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NEUROTRAUMA ADVISORY BOARD (NTAB)

MEETING MINUTES

December 16, 2016

- Present: Lyna Burian, Rita Manriquez, Scott Sagum, Angie Enoka, Valerie Yamada, Molly Trihey
- Excused: Ian Mattoch, Milton Takara, Doris Warner, Stella Wong
- Others: Violet Horvath, Director, Pacific Disabilities Center, HNTR; Cora Speck, Queen's Medical Center; Tina Robertson, Queen's Medical Center Tele-stroke; Howard Lesser, Hawaii Disability Rights Center; Dr. Matthew Koenig, Queen's Medical Center
- DOH Staff: Wendie Lino, Community Alternatives Section Supervisor; Curtis Inouye, Neurotrauma; Chelsea Ko, Neurotrauma

- I. **Call to Order** – Meeting was called to order at 1:50 pm by Chair Scott Sagum. Quorum present.
- II. **Approval of Minutes from the August 26, 2016 meeting** – Chairperson Scott Sagum made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Board Member Molly Trihey seconded that motion. All Board Members present voted in favor of minutes being accepted as written. No questions or discussions.

III. **Review of Agenda** – Chairperson Scott Sagum made a motion to include the Hawaii Neurotrauma Registry onto the agenda. All Board Members present voted in favor of accepting the agenda with change. No questions.

IV. **New Business**

A. Neurotrauma Strategic Plan

The Strategic Planning Committee held two meetings so far this year; one in November and another in December. Chelsea Ko, of Neurotrauma Supports, reported topics that were discussed during both meetings, focusing heavily on the different needs of neurotrauma survivors and their families. During deliberation, the committee formulated the following six (6) categories of specific needs:

1. Increasing opportunities for individuals with neurotrauma injury to seek competitive, integrative employment
2. Developing an array of community services and supports for individuals with neurotrauma injury, families, and caregivers
3. An array of services for children and youth with neurotrauma injury
4. Increasing public education and awareness on neurotrauma injury
5. Obtaining better data through the registry to assist with planning; linking to services and coordinating service delivery
6. Ensuring an adequate and trained professional provider network

The list of needs were also shared with the Brain Injury Association (BIA) support group, who were asked to rank each need in the order of priority. The list is not final; further consultation with the Division's Administrator will take place at a later date.

V. **Old Business**

A. Hawaii Neurotrauma Registry (HNTR)

The HNTR is currently on work-stoppage; effective since August 21, 2016. Violet Horvath, of Pacific Disabilities Center, reported of a new HNTR contract that is in its final contracting phase, awaiting a final signature from the Department of Health (DOH).

To date, the registry holds 193 participants. Although there is no current promotion of the HNTR, Ms. Horvath reported a steady number of individuals currently visiting the website and completing the survey.

On other announcements, a statistical analysis report of Year 1 thru 3 is in progress and should be finalized by the end of this month; the HNTR Advisory Board is planning a second meeting once a replacement for former board member Gary Gallagher is established.

B. Hawaiian Islands Regional Stroke Network Update (HIRS)

Dr. Matthew Koenig, of Queen's Medical Center (QMC), announced eight active tele-stroke sites statewide; Molokai, Wahiawa, Maui Memorial, Queens-West, North Hawaii, Kona, Hilo Medical Center, and Queen's Medical-Punchbowl. He also informed of a signed contract with Kahuku Hospital that would allow for the installation of tele-medicine equipment and mark the beginning of tele-stroke services in the community within a two-month timeframe. On the neighboring islands, Dr. Koenig conducted a site visit to the Kaua'i Veteran's Memorial Hospital (KVMH), due to the demands of a tele-stroke setup. To avoid any issues regarding inter-island transportation of patients, Dr. Koenig petitioned to delegate Wilcox Hospital as the primary stroke center.

In addition to the growth of tele-stroke sites, the number of calls and the number of patients have also increased. As of today, there are 231 calls, 195 completed tele-medicine consultation for stroke patients, and 65 TPA patients. Per Tina Robertson, of QMC-Tele-stroke, Queen's-West Hospital is the leading stroke site to date. Currently, Hawaii's TPA treatment statewide stands at 15%, which is higher than the "get with the guidelines" national stroke registry average of 12-13%.

The American Heart Association (AHA) is hosting a stroke and heart disease quality conference in April. AHA is requesting assistance in form of a sponsorship from DOH-Neurotrauma to provide travel stipends for neighbor-island participants to attend the conference. Further discussions with DOH-Neurotrauma will commence at a later date.

C. DOH Updates

NTAB and TBI Brochures:

DOH Staff Wendie Lino proposed the need for a revision to the Neurotrauma brochure; more information and graphics. The Neurotrauma Advisory Board (NTAB) is requested to view the current NTAB brochure and to forward any suggestions and/or comments to Curtis Inouye or Chelsea Ko of Neurotrauma Supports.

The TBI brochure has been submitted to the DOH-Communications Office, awaiting final approval before its publication.

VI. Announcements

- A. Howard Lesser, of the Hawaii Disability Rights Center, reported the passing of Senate Bill 924. The Bill requires certain insurance plans to provide coverage for brain injury therapy, neuro-behavioral and psychological testing treatment, and post-acute transition services for a period of 20 years from the date of injury. The coverages are also to accommodate a life-time cap of \$300,000 per person.

- B. Brain Injury Association of Hawaii
 - 1) *Support Group and Educational Meetings*
 - a. First Saturdays, 1:00-3:00 p.m., Rehabilitation Hospital of the Pacific, Conference Room #4.
 - b. 2nd and 3rd Wednesdays, 6:00-8:00 p.m., Rehabilitation Hospital of the Pacific, Wo Conference Room #4
 - c. Chess and Game Club (board games) last Wednesday's of every month from 6:00-7:30 p.m., Weinberg Lanai at the Rehabilitation Hospital of the Pacific.

VII. Next Meeting:

Date: February 24, 2017
Location: Kalanimoku VCC and Neighbor Island Sites
Time: 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:10 p.m.