Aloha,

Welcome to the 2018 Injury Prevention, EMS & Trauma Newsletter. This web-based publication is a compilation of member spotlights, briefs and announcements assembled by the Hawaii Department of Health, Emergency Medical Services & Injury Prevention System Branch (EMSIPSB). The objective of this newsletter is to inform partners across the state about EMS, trauma and injury issues, activities, trainings, and milestones related to strengthening our Hawaii state EMS and Injury Prevention System.

Contributions are available under the following categories:

- **Member Spotlights**: Highlights the notable contribution of individuals or partners in the field of emergency medical services, trauma and injury prevention in Hawaii.
- **Member Briefs**: As the central component of the newsletter, briefs partners on emerging efforts, current issues, achievements and milestones to strengthen collaboration.
- **Member Reminders**: Announces committee and conference dates, annual reports, emerging events, technical assistance tools and trainings.

We all do great work; share the news, no matter the magnitude!

Submissions are included if they address the leading causes of injury and death in Hawaii and help to educate, support, and mobilize individuals and organizations to effectively work together in preventing injuries.

Finally, you are receiving these updates, announcements and other important information because we joined several distribution lists. Your ongoing membership is important; we hope you remain involved or interested in EMS, trauma and injury prevention work.
Alvin C. Bronstein MD, FACEP, Emergency Medical Services and Injury Prevention System Branch Chief, can be heard on NPR’s Morning Edition segment “Volcano Continues to Threaten Hawaii’s Safety and Tourism”. He has been interviewed by multiple media outlets offering information about health hazards and symptoms related to volcanic emissions. Dr. Bronstein is the State of Hawaii, Department of Health’s, Emergency Support Function (ESF) 8 representative at the Emergency Operation Center for the Kilauea Volcano eruption disaster.

New Chair and Vice Chair of Hawaii Trauma Advisor Council

Tiffany Lightfoot  RN, EMT-P, MS - State Trauma Program Coordinator

The Hawaii Trauma Advisory Council (HTAC) was held in Hilo, Hawaii on May 11, 2018 at Hilo Medical Center. Almost 50 people were in attendance as Dr. Dwight Kellicut from Tripler Army Medical Center and Louise Fincher from Hilo Medical Center commenced their first meeting as the newly elected Chair and Vice Chair, respectively.

Welcome Dr. Kellicut and Ms. Fincher. Mahalo to Hilo Medical Center for hosting.
Highlights from 2017 Hawaii Telehealth Summit

Laura K. M. Arcibal, MPA — Statewide Telehealth Coordinator

The Department will be facilitating stakeholder meetings between May through October 2018 for the development of a statewide plan for Telehealth in Hawaii. We anticipate representation on all islands. Investing in Telehealth to improve health access is what's happening! The State of Hawaii, Department of Health kicked off the telehealth summit this past October. Summary and highlights here: Telehealth Summit. Next steps are to do a deeper dive through developing a statewide telehealth plan, and we will reach out and encourage participation from injury prevention and trauma system partners who are interested in developing telehealth in Hawaii.

Out of the Darkness Campus Walk at Honolulu Community College

Nancy Deeley—Suicide Prevention Coordinator

The 3rd annual American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP) “Out of the Darkness Campus Walk” was on March 14, 2018 at Honolulu Community College (HCC). Each year a walk is held to increase awareness of suicide prevention and depression. This year it was combined with the HCC Campus Wellness Center resource fair. Kimberly Gallant, LCSW, AFSP President, members of Hawaii AFSP Chapter, the Oahu Task Force for Suicide Prevention, and students working with the campus Wellness Center joined together to organize the event. The Wellness Center provides confidential personal/crisis counseling and community referral services to registered students. The office also provides outreach and educational services to the campus community in the context of mental health and violence prevention initiatives. Over 75 students and faculty participated in this year’s Walk.

