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**STATE TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY ADVISORY BOARD (STBIAB)
MEETING MINUTES**

DATE: September 14, 2021

Present: Rita Manriquez, William Rodrigues, Lisa Dau, Brendalee Ana,
Karen Klemme, Wayne Parson
Absent: Dorothy Aliilua, Stephanie Yee
Excused:
Others: Dr. Violet Horvath, Pacific Disabilities Center (PDC); Dr.
Allison Tsuchida, UH-College of Education-Hawaii
Concussion Awareness Management Program (HCAMP); Ross
Oshiro, (HCAMP); Lydia Hardie Hemmings, Hawaii Disability
Rights Center (HDRC); Christina "TJ" Donayri, Queens
Medical Center; Dr. Holly Schonberger, Holistic Chiropractor
DOH Staff: Michele Tong, Neurotrauma Program (NTP); Chelsea Ko,
(NTP); Christel Magallanes, (NTP)

I. **Call to Order** – Meeting was called to order at 1:33 pm by Chair William
Rodrigues.

II. **Approval of Minutes from the July 13, 2021 meeting** – Correction to the Kona Brain Injury Group section; “medical doctors” changed to “physical therapists.” Board member Klemme motioned to accept the minutes as amended. Board member Parsons 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:**

A. Hawaii Disability Rights Center (HDRC) –Lydia Hardie Hemmings:

- HDRC is Hawaii’s designated Protection and Advocacy system for persons with disabilities (PWD). HDRC defends and enforces the human, civil and legal rights of PWD through the provision of information and advocacy.
- Protection and Advocacy system for Hawaii’s 258,000 + PWDs
- Services are always free; no income eligibility requirements; services are confidential
- Services on Information and Referral; Individual Advocacy; Assistance with Self-Advocacy; Legal Representation
- Contact Info: 1132 Bishop Street, Suite 2102, Honolulu 96813; 808-949-2922/800-882-1057; Email: info@hawaiidisabilityrights.org; Website: www.Hawaiidisabilityrights.org

V. Old Business:

A. HCAMP Concussion Summit:

Ross Oshiro recapped on the Concussion Summit, broadcasted online on July 8-9, 2021. Reviewed course objectives, speakers, data and general comments. There was a total of 261 registered participants, 221 who completed course evaluations. Evaluations overwhelmingly indicated educational objectives of the webinar were met and attendees planned to apply what they learned in their practice. Marketing to other professional organizations for future summits will increase and/or continue.

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

From 2 months ago thirteen (13) new classroom students and two (2) Oahu at-home students have started the HNS online curriculum. Eighty-three (83) students have completed the curriculum.

Evaluative data is consistent; no major changes; module two average increased. Evaluative data for upper elementary shows module five at 60% completion. Module five cover responses to spinal cord injury (SCI) questions. Pre-test is 70% and post-test is 100%. Overall outcome shows increase in knowledge gain.

Received feedback from home-school parents regarding vocabulary, too advance for some students. Assisting with curriculum set-up for coach in Kona. Staff also created a “landing” page for HNS website. Landing page

will act as a one-stop shop for educators to access curriculum and resources.

C. Brain Injury Association of Hawaii (BIA) update:

BIA- Hawaii Secretary, BJ Wade, was appointed the new Executive Director, effective immediately. Ms. Wade is currently working on newsletter to be distributed soon.

D. Kapiolani Medical Center for Women and Children (KMCWC):

Board member Dau and Member Donayri conducted a Facebook “live” event on September 3rd for the Leadership in Disabilities and Achievement of HI (LDAH) group. Presentation was on fall prevention and helmet fitting. Post survey followed. Brochures, giveaways, and eleven helmets were distributed. As the event was recorded, LDAH participants were also able to view the presentation after the Facebook “live” event.

Keiki Injury Prevention Coalition (KIPC) quarterly meeting is this Friday. All are welcome to join via KIPC website: <https://kipchawaii.org/>

E. Rehab Hospital of the Pacific:

No update

F. TBI News from around the State:

KAUAI – Board member Manriquez shared a personal incident that resulted in a head concussion. Strongly advised all persons who have TBI

to slow down and pay close attention to body instincts. Persons with TBI have a higher risk of sustaining a head injury.

KONA – Kona Brain Injury support group conducted meeting last week with representative from a tele-rehab brain injury program. Presentation can be viewed on its Facebook website. Next meeting is on October 13th featuring speaker from AARP. November topic on speech pathologies; December topic TBA.

OAHU –

- Dr. Holly Schonberger, DC – returning to Hawaii after living in Amsterdam. She experienced a TBI at 19 years old and chiropractic care was instrumental in her recovery. At Phoenix Wellness Center Dr. Schonberger offers in person and telehealth services focused on brain injury survivors.
- Dr. Violet Horvath, PDC – continuing to give presentation on prevention and identifying neurotrauma injuries to professions, paraprofessionals, and general public. New presentation on advocating for self and others. Waiting on ok from AARP group to present. Receiving assistance from a social worker practicum student from HPU for the next two semesters. Presentations are important to continue although no current funding.
- TJ Donayri, QMC - conducting “Matter of Balance” online course. Designed to reduce the fear of falling and improve activity levels among older adults.
- Brendalee Ana, QMC – involved in pilot program for trauma unit on caring for TBI patients through sleep hygiene. Pilot runs

through December. Will share data results after pilot program ends.

G. DOH update:

1. Strategic Plan Subcommittee:

- a) Provider and public education – no update
- b) Data – submitted a request for information (RFI) but no responses; will regroup and talk to administrator on next steps
- c) Survivor – mapping layout in progress; design a user-friendly layout for brain injured readers

2. Neurotrauma Special Fund fiscal update:

HB 1298 - \$400,000 was removed from Neurotrauma Special Fund at the close of FY 2021. Funds are currently sufficient to maintain RAPID and HNS project.

VI. Announcements:

VII. Next STBIAB Meeting:

Date: November 9, 2021

Time: 1:30 pm – 4:00 pm

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

VIII. 2022 Meeting Date

January 11, March 8, May 10, July 12, September 13, November 8

Meeting Adjourned at 3:44 pm

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