



**BRAIN INJURY
ASSOCIATION
OF HAWAII**

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We're not out of the woods yet. Our Support Group members, family and friends are eagerly waiting for our first post pandemic outing. Those of us at BIAH are closely monitoring the COVID 19 restrictions and will schedule a face-to-face outing as soon as practicable. In the meantime, we are all urged to continue to wash our hands, wear our masks, maintain social distancing and get vaccinated.

**BIAH CONGRATULATES AND THANKS
KAILUA-KONA
SUPPORT GROUP**

BIAH Congratulates Karen Klemme and the Kailua-Kona Brain Injury Support Group for its 27 Years of offering information to the Hawaiian community regarding brain injury topics. In the recent study conducted in Hawaii, information was listed as the number one thing those suffering from traumatic brain injuries want in terms of services. The Kailua-Kona Support Group has provided that information for over a quarter of a century.

The Support Group began in 1994. Karen Klemme was taking a client who had a traumatic brain injury to

Hawaiian Rehab to meet with the Occupational Therapist. Karen and the client remarked upon the client's youth and realized there was no real forum for the client to learn about her TBI and no support. Karen and others ran an advertisement in the local paper and a group gathered and started to hold meetings. The meetings have continued since then. Because of the pandemic, the group meets on ZOOM. It is there to share and support with any and everyone who has access to online internet. Attendees to the monthly presentations are from all over the state of Hawaii and from the mainland.



If you have a brain injury, are looking for some form of rehabilitation but you do not want to leave your home, then Kintinu Telerehab may be your answer.

Telerehab uses the phone or video conferencing to provide physical, cognitive and emotional rehabilitation services. The goal is help clients get back to or improve skills and functioning for daily living that have been lost or impaired.

Alex Stebbing's power point presentation to the Kailua-Kona Support Group in September outlined the services provided by Kintinu. Kintinu is an Omaha based company licensed in 30 states including Hawaii. The company began telerehab in 2018 -- just before the pandemic. Kintinu serves those who have suffered neurological impairments such as brain injuries, spinal cord injuries, strokes, and more. Kintinu is based on a team concept with services typically including occupational therapy, speech therapy and psychology. The initial process is simple. It involves Kintinu receiving a referral, checking insurance benefits and the notes of the prospective client's physician/clinician, scheduling an assessment and recommended therapies and sessions. The collaborative team can include local physician or clinician.



For information regarding their services contact them at the following:

Current website: wwwqliomaha.com/programs/telerehabilitation/

Future website: www.kintinutelerehab.com

Email or call Alex at: alex.mcclellan@kintinutelerehab.com; phone 308-750-1017

TELL ME A STORY IN MEMORY OF JOHN "RED" POLLARD

This is another in our "Tell Me A Story" series about individuals with brain injuries. The stories of brain injured individuals and their resilience speaks to the incredible ability of humans to overcome trauma and prevail. John "Red" Pollard is the jockey who rode the famous horse Seabiscuit. Red and Seabiscuit are considered one of the best pairing of a horse and jockey in horse racing history. The horse and jockey excited the American public from 1936 until 1940. Many have seen the story of Seabiscuit in movies. Seabiscuit was described as a non-descript horse, lazy, with a mean temper. Later it was suggested the horse had been abused. His qualities and abilities were not revealed until he was purchased by horseman Freddie Johnson and eventually introduced to John "Red" Pollard who offered Seabiscuit a sugar cube and cemented the relationship between the two. Red was born 1909 to an Irish family of 7 children in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. He left home at 15 to pursue his dream of becoming a jockey. He took odd jobs until 1927 when he was sold to Freddie Johnson (the owner of Seabiscuit). Young jockeys were considered property in those days.

Red suffered a traumatic brain injury early in his career. A rock thrown up by another horse during a training session hit Red in the head damaging the part of the brain that controls sight. The result was a loss of vision in his right eye. Red kept his disability a secret for the rest of his life. He knew disclosing it would have eliminated him from racing. According to author Laura Hillenbrand in the PBS' American Experience online article, "Without bifocal vision you don't have depth perception. So he [Red] couldn't tell how far ahead of him horses were. He couldn't tell how close he was cutting it. But he knew no fear. He rode right into the pack with one eye." Blinded by his brain injury, Red rode Seabiscuit in the famous Santa Anita Handicap. The event that cemented the love and admiration of a nation. Both Seabiscuit and Red retired after the 1940 victory. Red, however, couldn't keep away from the racetrack. He suffered several injuries, was hospitalized twice. He broke his hip and his back. He nearly lost his leg when a horse was spooked and crashed into a barn. Red finally retired from jockeying in 1955. Following his jockey career, Red went on to do other odd jobs including television, appearing in an episode of Perry Mason. Red died in 1981 having lived a life every bit as incredible and inspiring as that of the famous horse Seabiscuit.



