartwig Iowa Association of Community Providers	Megan Henning Exceptional Persons, Inc.	Maggie Ferguson Iowa Dept. of Public Health
Justin Johnston ACBI member	Geoff Lauer Brain Injury Alliance of Iowa	Jim Pender Iowa Dept. of Public Health	Jean Shelton On With Life
Mary Underwood ACBI member			

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