DESCRIPTION:
The Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Model Systems Leadership Forum provides an opportunity for the exchange of administrative, clinical, research, and educational ideas and information related to TBI and rehabilitation. The Forum seeks to enhance TBI rehabilitation services on a national level through participation of member centers representatives serving in leadership, program development or administrative roles. The Forum strongly encourages participant continuity from year to year, thereby strengthening networking potential and ensuring progression toward stated goals. Invitees are limited to staff who hail from current or formerly NIDILRR-funded TBI Model Systems.

INVITED FACILITIES:
- Carolinas Rehabilitation/Carolinas HealthCare System
- Indiana University/Rehabilitation Hospital of Indiana
- JFK Johnson Rehabilitation Institute
- Mayo Clinic Traumatic Brain Injury Model System
- Moss TBI Model System
- New York Traumatic Brain Injury Model System (Mt. Sinai)
- North Texas Traumatic Brain Injury Model System (Baylor)
- Northern California Traumatic Brain Injury Model System (Santa Clara Valley Medical Center)
- Northern New Jersey Traumatic Brain Injury System (Kessler Institute for Rehabilitation)
- Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago
- Rocky Mountain Regional Brain Injury System (Craig Hospital)
- Rusk Institute of Rehabilitation Medicine
- Shepherd Center
- Southeastern Michigan Traumatic Brain Injury System (Rehabilitation Institute of Michigan)
- Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital
- The Institute for Rehabilitation and Research
- The Ohio Regional Traumatic Brain Injury Model System (OSU – Dodd Hall)
- The Virginia Commonwealth TBI Model System
- University of Alabama at Birmingham Traumatic Brain Injury Care System
- University of Miami/Miller School of Medicine
- University of Pittsburgh Medical Center
- University of Washington Traumatic Brain Injury Model System (UW and Harborview Medical Center)

COURSE OBJECTIVES:
1. By the end of the Leadership Forum, the participant will be able to describe the core minimal competency guidelines for people with Disorders of Consciousness in a rehabilitation setting.
2. By the end of the Leadership Forum, the participant will be able to identify key concepts for patient- and family-centered care within specialty programs.
3. By the end of the Leadership Forum, the participant will be able to outline ways to integrate emerging technologies in current clinical practice.
4. By the end of the Leadership Forum, the participant will be able to generate 3 examples of how to translate the evidence into clinical practice.
### Agenda:

**Social Event**

#### Welcome Reception: 6 – 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 13

Center for Civil and Human Rights  
100 Ivan Allen Jr. Boulevard  
Atlanta, GA 30313

Museum tour tickets are available compliments of Shepherd Center.  
We suggest you plan to arrive at the museum no later than 3 p.m.  
RSVP required.

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**Conference:**

#### Day 1:

**Thursday, April 14**  
Held at the Hilton Garden Inn

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<td>Minimal Competency Guidelines for Disorders of Consciousness</td>
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<td>Paroxysmal Sympathetic Hyperactivity: Perspectives on Diagnosis &amp; Treatment</td>
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**Social Event**

A group reservation at a nearby restaurant will be made for all interested in joining.  
Pay your own tab.

#### Social Event

- **College Football Hall of Fame:**  
  6 – 10 p.m.  
  Friday, April 15  
  Held at Shepherd Center

- **Tour and Skills Zone:**  
  6 – 7:30 p.m.  
  Dinner and Drinks  
  6 – 10 p.m.

**Round Table 1**

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#### Day 2:

**Friday, April 15**  
Held at Shepherd Center

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<td>Sentimental Heart or Skeptical Mind: State of mTBI Science</td>
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FACULTY SPEAKERS:

- **Chelsea Day, Psy.D.**
  A fellowship trained Neuropsychologist with experience working with families and individuals who have sustained an ABI in both the inpatient and outpatient rehabilitation settings.

- **Andrew Cullen Dennison, M.D.**
  Serving as a physiatrist and the medical director for acquired brain injury at Shepherd Center, he provides care to large numbers of individuals with severe brain injuries. He is a specialist in physical medicine and rehabilitation with board certification in PM&R and Brain Injury Medicine.

- **Tana Hall, M.Ed., LPC**
  The family counselor for the inpatient Acquired Brain Injury program at Shepherd Center, she has been helping families cope and live with catastrophic brain injuries. She has been involved with developing curriculum and teaching effective communication using Motivational Interviewing (MI). Tana has given talks and facilitated workshops about using MI in health care and about family systems after trauma and brain injury.

- **Steve Macciocchi, Ph.D.**
  Dr. Macciocchi is a neuropsychologist and researcher with 35 years of experience. He has been a primary investigator and co-investigator National Institute of Rehabilitation Research grants and continues to pursue research in the area of sports concussion and unintentional injury following moderate-severe Traumatic Brain Injury. Dr. Macciocchi has authored and co-authored numerous peer reviewed articles and book chapters on brain injury, including mild brain injury and sports related concussion. He was a panel member of the CDC Heads Up Concussion initiative and he currently serves as a Neutral Examiner for the National Football League Player Benefits Program.

