The 8th Annual Pacific Northwest Brain Injury Conference 2010

“Living with Brain Injury: Hope” is the theme for the 8th Annual Pacific Northwest Brain Injury Conference. The conference will be held at the Sheraton Portland Airport Hotel Friday and Saturday, March 5-6, 2010. It is sponsored by the Brain Injury Association of Oregon.

This multidisciplinary conference will address issues commonly faced by survivors of brain injury and their family members, along with established and emerging interventions and practices. Sessions will address veteran’s issues, advocacy, legal issues regarding brain injury, conventional and alternative medical treatments, rehabilitation, state and community resources, working with students with brain injury and communicating effectively after brain injury. Presentations will highlight the latest research on assessing and treating or otherwise coping with conditions resulting from brain injuries, including physical, cognitive and psychosocial impacts, PTSD and TBI, community rehab, survivor panels.

Friday will have a number of distinguished speakers including federal and state legislators such as Senator Ron Wyden, Congressman Kurt Schrader, Senator Laurie Monnes Anderson, Senator Bill Morrisette, Congressman Vic Gilliam, and Senator Fred Girod, Washington attorney, Richard Adler, Scott Laker, MD, Danielle Erb, MD, Craig Warden, MD, MPH, Pediatric Emergency Medicine Clinical Services at OHSU, Larry Sherman, PhD.

Our keynote speaker on Friday will be Fred Flynn, DO, FAAN, is a Neurologist and the medical director of the TBI Program at Madigan Army Medical Center. Dr. Flynn will discuss issues affecting returning soldiers at Madigan TBI Program and how his team is helping them return to duty.

Our keynote speaker for Saturday will be Joan Ryan, author of The Water Giver: The Story of a Mother, a Son, and Their Second Chance. Joan Ryan is an award-winning journalist and author. She was a pioneer in sports journalism, becoming one of the first female sports columnists in the country. Her first book, Little Girls in Pretty Boxes: The Making and Breaking of Elite Gymnasts and Figure Skaters was named one of the Top 100 Sports Books of All Time by Sports Illustrated. She is a media consultant for the San Francisco Giants. Joan lives in Marin County, north of San Francisco, with her husband, Fox sportscaster Barry Tompkins, their 19-year-old son, Ryan, and their dog, Bill. Returning veterans with brain injury and services to help them will be a track on both days of the conference. Theresa Rankin from Brainline.org will present on their national efforts to assist people living with brain injury. Dr. Andrea Karl and her staff will talk about the new Poly-trauma unit at the Portland VA Hospital.

Thursday, March 4, will be a pre-conference workshop on Understanding Brain Injury and Treating the Behavioral Challenges that Follow. The purpose of this workshop is to provide a broad overview of brain injury, how it affects the individual, and the relationships between brain injury and the behavioral challenges that may follow. While neurological, physical and cognitive changes that occur following an injury clearly affect behavior, social and environmental factors often have equal or greater influence. This is especially true in day, residential, community based and other program formats. The manner in which a person is treated can contribute to problem behaviors. How do you handle these changes?

The workshop will explore these factors and discuss how they apply in home, community and professional service settings. There will be a special emphasis on promoting positive supports to help all individuals succeed. This is not only relevant for people who experience disability following brain injury, but also for caretakers, providers and other members of a person’s circle of support. The training will offer the opportunity to study for and take the national examination to become a Certified Brain Injury Specialist (CBIS).
Conference Objectives
At the completion of the conference, participants will be able to:
1. Implement strategies designed to significantly reduce brain injury-related mortality and morbidity in all communities.
2. Summarize recent brain injury-related research with corresponding practical application.
3. Identify clinical management practices, specifically new prevention, diagnosis, and treatment guidelines.
4. Describe public health interventions to reduce the impact of brain injury among different types of racial and ethnic populations and settings (e.g., school, workplace, community).
6. Analyze past brain injury-related interventions and weigh their value in today’s world.
7. Implement health communication strategies and know how to more effectively reach target populations and raise awareness.
8. Summarize brain injury data, including mortality, morbidity, and risk factor prevalence.
9. Create networking opportunities and build partnerships with key brain injury researchers, clinicians, and prevention professionals.
The Academy for the Certification of Brain Injury Specialists (ACBIS) offers a national certification program for both entry-level staff and experienced professionals working in brain injury services. ACBIS provides the opportunity to learn important information about brain injury, to demonstrate learning in a written examination, and to earn a nationally recognized credential.

