



ABLBH Speakers Bureau Guidelines

◆ Prior to speaking as an ABLBH presenter:

- Agree on length of time for sharing/presenting.
 - ✓ Abide by time length.
- Know the time and location of your meeting.
- Learn/Google info about your audience.
- Have a contact name and number in case of an emergency cancellation.
- Arrive 15 minutes or more early.
- Unless told differently, dress business casual.
- Ask host if you should leave time for Q and A.
- Abide by all standards/guidelines of host.
- Do not speak of medical assisted recovery unless questioned.
- Do not speak of ABLBH policies you are not certain of.
- You have been invited to speak as a member of ABLBH.
 - ✓ Do not promote or solicit on behalf of another organization.
- Do not speak politics or condemn any other Recovery Movement.

◆ During Event:

- Distribute informational trifolds
- Introduction of self
- Verbally thank your host.
- Tell how/why you got involved with ABLBH.
- Scripture that you believe best fits who we are and what we are about.
- Share your faith but realize this is not a sermon opportunity.
- Share our story with a positive/encouraging approach.
- Tell story of Brianna and ABLBH:
 - ✓ 6/16/14- Reported as missing
 - ✓ 6/16/14-9/1/14- Multi city & multi state-wide search.
 - ✓ 9/1/14- Body found
 - ✓ 10/4/14- Memorial service
 - ✓ 11/5/14- First meeting of ABLBH

◆ No one can definitively say heroin took Brianna's life, but we know it led her down a dark path that led to her death.

- Body found September 1, 2014
- Pioneer Cemetery @ Jay Co. Conservation Club
- Brush covered her body
- Left there by someone that probably an hour earlier pledged their friendship.
- Smell is what drew two hunters



- Autopsy
 - ✓ Parts of her body still missing.
 - This does not need to be shared if young ones are in the crowd.
 - Memorial service held over a month after body was found (Oct 4th)
 - ✓ In 4 hours, over 600 came through for calling hours.
 - ✓ Memorial service was attended by 250+
 - There are still many questions concerning Brianna's passing and last moments.
- ◆ **A VERSE THAT FITS: Genesis 50:20-** *You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is not being done, the saving of many lives.*
- ◆ **Present Statistics** (contact main office for updates)
- Total Chapters: 47
 - ✓ Indiana Chapters: 37
 - Indiana Counties: 24
 - ✓ Ohio Chapters: 4
 - Ohio Counties: 3
 - ✓ South Carolina Chapter: 1
 - SC Counties: 1
 - ✓ Virginia: 1
 - VA Counties: 1
 - Total Attendance: 900+ in person
 - Assisted into treatment: 1,750+
 - Students and staff (K-12) spoken to: 24,000+
 - Commitment/ Re-commitment to Christ: 700
- ◆ **Denominations involved by location or leadership:** Assembly of God, Baptist, Biker, Brethren, Catholic, Christian, Christian Fellowship, Christian Missionary Alliance, Disciples of Christ, Friends Meeting, Nazarene, Non-denominational, UMC, Wesleyan, (4) Community Buildings, (2) Family Resource Center, Youth Building, Library, (2) Jail, Industry/Factory, Rehab Center, Former Kingdom Hall Jehovah's Witness.
- ◆ **Share Brianna's Prayer, our Foundational Document:**
- *Brianna's Prayer*, as copied from a handwritten page found in her personal belongings just before her body was discovered.
 - ✓ *Please, Lord, look after me and my family. Please help me to do the right thing and to show people that I'm not a bad person inside or out and help me Lord to get through this disappointment again and*

*know I make mistakes but who doesn't. I don't do it to do wrong. I do it cuz I feel I have no other choice. I want a **better life**, Lord, I do. Please help me. Do to me as what you feel is best. I surrender to you. In Jesus' name, Amen.*

◆ **Share ABLBH Identity Statement:**

- *“A participant driven, faith-based and compassion filled support and recovery movement for those battling the battle with substance use disorder.”*
 - ✓ We care more about the addict than the addiction.
 - ✓ We care more about the struggler than the struggle.
 - ✓ We care more about your today and tomorrow than we do your yesterday.
 - ✓ We are not a 12-Step or a church-growth program.
 - ✓ Our goal is not to lead you to Christ, but to take Christ to you.
- Be able to share/explain participant driven, faith-based, and compassion filled.

◆ **Share Missions Statement:**

- *“Providing hope through Christ to individuals and communities battling addiction using support, encouragement and collaboration.”*

◆ **YOUR PERSONAL EXPERIENCE**

◆ **Community Impact of Brianna's Story**

- Brianna's death put a face on addiction.
 - ✓ No longer could our area be in denial.
- Brianna's death opened the door to reducing the stigma.
 - ✓ Suddenly, addiction stories could be told out loud and no longer had to be whispered.
- Point out our contact info can be found in our trifold brochure.
 - ✓ Website: ablbh.org
 - ✓ Main Office: 260-766-2006
 - ✓ Facebook: McRandy Davis
 - ✓ Personal cell: 765-730-4979
 - ✓ Email: info.ablbh@gmail.com

◆ **IN SHORT, SHARE:**

- ABLBH Story/Brianna's Story
 - ✓ Your/Speaker's Story
 - ABLBH Impact on Community



*****ADDITIONAL INFORMATION/GUIDELINES**

- ◆ **These standards are for the purpose of making sure every “host” receives the same factual info.**
 - This will make us more accurately understood as an organization.
 - Each speaker will be on the same page.
 - We want to be consistent.
 - It is one thing to share your story, and another to share ours.

- ◆ **Don’t feel it is necessary to share everything the first time you meet with a group.**
 - Be prepared with the information on starting a new chapter.

- ◆ **Unless you *KNOW* that they *KNOW*, treat each group as though they have little familiarity with ABLBH.**