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NEUROTRAUMA ADVISORY BOARD (NTAB)

MEETING MINUTES

February 24, 2017

Present: Rita Manriquez, Scott Sagum, Angie Enoka, Molly Trihey, Stella Wong

Excused: Lyna Burian, Milton Takara, Doris Warner, Valerie Yamada

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; Ben Trivino, CEO of Bikeshare Hawaii

DOH Staff: Wendie Lino, Community Alternatives Section Supervisor; Curtis Inouye, Neurotrauma Supports; Chelsea Ko, Neurotrauma Supports

- I. **Call to Order** – Meeting was called to order at 1:50 p.m. by Chair Scott Sagum. Quorum present.
- II. **Approval of Minutes from the December 16, 2016 meeting** – Board Member Stella Wong 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** – All Board Members present voted in favor of accepting the agenda. No questions or discussions.

IV. New Business

A. Queen's Medical Center: Request for Funds (Matter of Balance)

Per Cora Speck, of Queen's Medical Center (QMC)-Trauma Injury Prevention, a proposal was submitted to the Department of Health (DOH)-Neurotrauma Supports requesting funding for a program called Matter of Balance.

The Matter of Balance is an 8-week group program, for seniors 65 years and above, that emphasizes practical strategies to reduce fear of falling and increase activity levels. Due to its cost effectiveness and proven data of reducing the number of senior falls, the program comes highly recommended by organizations such as the National Council on Aging (NCOA) and the Center for Disease Control (CDC).

The proposal requests for \$29,900; funding will be applied towards educational materials and travel expenses for 20 master trainers, to fly in from Maine to O'ahu, to teach two independent 16-hour sessions in the community and to train volunteer lay leaders. The program requires the newly, certified master trainers to repeat the teaching/training process for continuity and sustainability.

Concerns/suggestions that were brought forth regarding topic:

- Board Member Stella Wong suggested to include the neighbor islands to the agenda and factor expenses to the requested amount
- Howard Lesser, of Hawaii Disability Rights Center, recommended to also seek funds from the Weinberg Foundation
- Violet Horvath, of PDC, said she will check with their fiscal department for available funds. Ms. Horvath also noted the need for the program to establish a point of contact (on O'ahu) to oversee program issue/complaints

Chairperson Scott Sagum requested for an outcome data report, from participating states, to further support the Board's deliberation process. Curtis Inouye, of DOH, will email or include the report in the next NTAB meeting.

V. Old Business

A. Pacific Disabilities Center/Hawaii Neurotrauma Registry (HNTR) Update:

A new contract was awarded on December 20, 2016 and will expire on May 19, 2017. Ms. Horvath, Director of PDC, is currently working with DOH to extend the project for another 5 months. If approved, the contract will continue through October 19, 2017.

HNTR has hired a new project coordinator; Dylan Arrieta. The project assistant position is currently open for hire.

The current registry lists 194 people, from all islands except Moloka'i and Lana'i. Per Ms. Horvath, HNTR is focused on increasing the number of registry participants, especially

younger people on the neighbor islands, by conducting more presentations and fewer public events.

Projected HNTR Goals:

- Recruiting more Hawaii residents into the registry
- Educating public and professionals about neurotrauma injuries and registry.
- Information referral services

Other HNTR work in-progress:

- Restarting the HNTR electronic newsletter-with more emphasis on original and local stories of individuals and events in Hawaii related to neurotrauma
- Looking into the possibility of a 3rd party to donate gift cards as an incentive for registry participation, in exchange for some advertisement. Waiting on DOH approval
- Currently finalizing report on HNTR data collected from the first 3-years findings
- BI question, on the current survey, will be re-worded to "Have you had more than one neurotrauma injury?" If yes, HNTR will follow-up with the individual to question the other injuries

B. Hawaiian Islands Regional Stroke Network Update (HIRS) Update:

The HIRS project was developed to provide stroke services to patients by tele-medicine. There are now 8 stroke sites statewide; a contract with Kahuku Hospital was recently executed. The hospital is expected to be operational within a 2-months' time. Dr. Matthew Koenig, Stroke Neurologist and Clinical Lead for HIRS, reported 417 completed calls and 157 patients treated with tPA. The project is seeing growth and success in treating more patients through tele-medicine, in comparison to last year's 70 completed calls.

HIRS Current Events:

- Working with DOH-Neurotrauma Supports to roll over unspent money from Year 1 to Year 2
- Planning for a public education campaign which will target concerns such as:
 - How to identify signs and symptoms of stroke
 - The importance of calling 911 immediately when stroke occurs
- Wilcox Hospital plans to work with the Kaua'i Veteran's Medical Hospital (KVMH) to begin installation of tele-medicine equipment; this would allow Wilcox Hospital to treat patients from KVMH

C. Legislative Update

Senate Bill 924 passed on February 21, 2017. This bill will require 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.

D. Brain Injury Association of Hawaii Update:

No update provided

E. Neighbor Island TBI Activities:

- Board Member Rita Manriquez was invited to speak at the Kaua'i Brain Injury Group (BIG) regarding her progress and challenges of living with TBI
- Chairperson Scott Sagum will be teaching a surfer's myelopathy class next year on O'ahu

F. DOH Updates:

1. *Neurotrauma Brochure:*

The Traumatic Brain Injury brochure is currently being reviewed by the Division's Administrator for approval; the Communication Department will provide the final approval for publication. The brochure's original format was revised for better appeal and presentation.

2. *Neurotrauma Strategic Plan:*

Per Chelsea Ko, of DOH-Neurotrauma Supports, several changes were made to the strategic plan to incorporate suggestions/comments delivered during the last meeting:

- Re-wording of the Mission Statement
- Added a Vision Statement
- Amendment to Goal 1:
 - added in Hawaii Disability Rights Center (HDRC) as a partner
 - objective 1.2- re-word "develop" to "expand"
- Amendment to Goal 2:
 - Objective 2.2-added public education as a partner

- Amendment to Goal 3:
 - Objective 3.3-added working with HDRC to provide self-advocacy training

Comments and suggestions may be forwarded to DOH-Neurotrauma Supports. The Division's Administrator and Branch Chief are currently reviewing the full strategic plan.

VI. Announcements

A. Keiki Awareness Day (TBI Awareness Month)

Where: Nu'uaniu YMCA

Date: TBA

QMC will be conducting booster and car seat checks; helmets will be guaranteed for those who register

B. Brain Injury Association of Hawaii

Support Group and Educational Meetings

- First Saturdays, 1:00-3:00 p.m., Rehabilitation Hospital of the Pacific, Conference Room #4.
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- 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: April 28, 2017

Location: Kalanimoku VCC and Neighbor Island Sites

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

Meeting Adjourned at 3:00 p.m.