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**STATE TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY ADVISORY BOARD (STBIAB)**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**DATE: July 13, 2021**

Present: Rita Manriquez, William Rodrigues, Lisa Dau, Stephanie Yee,  
Karen Klemme  
Absent: Dorothy Aliilua  
Excused: Wayne Parsons, Brendalee Ana  
Others: Dr. Violet Horvath, Pacific Disabilities Center (PDC); Dr.  
Allison Tsuchida, UH-College of Education-Hawaii  
Concussion Awareness Management Program (HCAMP);  
Lydia Hardie, Hawaii Disability Rights Center (HDRC)  
DOH Staff: Michele Tong, Neurotrauma Program; Christel Magallanes,  
Neurotrauma Program

- I. **Call to Order** – Meeting was called to order at 1:36 pm by Chair William Rodrigues. Old business conducted until quorum was established at 2:03 pm.
- II. **Approval of Minutes from the May 11, 2021 meeting** – Board member Klemme motioned to accept the minutes as amended. Board member

Manriquez seconded the motion. All Board members present voted in favor of minutes being accepted as amended. No questions or discussions.

**III. Review of Agenda** –All Board Members present voted in favor of accepting the agenda as written. No questions or discussions.

**IV. New Business:**

Presentation by Board member Dau on fifth and final year of Kapiolani Medical Center for Women and Children (KMCWC) conducting Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) project – Core State Violence and Injury Prevention Program (CSVIPP). Goal of the project was for participating states to decrease injury and violence within their state. Partners in implementation of the program were Hawai‘i State Department of Health (DOH), Emergency Medical Services & Injury Prevention System Branch (EMSIPSB), Your ‘Ohana, Hawai‘i Home Visiting Network, Keiki Injury Prevention Coalition (KIPC), Kapi‘olani Medical Center for Women & Children (KMCWC)/Safe Kids Hawai‘i. The Home Visiting Network works with some of Hawaii’s most at risk populations for violence and injury. KMCWC created a prevention curriculum that was rolled out to community partners via Child Safety Workshops. The five (5) participating agencies represented six (6) different Hawaiian islands. Due to the restraints of COVID-19, the program did experience a one-year delay in implementation, thereby stalling an evaluation to show the program’s effectiveness.

**V. Old Business:**

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

No new schools were added since the last report. However, one of the existing schools is using the curriculum over the summer so there are eighty-two (82) new students using the curriculum. One thousand fifty six (1,056) have completed the program so far and nearly one thousand six hundred (1,600) have been exposed to the material. Two (2) new home school students have started using the curriculum, one who is the first to use the Upper Elementary curriculum.

For the high schools, with the exception of Module Two, average scores are in the range of eighty – ninety percent (89%). In pre and posttest for knowledge, students reflect a thirteen percent (13%) increase, on average. With a total of twenty (20) students using the upper and lower elementary curriculum, test scores and completion of the curriculum reflect a high level of success.

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

Secondary update provided by Board member Klemme. There has been no activity since the last Board meeting. BIA Hawaii recently lost one (1) board member, Shelly. BIA Hawaii continues to work on the quarterly newsletter.

C. TBI News from around the State:

**Kauai:**

Board member, Rita Manriquez - shared experience with a police officer who came to her home. She took advantage of the opportunity to teach him about interacting with brain injury survivors. The officer then asked Board

member Manriquez for permission to share what he learned with the rest of the officers in the Kauai Police Department.

**Kona:**

Board member, Karen Klemme – The Kona Brain Injury Support Group (BISG) Facebook page has the most recent presentation given by two (2) medical doctors on “Balance and the Brain”. Board member Klemme also shared Medicare resource, Premier. Premier assists qualified persons, free of charge, to navigate their Medicare options. Future meetings will include presentations on/from: Brain Injury Project/ Rehab of the Pacific, continence, rehabilitation via tele-health and fraud and abuse/AARP. Board member Klemme will share link to “Balance and the Brain” video as well as Premier contact information to be shared with listserv.

**Oahu:**

Lydia Hardie – Recent visit to Punawai Rest Stop, day program for the homeless, staff shared a high number of individuals they serve report experiencing a brain injury. Staff are looking for support groups and resources to serve these individuals. HDRC works on a Federal TBI grant to address larger issues such as accessibility and rights.

Board Member, Lisa Dau – With new helmets received, KMCWC is ready to do fitting events. Has been approaching vaccination clinics and proposing to fit children who come in to be vaccinated for helmets.

Board Member, Stephanie Yee – Big announcement on the horizon. In the meantime, RHOP is reviewing their neuro service line. A core team of staff look at overall data on patients (injuries, recovery, treatments, etc.) and work

to identify any gaps in services as well as successes that can be generalized to other areas.

Dr. Violet Horvath – continues to conduct public presentations related to neurotrauma injuries.

D. DOH Update:

1. Strategic Plan Subcommittees:

- a) Education: Public – Continue to implement the public education plan.

Provider – Explore idea to create a provider resource page on the NTP website as a “one stop shop” for providers to access a list of trainings, conferences, educational material, etc. Due to funding uncertainty, UH-COE proposal to address Objective 2.2, Return to Learn (RTL) to be put on hold and will revisit proposal when funding situation changes. HNS Educator includes a RTL component which supports to address Objective 2.2 in the meantime.

- b) Data: Planning to post a request for information to get more ideas about how to best proceed with the Neurotrauma Registry.

- c) Survivor: Parts of the mapping that are near completion are being sent to organization who maintains NTP website for input/edits.

2. Concussion Summit:

Summit was held July 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. Ross will be providing a final report at the September STBIAB mtg.

3. Legislative Activity:

The Governor did not veto HB 1298. It is expected \$400,000 of Neurotrauma Special Fund will be taken and deposited to the State's General Fund. NTP will obtain latest information on Neurotrauma Special Fund and impact due to \$400,000 transfer to the State's General Fund. This update will be shared with the listserv.

**VI. Announcements:**

May 11<sup>th</sup> STBIAB meeting was first meeting for Karen Klemme as an official STBIAB member. May 11, 2021 STBIAB was also final meeting for Board member Kawena Young. Although she has not been able to attend and participate in STBIAB meetings recently, Ms. Young was an early supporter of STBIAB and advocate for brain injury survivors. Ms. Young was instrumental in making decisions that resulted in the activities in which the Board engaged shaping the Board into what it has become today.

**VII. Next STBIAB Meeting:**

Date: September 14, 2021

Time: 1:30 pm – 4:00 pm

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

**VIII. 2021 Meeting Date**

November 9

Meeting Adjourned at 3:03 pm

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