

THE VIRGINIA BRAIN INJURY COUNCIL IS LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS!

Membership applications are now being accepted for:

- Individuals living with brain injury
- Family members or caregivers supporting individuals living with brain injury
- Representatives from public/non-profit healthcare providers or organizations

Who We Are

The Virginia Brain Injury Council is made up individuals living with brain injury, family members supporting individuals living with brain injury, and professionals and stakeholders from across the Commonwealth of Virginia.

At least 50% of the Council is made up of individuals living with brain injury.

Council members are appointed to 4-year terms by the Commissioner of the Virginia Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services (DARS).

DARS provides staff support to Council.

What We Do

Identify Priorities

The Council identifies priorities related to brain injury and shares those with the DARS' Commissioner annually.

Make Funding Recommendations

The General Assembly requires DARS to consider the recommendations of the Council when allocating new funds for brain injury services.

Advise on a Federal Brain Injury Grant

The Council serves as an advisory board for Virginia's federal Traumatic Brain Injury grant.

Member Expectations

Attend quarterly meetings

- Meetings are held on the fourth Wednesday of January, April, July, and October
- Each meeting lasts for 3 hours
- At least 2 meetings per year are held in person in Henrico, Virginia

Be prepared to participate

- Meeting materials are sent out 10 days before each meeting
- Council members should review meeting materials prior to meetings

Participate on Committees

- Council members are encouraged to participate in at least one committee
- Committees meet virtually outside of the Council quarterly meetings

Council Committees include

- Priorities
- Nominating
- Funds Dissemination
- Orientation Planning
- Others, as needed

DARS staff can assist interested individuals with completing an application.
Reasonable accommodations for Council members are available.

To apply or inquire about membership, contact Donna Cantrell by email at VBIC@dars.virginia.gov or by phone at 804-662-7069.