



STATE OF HAWAII  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES DIVISION  
OUTCOMES AND COMPLIANCE BRANCH  
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**NEUROTRAUMA ADVISORY BOARD (NTAB)**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**August 28, 2015**

Present: Lyna Burian, Angie Enoka, Rita Manriquez, Scott Sagum, Stella Wong  
Excused: Ian Mattoch, Milton Takara, Doris Warner, Valerie Yamada  
Others: Violet Horvath, Director (PBRRTC); Ross Oshiro, Queen's Sports  
Medicine Coordinator; Tina Robertson, Queen's Medical Center  
Neuroscience; Cora Speck, Queen's Medical Center  
DOH Staff: Aaron Arakaki, Curtis Inouye, Wendie Lino

- I. **Call to Order** – Meeting was called to order by Acting Chair Lyna Burian. Quorum present.
- II. **Approval of Minutes from the June 26, 2015 meeting** – Board Member Stella Wong made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Board Member Scott Sagum seconded that motion. All Board Members present voted in favor of minutes being accepted as written. No questions.
- III. **Review of Agenda** – agenda reviewed. No changes.

**IV. New Business**

- A. **Nomination for Chairperson of the NTAB**-After much discussion and with Mr. Sagum welcoming the opportunity to chair the Neurotrauma Advisory Board,

Board Members were in agreement to recommend to the Director of Health Board Member Scott Sagum as Chairperson of the Neurotrauma Advisory Board. Neurotrauma staff will submit the letter of recommendation to the Director of Health. The Board also agreed on having co-vice chairpersons to facilitate the NTAB meeting in the event Mr. Sagum is unable to attend any future NTAB meeting. Those Board Members are Lyna Burian and Stella Wong.

#### B. NTAB Goals

- 1) Board Members were informed that in 2014, under Section 321H-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, was amended to: The Board shall consist of eleven members to be appointed by the Director of Health. Currently, there are nine members on the Advisory Board. According to the statute, the remaining positions must be filled by a spinal cord injury survivor or family member and a member from the private sector business who provides service to individuals who have sustained a neurotrauma injury. Board members provided names of individuals who might be qualified to fill the positions but were encouraged to recommend other individuals as well who qualify for these Board Member positions to the neurotrauma staff for consideration.
- 2) Board Members were tasked to brainstorm and provide ideas on goals for the NTAB for the upcoming 2016 year at the next NTAB meeting. Board Members were informed that they should keep in mind the Neurotrauma statute when developing these goals. These goals should address developing a comprehensive system of supports for individuals with neurotrauma injuries and their families. Goals should also address education and awareness of neurotrauma injuries. Some of the ideas mentioned by Board Members and guests included developing a statewide resource guide for neurotrauma, developing a media campaign to educate the community on neurotrauma, identify community events which neurotrauma can support.

#### V. **Old Business**

- A. Hawaii Concussion Awareness and Management Program (HCAMP) Update: Ross Oshiro reported that baseline totals at this time (July 2015) are similar to baseline totals reported at this time last year (July 2014). Total baselines completed as of July 31, 2015 are at 9451. Football continues to be the sport with the most reported concussions (357) followed by girl's soccer (78) and boy's wrestling (56) in third. Ross also reported that HCAMP has completed three concussion education and awareness events in the community, Play Sports Hawaii and Pop Warner in the month of June and the McKinley High School Concussion Clinic in July. See attached report for additional information.

- B. Pacific Basin Rehabilitation Research and Training Center (PBRRTC) – Hawaii Neurotrauma Registry (HNTR) Update. Violet Horvath, Director of the PBRRTC/HNTR Project provided highlights on the registry. Violet reported effective immediately, their new name is Pacific Disability Center (PDC). It was a lengthy process in selecting their new name, going through pros and cons with a variety of names with the committee finally deciding on PDC. Per Violet, there are 112 unique participants in the registry as of July 31, 2015. As of today's date, August 28, 2015, Violet reported there were 5 more participants added to the registry. For additional information on the HNTR Project, see attached report.
- C. Hawaii Islands Regional Stroke Network Update – Tina Robertson from Queen's Neuroscience reported that there are five current active sites. Two additional sites will be up and running in the near future. The two future sites are Maui Memorial Center and North Hawaii Community Hospital. Tina reported that by far, the busiest site has been the Queen's Medical Center West Oahu. Kauai Board Members questioned Tina regarding the reason none of the hospitals on Kauai are part of this Network. Tina mentioned that Dr. Matt Koenig, who oversees the Hawaiian Island Regional Stroke Network and Karen Seth, former Queen's Neuroscience Director, had met with representatives from Wilcox Hospital and Kauai Veterans Memorial Hospital on their participation in the Regional Stroke Network. Unsure of the reason these hospitals are not participating in the Regional Stroke Network. See attached report for additional information.
- D. Neighbor Island Activities – Kauai: Ms. Rita Manriquez reported that although she no longer works for Aloha Independent Living Hawaii, she did assist an elderly ex-consumer connect with elderly services and assisted living. Board Member Scott Sagum reported that he continues with his education on Surfer's Myelopathy and will be having his next class to educate lifeguards and surf school instructors in either September or October of 2015.
- E. DOH Update – Due to a reorganization, the Neurotrauma Supports program will be moving to the Community Resources Branch under the Developmental Disabilities Division. The move will be effective on September 1, 2015. Due to the move, the new phone number for the Neurotrauma Helpline is: **808-733-2155**. Anyone calling the old Helpline number will be directed to call the new number for assistance.
- Aaron Arakaki also announced that he will be leaving the Developmental Disabilities Division and his last day with the Division is August 31, 2015. He will be taking a position with The Executive Office on Aging beginning September 1, 2015. He thanked all Board Members for their time in volunteering to be Members of the Board and the hard work, dedication, and concern they have shown for individuals with neurotrauma injuries and their families.
- Neurotrauma Supports will be partnering with Queen's Medical Center (QMC) and the Honolulu Police Department along with the Department of Education in fitting and providing helmets to middle school students who ride their bikes to school. Cora Speck from QMC provided information and the purpose of the

event which will take place at the Ewa Makai Middle School. More information will be provided at the next NTAB meeting.

## VI. Announcements

### A. Brain Injury Association of Hawaii

#### 1) *Support Group Meetings*

- a. First Saturdays, 1-3 p.m., Rehabilitation Hospital of the Pacific, Wo Conference Room #4
  - b. 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays, 6 p.m., Rehabilitation Hospital of the Pacific, Wo Conference Room #4
- 2) Fall Prevention Conference will be held on October 16, 2015 at the Hawaii Convention Center. Neurotrauma staff will be contacting and registering Board Members wishing to attend. Registration fees for Board Members will be waived.

## VII. Next Meeting:

Date: October 23, 2015

Location: Kalanimoku VCC and Neighbor Island Sites

Time: 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:15 p.m.