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**STATE TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY ADVISORY BOARD (STBIAB)**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**DATE: July 14, 2020**

Present: Rita Manriquez, William Rodrigues, Wayne Parsons, Lisa Dau,  
Brendalee Ana

Absent: Dorothy Ali'ilua, Stephanie Yee

Excused:

Others: Dr. Violet Horvath, Pacific Disabilities Center (PDC); Christina  
"TJ" Donayri, Queen's Medical Center; Karen Klemme, HNTR  
Board Member; Troy Furutani, UH-KRS-HCAMP; Dr. Allison  
Tsuchida, UH-KRS-HCAMP; Danae Jones, QMC

DOH Staff: Chelsea Ko, Neurotrauma Supports; Michele Tong,  
Neurotrauma Supports; Christel Magallanes, Neurotrauma  
Supports

- 1. Call to Order** – Meeting was called to order at 1:35 pm by Chair William Rodrigues. Quorum present.

II. **Approval of Minutes from the May 12, 2020 meeting** – Board Member Rita Manriquez motioned to accept the minutes as written. Board Member Brendalee Ana seconded the 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. None

**V. Old Business:**

A. Project Head, Neck, Spine (HNS) Update:

Dr. Allison Tsuchida of UH-KRS-HCAMP provided an overview of Project HNS to first-time guests. The project is an online health curriculum, promoting education and raising awareness on head, neck, spine injuries. Curriculum is available online and through Google Classroom and targets students of the lower Elementary, upper Elementary, and Middle/High schools.

To date, seven high schools, four middle, and two upper Elementary schools are utilizing the curriculum statewide; total of 1,065 students and 10 instructors. Data reflects pre-test average score of 63.8% and post-test average score of 76.6%. Average summary score is 83.2%.

HCAMP reached out to teachers and administrators the Covid-19 distance learning transitional period. As a result, five new teachers signed up and two schools have started. Efforts are also being made to track down homeschool groups to market curriculum. Per Dr. Tsuchida, the lower Elementary curriculum is complete and currently in the process of testing.

No questions or discussions.

B. Pacific Disabilities Center (PDC) – Hawaii Neurotrauma Registry (HNTR)

Update:

Per Dr. Violet Horvath of PDC, HNTR contract with DOH ended on June 19, 2020. Project will still continue under the direction of the DOH Neurotrauma Program. PDC staff plan to continue to attend NTAB and STBIAB meetings as scheduling allows.

The final HNTR Advisory Board meeting was held on June 8, 2020. They were encouraged to attend NTAB and/or STBIAB meetings.

PDC is working on final documents that will include the annual report for Year 7, final report for Year 1-7, and complete dataset of information collected in SPSS and Excel formats. PDC is also working to transfer HNTR survey from PDC's Survey Monkey account to DOH's Survey Monkey account. The Hawaii, Kauai, Maui County, and Honolulu County resource manuals are being revised based on comments from DOH Neurotrauma Program staff. After completion, all manuals will be distributed to the NTAB and STBIAB listserv.

No discussions or questions.

C. Neighbor Island TBI Activities:

Board Member Rita Manriquez emphasized the need for brain injury education and first-response training in the police workforce. Due to a recent traumatic experience, Ms. Manriquez stated that proper education and training can make a difference in effectively responding to people with brain injuries.

No questions or discussions.

Karen Klemme of the Kona Brain Injury Support Group announced the group meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 6:00 pm via zoom. At the next meeting, a Naturopathic physician will be speaking on dietary changes due to TBI and about acupuncture. Ms. Klemme invites all interested to join the group.

No questions or discussions.

D. Brain Injury Association (BIA) of Hawaii Update:

*DOH Staff Michele Tong reported on behalf of Board Member/ BIA President, Dorothy Allilua.*

BIA Hawaii is going through a reorganization phase. Please contact Ms. Allilua via cell phone if you have any questions or concerns. She thanks everyone for their patience as they work through to move BIA Hawaii forward.

No questions or discussions.

E. DOH Update:

Per DOH staff Chelsea Ko, Neurotrauma Program is waiting on the Director of Health's approval of the Strategic Plan FY 2021-2023. Subcommittees will be formed to address the different areas of concern: public education, provider education, and linking survivors and families to services and resources. Board members will be asked to join one or more workgroups to determine implementation and how to achieve each goal. Ms. Ko thanked board members and community partners for their contribution and collaboration efforts.

No questions or discussions.

The *May is Stroke Awareness Month* virtual scavenger hunt broadcasted on DOH's website is currently open for public participation throughout the month. The virtual post features educational videos and games to promote stroke awareness. Per DOH staff Christel Magallanes, the virtual post was promoted through press release, Twitter, COVID-19 bulletin, and DOH's Facebook account. Data analytics report 38,000 people receiving the post, 224 people clicked on the link through DOH website and 2,500 people through Facebook.

No questions or discussions.

Board members will be contacted to submit a current photo and biography to update the NTAB and STBIAB member directory on the Neurotrauma Program website.

No questions or discussions.

**VI. Announcements:**

Queen's Medical Center has two support groups open to the public. Please signup online at <https://www.queens.org/the-queens-medical-center/queens-medical-center> and click on *Classes & Events*. If no computer or internet access, please call Danae Jones at 808-691-7766.

**VII. Next STBIAB Meeting:**

Date: September 8, 2020

Time: 1:30 pm – 4:00 pm

Via Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/575890360>

**VIII. 2020 Meeting Date**

November 10

Meeting Adjourned at 2:22 pm