EMS-administered naloxone and patient outcomes in Hawaii: Findings from a linked dataset

Tammie Smith — DDPI Grant Coordinator

The Hawaii Data-Driven Prevention Initiative (DDPI) team contributed to this year’s annual peer to peer meeting, “Strategic Planning, Implementation, Best Practices, and Lessons Learned” May 2018 in Atlanta. Hawaii presented and also learn about what other state are doing to fight the opioid epidemic across the nation. The work the Department of Health in partnership with state, county and community leader are doing together is building the capacity of the state EMS and Trauma system and preventing injuries. The team also learned about what other states are doing to fight the opioid epidemic across the nation.

Read EMS - administered naloxone and patient outcomes in Hawaii: Findings from a linked dataset

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Snorkel Safety banners to kick off summer drowning prevention campaign and 2018 Conference

Bridget Velasco, MPH, PT—
Drowning and Spinal Cord Injury Prevention Coordinator

Hawaii Drowning and Aquatic Injury Prevention Advisory Committee, coordinated by the EMS and Injury Prevention System Branch of the DOH has partnered with the Hawaii Tourism Authority for a statewide summer drowning prevention campaign themed "Respect Our Ocean; Know Your Limits". Starting in June, select outdoor malls across the state will display snorkel safety banners with tips to keep visitors as well as residents safe; in July, newly cut ocean safety videos will begin playing at all major airports. Ocean Safety Week is the last week of July and will culminate in a statewide ocean safety conference on Kauai themed "Ko'u Kuleana" "My Responsibility".

Download Registration
2018 Drowning Prevention and Ocean Safety Conference
2018 Annual Fall Prevention Awareness Campaign

Stan Michaels—Fall Prevention Coordinator

The EMSIPSB and Fall Prevention Consortium's 6th Annual Fall Prevention Awareness Campaign launched on June 12, 2018 with a press release from the DOH Communication office. It highlights the 7 main areas of the Campaign’s focus, which includes: (1) 240 public service announcements on 3 TV networks, (2) 15 showings of EMSIPSB produced educational videos on Olelo, (3) daily showings of our TV Special, “Fall Prevention: Securing Seniors Safety and Independence” in all Kaiser Clinic and hospital waiting rooms, (4) FREE medication reviews and balance tests for seniors, (5) City Mill hosted meet and greet events with experts in home safety from the Fall Consortium, (6) fall prevention posters featured on 115 Express Buses (on Oahu) for the next 2 months, and (7) our 33 Tai Chi for Arthritis and Fall Prevention teaching locations conducting tai chi classes for our kupuna.

All of these activities are designed to draw attention to and give valuable information on how to prevent falls. Although Hawaii now has the lowest rate of fall injuries in the nation, we still have over 8,000 per year of our kupuna transported by an ambulance to an Emergency Room just because of a fall injury. That is still too many falls. We must continue to expand our reach and teach every kupuna and their loved ones how important it is to stop these preventable injuries.

See Campaign Content

Upcoming Suicide Prevention Training’s

Nancy Deeley—Suicide Prevention Coordinator

On the heels of the recent deaths of well-known celebrities, a public light is shown on the devastating effects of a suicide. The work of EMSIPSB together with our community partners to educate the public about the risks and signs of those who struggle and the role of mental illness is imperative.

- **Assist**, (Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training), **July 19 - 20, 2018**, 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at Sutter Health Kahi Mohala Admin Building, Hibiscus Room, 91-2301 Fort Weaver Road Ewa Beach, Hawaii 96706. Register via email: KMCommunityrelations@sutterhealth.org or call (808) 677-2805 for more information.

- **SafeTALK**, (Suicide Alertness for Everyone), **Friday July 27, 2018**, 1:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. at the West Hawaii Civic Center Council Chambers (Bldg. A), 4-5044 Ane Keohokalole Hwy., Kailua-Kona, HI 96740. Call: (808) 333-8988 to register.

