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NEUROTRAUMA ADVISORY BOARD (NTAB)
MEETING MINUTES
June 24, 2021

Present: Scotty Sagum, Rita Manriquez, Angie Enoka, Valerie Yamada, Matt Wells,
Molly Trihey, Dr. Sara Farnham

Absent: Stella Wong, Leilani Nutt, Milton Takara

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); Ross Oshiro, UHM-COE; Karen Klemme, Kona
Brain Injury Support Group and State Traumatic Brain Injury Advisory
Board Member (STBIAB), Bill Rodrigues, Chair of STBIAB; Patti
Christensen, Rehabilitation Hospital of the Pacific (REHAB); Jessica
Pomales, PDC.

DOH Staff: Chelsea Ko, Neurotrauma Program (NTP); Michele Tong, NTP

- I. **Call to Order** – Meeting was called to order at 1:35 pm by S. Sagum, NTAB
Chair. Quorum present.
- II. **Approval of Minutes from the April 29, 2021 meeting** – Board Member R.
Manriquez motioned to accept the minutes as written. Board Member Dr. S.

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. Spinal Cord Injury (SCI) Awareness Month

September is SCI awareness month. NTP will coordinate activities for April 2022 in recognition of SCI. NTP suggested a banner to display on lifeguard towers to remind the public of ocean safety.

NTP and the Hawaii Drowning and Aquatic Injury Prevention Advisory Committee (DAIPAC) hope to organize an ocean safety conference to take place at the end of August. Need to identify speaker on SCI prevention related to ocean activity. Target audience will comprise mostly of ocean safety administrators from different counties, non-profit organizations, and the Hawaii Tourism Authority. Potential SCI speaker topics include new diagnoses/techniques or prevention/educational programs.

Ideas suggested: TV News spot featuring SCI prevention techniques; AccesSurf to speak on education and prevention; SCI survivor-Champion Surfer, Jesse Billauer, to speak at conference and news spot.

V. **Old Business:**

A. RAPID Hawaii Update:

RAPID is in full operation at all participating hospitals except for Kuakini. Dr. Koenig currently working with Kuakini Chief Medical Officer to move forward with RAPID implementation and training. Castle Medical conducted first two patient consultations last week. Kauai Veteran's

Memorial Hospital (KVMH) is also live with RAPID and tele-stroke services.

FAST training at public schools are ongoing. FAST teaches students to recognize stroke signs; students teach parents at home. Three schools on Oahu participated in a virtual FAST training. Possible opportunity for summer schools.

The Paul Coverdell Acute Stroke Program (CDC) Grant was awarded to the Department of Health in the sum of 1.7 million over three years. Grant will go towards stroke quality database development, quality improvement and community re-integration after stroke.

B. Concussion Summit 2021:

Concussion Summit will be held virtually on July 8, from 8:00-1:30 pm and July 9, 2021 from 8:00-1:45 pm. There will be seven speakers from New York, Colorado, Arizona, and Oregon. Various topics include sleep, concussion, balance, and vestibular therapy. 127 registered participants; majority are athletic trainers, 9 therapists, 11 professionals, and 20 students. Summit will be recorded and can be emailed to those interested.

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

Data showed 82 new students have started the curriculum, 148 students are half-way through, and 100-plus students have completed. Enrolled two new home-schooled students (1 high/1 upper elem.). Registered five new accounts for home-schooled students.

Average percentage score remains slightly unchanged. Module 2 scores are below 80%; module covers brain anatomy. Student pre/posttest scores have not changed.

HNS have contacted the Department of Education (DOE) and home-school groups to circulate HNS materials and possibly increase enrollment. HNS presented to the Hawaii Afterschool Alliance; curriculum information now posted on their website. Reached out to Kona schools, no response yet. Completed HNS educator; program is being tested and will be distributed to a broader number of teachers. Working on teacher's answer sheet to all incorrect responses to summative questions.

D. Strategic Plan FY 21-23 Update:

Provider and Public Education Subcommittee:

- Will continue to implement public education action plan
- Will maintain ongoing contracts
- Connect Providers to educational opportunities
- Create a Provider resources page to post on Neurotrauma website
- Planning a Social Worker webinar in Summer 2022

Survivor Subcommittee:

- No new update

Data Subcommittee:

- Working with Division Administrator to finalize a request for information for the Hawaii Neurotrauma Registry.

E. Statewide Activities Update:

Kauai-

Chair S. Sagum reported an individual had a concussion due to surfing, unsure of the individual's current condition. Stressed the need to educate lifeguards on concussion symptoms and surfer's myelopathy.

Board Member R. Manriquez shared a personal incident highlighting traumatic brain injury (TBI) behavior. Important to share TBI information with police departments to understand TBI individuals.

F. DOH Update:

NTP conducted TBI presentation to the Maui Police Department.

Announcements:

None

VI. **Next Meeting:** Neurotrauma Advisory Board Meeting

Date: August 26, 2021

Time: 1:30 – 4:00 pm

Location: TBD

VII. **2021 NTAB Meeting Dates**

October 28, and December 16

Meeting Adjourned at 2:28 pm.