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NEUROTRAUMA ADVISORY BOARD (NTAB)
MEETING MINUTES
February 25, 2021

Present: Rita Manriquez, Molly Trihey, Stella Wong, Angie Enoka, Scott Sagum, Valerie Yamada, Sara Farnham, Matt Wells, Leilani Nutt, and Milton Takara

Absent: None

Others: Dr. Violet Horvath, Pacific Disabilities Center (PDC); Dr. Matthew Koenig, Queen's Medical Center (QMC); Dr. Allison Tsuchida, UHM-College of Education (UHM-COE); Dr. Eugene Lee, Rehabilitation Hospital of the Pacific (REHAB); Karen Klemme, Kona Brain Injury Support Group; Ipo Kaihana, Brain Injury Association Hawaii

DOH Staff: Chelsea Ko, Neurotrauma Program (NTP); Michele Tong, NTP; Christel Magallanes, NTP; Wendie Lino, NTP

- I. **Call to Order** – Meeting was called to order at 1:56 pm by Chair Scott Sagum. Quorum present.
- II. **Approval of Minutes from the August 28, 2020 meeting** – Board Member Stella Wong motioned to accept the minutes as written. Board Member Sara Farnham

seconded the motion. All Board Members present voted in favor of minutes being accepted as written. No questions or discussions.

III. **Review of Agenda** – Agenda accepted as written. No questions or discussions.

IV. **New Business:**

A. None

V. **Old Business:**

A. RAPID Hawaii Update:

Wahiawa and Castle hospital are in full operation. Kuakini Hospital delayed launch due to an issue with its radiology department. Kauai and Kona hospitals received RAPID servers and staff are currently in training. Hilo hospital completed staff trained and is preparing to launch service.

No new update on school education campaign.

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

Dr. Tsuchida and project staff will be participating in the upcoming virtual Waimea High School health fair. Video presentation of Project HNS will be featured. Dr. Murata and Dr. Tsuchida are recruiting new UHM-COE graduates in efforts to include Project HNS as part of their classroom curriculum. Project HNS is also creating more videos to market the project. Based on the upper grade level students decrease in average scores, Module 2 of the curriculum was modified to be less technical to increase student understanding. Project HNS will continue to monitor and analyze students' progress. More graphics are being added to the upper elementary modules in hopes of recruiting more students.

C. Strategic Plan FY 21-23 Update:

Provider and Public Education Subcommittee:

- Developed action plan to manage current and future contracts that provides public education, maintain current and develop partnerships, continue annual activities and community events, and market the NTP as information and referral resource.
- To address provider goals and objectives by providing continuing education (CE) opportunities and/or develop a provider guidebook. Board members agreed to an activity that will provide CEs. One member suggested a one- or two-day conference to highlight the provider guidebook. No other feedback provided.

Survivor Subcommittee:

- Received 7 discharge queries back. Survey showed the 2 top challenges in hospitals are placing patient in appropriate care upon discharge and fiscal.
- Currently working on step-by-step mapping.
- Contacted NTP website manager for feedback mapping layout and will work on updating the website once layout is finalized.

Data Subcommittee:

- Exploring potential partnership with DOH EMS and Injury Prevention Branch.

D. Neighbor Island Activities Update:

Karen Klemme of Kona Brain Injury Support Group attended an online presentation by Aloha Independent Living (AILH). AILH has grant money

for individuals who are having difficulty getting online and consequently hindering access to healthcare. The program is called Teleconnect. Individuals will receive internet service, iPad, and training.

E. DOH Update:

NTP received two proclamations from Governor Ige and Honolulu Mayor Blangiardi recognizing March 2021 as Brain Injury Awareness month.

Honolulu Hale will light up in blue, the color Brain Injury Association of America's (BIAA) recognized color of brain injury awareness from March 14 – 21st. A press release will follow.

May is National Stroke Awareness month. NTP proposed stroke education for seniors and high-risk population by using a stroke risk tool to assess the participant's health. NTP will look to partner with organizations that service those specific populations.

Due to budget uncertainty and staffing, NTP proposed the following options to commemorating neurotrauma injury awareness months.

Option 1: One big annual event to address all neurotrauma injuries. For example, a conference to invite leading experts in neurotrauma.

Option 2: Highlight one neurotrauma injury awareness month per year. The remaining neurotrauma injuries will be commemorated on the NTP website during its respective month but on a smaller scale.

One board member expressed that all neurotrauma injury awareness month activities should continue to commemorate the impact of each individual injury. Decision making and discussion were postponed.

Legislation Updates:

HB 1297 – Bill was introduced and would assess the five percent (5%) central services assessment to the Neurotrauma Special Fund (NSF).

HB 1298 – Bill would authorize the Director of Finance to transfer excess amount of the NSF to the General Fund. Bill hearing has not been scheduled yet.

HB 1299 – Bill would repeal the NSF and transfer funds to the General Fund. Revenue from the traffic funds will be redirected. Bill hearing has not scheduled yet.

VI. Announcements:

None

VII. Next Meeting: Neurotrauma Advisory Board Meeting

Date: April 29, 2021

Time: 1:30 – 4:00 pm

Location: TBD

VIII. 2021 NTAB Meeting Dates

June 24, August 26, October 28, and December 16

Meeting Adjourned at 2:50 pm.