- **John Whyte, M.D., Ph.D.**
  An academic physician at Shepherd Center and project director for User-Centered Research and director of the App Factory for both the Wireless RERC and the LiveWell RERC for ITC Access. He has over a decade of experience conducting technology focused user-centered research, has published widely and has presented at numerous conferences focused on disability and technology.

- **Kimnesha, Pol, PT, DPT, NCS**
  A Physical Therapist for 14 years, she currently serves patients in post-acute and inpatient brain injury settings at Shepherd Center. She has presented on multiple clinical topics for staff education and program development, and has taught balance and vestibular rehabilitation at the PT doctoral level.

- **Ron Seel, Ph.D.**
  Has over 20 years of experience in healthcare-related research with over 50 peer-reviewed publications and over 80 published abstracts or presentations. He is currently collaborating on a project using unobtrusive monitoring technology to assess needs and tailor personalized interventions in the home.

- **Gary Ulicny, Ph.D.**
  Responsible for the overall administration of Shepherd Center a 152-bed not-for-profit specialty hospital serving persons with spinal cord injuries, acquired brain injuries and a variety of neuromuscular diseases. Services include intensive care, acute medical, acute rehabilitation, post-acute and outpatient services. He has over 30 years in the field of rehabilitation with an emphasis on the treatment of people with Acquired Brain Injury, and has published extensively in the area of rehabilitation.

- **Tracey Wallace, M.S., CCC-SLP**
  Tracey has over 15 years of experience using assistive technology for cognition to help people with brain injuries with cognitive-communication impairments function more independently. Tracey is a co-investigator on several active grant funded research projects focused on development and testing of emerging technologies for cognitive rehabilitation, she is published and has lectured nationally on outcomes and functional interventions with the use of technology in rehabilitation for brain injury.

- **John Whyte, M.D., Ph.D.**
  Dr. Whyte is a physiatrist and cognitive psychologist who has specialized in TBI rehabilitation for over 30 years. He is the director of Moss Rehabilitation Research Institute and a professor of Rehabilitation Medicine at Thomas Jefferson University. Much of his research and clinical work has focused on patients with disorders of consciousness. Dr. Whyte was part of the Aspen Working Group, which defined the Minimally Conscious State. He has participated in developing assessment methods for the DOC population, studying their long-term outcomes, and has helped lead studies that demonstrate the efficacy of amantadine hydrochloride and zolpidem in improving consciousness.

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This activity has been submitted to Alabama State Nurses Association for approval to award contact hours. Alabama State Nurses Association is accredited as an approver of continuing nursing education by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.

An application has been submitted to the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy through ProCert and is pending approval for PTs and PTAs.

This course is offered for 0.9 ASHA CEU’s [Advanced Level; Professional Area]

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Shepherd Center has no liability or responsibility for refunds/fees associated with travel expenses incurred as a result of attendance to the CE course that is believed to be unsatisfactory.
REGISTRATION:

Registration Fee: $350

Online Registration must be completed by March 23, 2016. If paying by check, please make checks payable to Shepherd Center and use the attached form when mailing. Checks must be postmarked by March 23, 2016.

To register online, visit https://www.shepherd.org/tbims-forum

Please print clearly. (*Required)

*Name

*Discipline

*Organization

*Mailing Address

*City/State/Zip

*Daytime Phone

*Email Address

I would like to RSVP for a free ticket to Civil and Human Rights Museum for the afternoon of Wednesday, April 13, 2016. (Please plan to arrive at museum no later than 3 p.m. The museum closes at 5 p.m.)

☐ RSVP to Civil and Human Rights Museum

I plan to attend:

☐ Wed. Evening Reception    ☐ Thursday    ☐ Friday       ☐ Friday Evening Event    ☐ Saturday

Please direct all registration information, questions and special needs to the Administrative Contact:

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Kathryn_Farris@Shepherd.org
404-367-1318

Refund Policy/Cancellation Policy: If you cancel your participation in this course, your registration fee, less a $25 administrative fee, will be refunded. Refund requests should be made in writing to the administrative contact. No refunds will be made after April 1, 2016. Canceled registrations are nontransferable.

Shepherd Center reserves the right to cancel or postpone any course due to unforeseen circumstances. In the unlikely event Shepherd Center must cancel or postpone this event, Shepherd Center will refund the entire registration cost, but is not responsible for related costs, charges or expenses to participants, including fees associated with airfare/travel/lodging.

Proficiency Statement:
To obtain continuing education credits for this course, you must attend the entire course, participate in lab activities, and complete all required course evaluations, self-assessments, and pre- and post-tests.

Special Assistance
Should you require special assistance, please contact the administrative contact prior to the course.