If you or someone you know is struggling with suicide, contact the National Suicide Prevention Life Line - 1-800-273-TALK (8255) Crisis Line Hawaii - Oahu - 832-3100 Neighbor Islands - 1-800-753--6879

See Website
Violence and Injury Prevention: Comprehensive Index Tool

The National Center for Injury Prevention and Control's Division of Violence Prevention released the Violence and Injury Prevention: Comprehensive Index Tool (VIP:CIT) to support development or revision of state injury and violence prevention plans. Although designed for violence and injury prevention, the VIP:CIT may prove to be a valuable resource for other public health areas. “Also, while the VIP:CIT’s comprehensive nature is a strength, a plan that achieved a perfect score on all items would likely be intensive to create, require untenable resources, and be overwhelming in nature; the VIP:CIT is meant to be applied flexibly to improve the planning process rather than to seek a perfect score.” Lauren Wilson PhD and Angie Deokar MPH the authors behind this new tool, work for the Practice Integration & Evaluation Branch, Division of Analysis, Research, and Practice Integration, National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Read Journal Article

Download Violence and Injury Prevention: Comprehensive Index Tool

SMART Objective Tool

Nicholas Lee Hines, MPH—Hawaii Core SVIPP Grant Coordinator

Public health planning requires the development of short-term, mid-term and long-term objectives that are meaningful for your team and partners. The Emergency Medical Services and Injury Prevention System Branch developed this simple SMART Objective Tool for public health practitioners in Hawaii to do just that. We encourage feedback to ensure expansion and improvement.

Download SMART Objective Tool—Hawaii
The HCAMP BrainSpace is a web-based training tool that provides high school coaches, youth/community organizations, and parents a basic foundation on concussions and its treatment. The tool consists of a set of modules, each with videos, text, images and other supplementary info, followed by a short quiz.

Promote this educational resource with your partners: HCAMP BrainSpace

Recommended Injury Prevention Reading

- Injury prevention: achieving population-level change
- What matters, when, for whom? three questions to guide population health scholarship
- Systemic approach for injury and violence prevention: what we can learn from the Harlem Children’s Zone and Promise Neighborhoods
- Social marketing to address attitudes and behaviors related to preventable injuries in British Columbia, Canada
- Advancing Trauma Center Injury and Violence Prevention: Public Health and Health Care Working Together

Injury and Violence Prevention Policy Fellowship - Still time!

The purpose of the Policy Fellow Program is to support the implementation of Safe States Alliance’s strategic map by engaging members and supporting advocacy and policy making. Program participants will receive extensive training, technical assistance and peer-based support aimed to increase skills and self-confidence to educate policymakers at the local, state and national levels in support injury and violence prevention.

If interested, we can assist you in applying: Apply Policy Fellowship. Application due by June 29, 2018
Injury Prevention Advisory Committee

The Injury Prevention Advisory Committee (IPAC) is a volunteer network of professionals and community members that has been working together since 1990 to prevent injuries in Hawaii. IPAC serves as an advisory group to the Hawaii State Department of Health, Injury Emergency Medical Services and Injury Prevention System Branch (EMSIPSB). It’s easy to become a member and participate in Hawaii’s leader statewide network for injury prevention. Please contact us: Nicholas.Hines@DOH.Hawaii.GOV

Next IPAC Meeting: July 20, 2018

IPAC Membership Survey 2018 Report

The Injury Prevention Advisory Committee (IPAC) has used the Hawaii Injury Prevention Plan (HIPP) 2012-2017 to prioritize and coalesce collaborative activities and substantially impacted injury prevention in Hawaii over the last five years. As the IPAC Steering Committee prepares to refresh HIPP for the next five years, they sought the input of the IPAC Membership to inform future priorities and direction. The IPAC Membership has 104 representatives and is supported by the Injury Prevention System Branch (IPSB) staff who provide expert assistance and operational support.

The IPAC Membership Survey was developed to inform the IPAC Steering Committee about the members views on the value of HIPP, the value of the Core Capacity Recommendations, achievements in injury prevention, future priorities, and member engagement. The survey was crafted under the guidance of Therese Argoud, MPH, Injury Prevention Section Manager, and Nicholas Hines, MPH, Core State Violence and Injury Prevention Program Grant Coordinator. In order to assure anonymity a third-party consultant was contracted to manage and report the survey results. We thank you and value your input and want to share this report.

Download IPAC Membership Survey 2018 Report
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