Photo by Corbis

For more details re John "Red" Pollard see <https://en.wikipedia.org> Red Pollard and <https://www.pbs.org/wgbh/americanexperience/features/seabiscuit-biography-red-pollard/>

TBI CLINICAL TRIAL



Catherine Mitchell, BIAH VP Dr. Kent Yamamoto
and Jessalyn Lau

The World Health Organization (WHO) defines a [clinical trial](#) (or study) as “any research study that prospectively assigns human participants or groups of humans to one or more health-related interventions to evaluate the effects on health outcomes. Interventions include but are not restricted to drugs, cells and other biological products, surgical procedures, radiological procedures, devices, behavioral treatments, process-of-care changes, preventive care, etc.”

Dr. Kent Yamamoto, Catherine Mitchell, and Jessalyn Lau are calling for volunteers **on all islands** to participate in a clinical study to assess the efficacy, safety, and tolerability of AVP-786 for the treatment of aggression, agitation, and irritability in patients with traumatic brain injuries. For more information regarding AVP-786 and this study contact

CATHERINE MITCHELL at 808-564-6141

Has traumatic brain injury changed what's inside you or a loved one?

Please visit www.TBIBehaviorStudy.com.

CONTACT: CATHERINE M.
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If you or someone you care about has experienced traumatic brain injury (TBI) and is showing symptoms of **aggression, agitation, and irritability**, learn more about this research study of an investigational drug for behavioral problems due to TBI.

To pre-qualify for this study, subjects must:

- Be between 18 and 75 years old
- Have been diagnosed with TBI for 6 months or more
- Have a history of aggression, agitation, or irritability that was not present before the injury
- Have a reliable participant study partner who interacts with the participant at least 2 hours a day for at least 3 days a week

Additional criteria will be assessed by the study doctor. All study-related visits, tests, and drugs will be provided at no cost. In addition, reimbursement for study-related travel may be provided.

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**VIRTUALLY SPEAKING
KAILUA-KONA SUPPORT GROUP
PRESENTATIONS**

OCTOBER 13 - Ed Hickey from AARP Hawaii will speak on the "Fraud Watch." According to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, millions of elderly Americans fall victim to some type of financial fraud or confidence scheme, including romance, lottery, and sweepstakes scams. Elderly individuals are the most frequent targets of fraud because they tend to be more trusting than younger individuals. Fraud schemes are performed over the telephone, door-to-door or through advertisements. The Federal Trade Commission Protecting America's Consumers reports that the elderly are especially targeted during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The presentation will arm you with the latest data on fraud trends and provide tips and resources to help spot and avoid fraud so you can protect yourself and your family. We'll also introduce the AARP Fraud Watch Network which has proven resources and tools that you can access online to avoid identity theft and fraud on an ongoing basis.

Wednesday, October 13, 2021 at 6pm.
Via zoom.com. Meeting ID is 98997548497.

Contact Karen Klemme with questions
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[email: kklemme@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:kklemme@hawaii.rr.com).

NOVEMBER 10 - Alana Heuer-Salazar SLP. a speech therapist with Hawaiian Rehab Services. She will talk about the role of a speech therapist in Cognitive Communication evaluation and treatment.

DECEMBER 8 - Dr. Robert Cole. Topic still pending.



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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Brain injury is not an event or an outcome. It is the start of a misdiagnosed misunderstood, underfunded neurological disease. People who sustain brain injuries must have timely access to expert trauma care, specialized rehabilitation, lifelong disease management, and individualized services and support in order to live healthy, independent, and satisfying lives. You can help us continue to provide support to those in Hawaii with traumatic brain injury, their families and their caregivers by being a member of Brain Injury Association of Hawaii (BIAH) and making a donation.

In addition, your membership entitles you to our quarterly newsletters, podcasts, virtual seminars and other events.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$10/yr - Individual Members | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$50/yr - Organization Affiliates & Friends of BIAH |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$15/yr - Family & Caregivers | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$100 Tax Deductible Donation BIAH is a 501(c)(3) organization |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$25/yr - Individual Professional Affiliates
(RN, MD, Ph.D, PsyD, Esq.) | |

Please mail and make checks payable to:

**Brain Injury Association of Hawaii
1221 Kapiolani Boulevard, PH 50
Honolulu, Hawaii 96814**

First Name: _____

Organization Name : _____

Address : _____

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Your Occupation: _____

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING BRAIN INJURY ASSOCIATION OF HAWAII



BIAH has a new look. See our Facebook Page and our Webpage. Call us if you have questions and want information about brain injuries. We may not know the answer to your query, but we will search until we find one.

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