The Brain Injury Association of Oregon is offering a training program geared toward preparing for the CBIS examination. This training will be delivered in a one day workshop March 4, 2010, from 8:00-4:00pm. Students must attend the entire session. The workshop will include study materials and interactive workshop with Sherry Stock, Certified Brain Injury Specialist Trainer. The National Written Examination will be given at the end of the day, from 4:00-5:30.

Registration fee: $375 (early registration is $350), includes The Essential Brain Injury Guide, materials, instructor time, and the ACBIS certification fee.

Join us for this comprehensive training, and gain your national certification in Brain Injury, with support through BIAOR.

Applicants must complete and submit the required eligibility paperwork prior to March 4, 2010 in order to secure enrollment to this class. Required paperwork includes the following: ACBIS Application Form, Employment Verification and your current Resume. To access the required paperwork forms click here.

Eligibility and Application Requirements:
1. Applicants must have worked or have had direct contact with one or more individuals with a brain injury, 10 hours per week (25% of a 40 hour work week) for a minimum of 12 months. Part-time employment must accomplish the same amount of required contact time within a 2 year period.

2. Experience can be employment and/or academic internship.

3. The qualifying experience must have included formal supervision or have been conducted while the applicant operated under a professional license. Volunteer work does not qualify.

4. The qualifying experience must have been obtained within the 3 years prior to the application.

5. Applicants must have a high school diploma or equivalent.

Attending workshop and not receiving certification will be $75 ($50 early registration), 7 CEUs but no materials included. Book is an additional $60.

Click here to register

Handouts and study guides
**Conference Registration Fees:** Registration fees include: continental breakfast, lunch & conference related materials. Meals not guaranteed for on-site registrations. There are no refunds, but registration is transferable. The following fees are per person:

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**Pre-Registration is required—book and materials on CD included**

| ____ Pre-Conference Workshop—Understanding and Working with BI Clients —March 4 | $100 | $175 | $ |
| Professional Non-BIAOR Member 2 Day | $450 | $525 | $ |
| Professional Non-BIAOR Member 1 Day: □ Friday □ Saturday | $300 | $375 | $ |
| Professional BIAOR Member 2 Day | $350 | $425 | $ |
| Professional BIAOR Member 1 Day: □ Friday □ Saturday | $200 | $275 | $ |
| Saturday Only 3/6 (Courtesy (Brain Injury Survivors with limited means—limited number) | $25 | $35 | $ |
| Saturday Non-BIAOR Member Survivor/Family (no CEUs) | $150 | $225 | $ |
| Saturday BIAOR Member Survivor/Family (no CEUs) | $100 | $175 | $ |

**Scholarship Contribution** (donation to assist in covering the cost of survivors with limited funds)

**I want to become a BIAOR member NOW to receive the discounted registration fee:**

- Survivor Courtesy-donation
- Student-$25
- Basic-$35
- Family-$50
- Non-Profit-$75
- Professional-$100
- Sustaining-$250
- Corporation-$300
- Sponsorship Bronze-$300
- Sponsorship Silver-$500
- Sponsorship Gold-$1,000
- Sponsorship Platinum-$2,000
- Lifetime—$5,000

**Sponsorships (2 day) and Exhibitors:**

- □ Diamond $5,000
- □ Silver $1,000
- □ Gold $1,500
- □ Platinum $3,000 (2 day) $2,000 (1 day)
- □ Copper $750
- □ Vendor/Exhibitor $600 (2 day)/$450 (1 day)

**Customized Sponsorship:**

- □ Continental Breakfast
- □ Luncheon-Friday
- □ Luncheon-Saturday
- □ Keynote Speaker: Friday
- □ Keynote Speaker: Saturday
- □ Other:__________________________________________

**Continuing Credits:**

- CLE, SLP, OT, CCRC, CDMS, CCMC. March 4: 7 hrs; March 5-6: 6.5 hours each day

**Hotel:**

Sheraton Portland Airport Hotel
8235 NE Airport Way
Portland, OR 97220
503-281-2500

**Discount rate is $117 per room per night - Discount good until Feb. 25, 2010. Rooms are limited.**

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**Agenda**

**March 4**

- 8 am—4 pm: Pre-Conference Workshop

**March 5-6**

- 7 am—8 am: Breakfast
- 8 am- Noon: Keynote and Break-Outs
- Noon - 1 pm: Lunch and Networking
- 1 pm - 5 pm: Break-Outs

* Breakfast and Lunch are provided Friday and Saturday
* Thursday—Lunch only