



**B.I.A.P.R.**  
Brain Injury Association  
Peterborough Region

Date: June 30, 2020

Dear Members, Clients and Care Partners,

June - Brain Injury Awareness Month (BIAM) 2020 has been different this year due to COVID-19. Thanks to all who were able to attend our first Virtual Annual General Meeting and BIAM Celebration on June 23<sup>rd</sup> on Zoom. We had 45 participants in our on-line meeting. I would like to acknowledge the BIAPR Board (Kaitlyn, Brian, Jim, Shannon, Nancy, Elaine) for their ongoing support of the work that we are doing at BIAPR. Congratulations to all of our 2020 Soaring Spirit Award winners. The presentations that were shared at the meeting can be viewed on-line at the following links.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aZnPOFB-ZUq&t=197s> – Surprise for ED

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wQfwN23gdqs> – A Year in Review 2019-2020

Please take the time to review. Thanks to all the staff who took part in surprising me with the Executive Director video. Both videos celebrate the work that all the clients and BIAPR can do together. Thanks to Margie Camp – RT, for your video design and editing talents.

Even though June is ending and is the official end of Brain Injury Awareness Month please continue to raise awareness of Brain Injury. Thank you to Gazal Kukreja – OBIA/ONF Stakeholder Engagement for the presentation on Brain Injury Speaks. To learn more and to sign up go to the OBIA.ca website at this link <http://obia.ca/about-brain-injury-speaks/> . Sign up and add your voice to this important initiative. Let's build on the 508 voices already enrolled.

As BIAPR works on our resumption of services BIAPR Rebound Plan, we will continue to offer virtual support with calls, texts, emails, and on-line programming through Zoom. As we move forward, we will take the learning of what has worked well in the last 3 months with our virtual supports and we will slowly add the face-to-face supports. We are confident that with a hybrid of the two we will be able to deliver services and support that fit your client needs while following Ontario Health for implementing COVID-19 safety plans that address clients, their care partners, volunteers, and staff safety needs. Again, it is important that we all do our part and follow the Public Health guidelines of physically distancing, wearing a mask and washing our hands.

Once our BIAPR Rebound Plan is ready and is approved by the Board we will begin to resume our ABI Day Services and in-person support as well as client support at the office. These will be based on client needs to begin with. We hope to be able to move forward with these changes towards the end of July. We will be following Ministry Health directions at each stage of our resumption plans.

Thank you for understanding and please reach out to us if you need support.

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