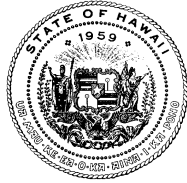


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NEUROTRAUMA ADVISORY BOARD (NTAB)
MEETING MINUTES
October 28, 2021

Present: Scotty Sagum, Rita Manriquez, Angie Enoka, Valerie Yamada, Molly Trihey, Stella Wong, Milton Takara, Dr. Eugene Lee

Absent: Leilani Nutt, Matt Wells

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); Karen Klemme, Kona Brain Injury Support Group and State Traumatic Brain Injury Advisory Board Member (STBIAB), Bill Rodrigues, Chair of STBIAB; Jessica Pomales, PDC; Lydia Hardie Hemmings, Hawaii Disability Rights Center (HDRC); Ipo Kaihana, Brain Injury Association Hawaii (BIA-HI), Danae Jones (QMC)

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

- I. **Call to Order** – Meeting was called to order at 1:33 pm by Chair S. Sagum. Quorum present.
- II. **Approval of Minutes from the June 24, 2021 meeting** –Misspelling of last name “Rodriguez” in the “others” section of page one. Correction noted to replace with

“s” instead of “z.” Board member M. Trihey motioned to accept the minutes as noted. Board member A. Enoka seconded the motion. All Board members present voted in favor of minutes being accepted as noted. No questions or discussions.

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

IV. **New Business:**

A. Brain Injury (BI) Awareness Month

March is BI awareness month. NTP proposed to organize a resources fair in 2022 for BI survivors and veterans; fair to be veteran focused. Resources fair to assist with application, information, and benefits. Will announce if event will be in-person, virtual, or both.

V. **Old Business:**

A. RAPID Hawaii Update:

Four sites are completely operational: Wahiawa General, Hilo Medical, Castle Medical, and Kona Community Hospital. Kauai Veteran’s Medical Hospital (KVMH) will begin training on Nov. 3rd. RAPID scans expected thereafter. Kuakini is not yet operational.

As of January 2021, data showed 906 successful scans and 45 unsuccessful scans, representing a 95% success rate. Dr. Koenig briefed on patient count and demographics. Will provide report on the impact of RAPID and other metrics in the next meeting.

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

Enrollment increased by 92 students since the last update. Nearly 1,700 students enrolled since project began. 87 more students progressed mid-way. No new at-home students. Educator’s course rollout began with three people; two completed the course and provided positive feedback.

Evaluative data shows modules 1-8 all above 80%; average score almost 92%. Pre/posttest slightly increased.

HNS attended the Aha Lokahi conference as a virtual vendor. HNS talked to program providers and Hawaiian emergence schools. Made updates to upper elementary curriculum based on comment/feedback. DOE contacted HNS; project may be considered as part of school health curriculum.

C. Strategic Plan FY 21-23 Update:

Provider and Public Education Subcommittee:

- DOH staff, Chelsea Ko taking over as group facilitator
- Will schedule upcoming meeting to discuss ideas moving forward; please contact Ms. Ko if interested in joining the meeting
- Looking into TBI screening and partnering with providers in the community

Survivor Subcommittee:

- Continuing with the discharge mapping
- Brainstorming ideas for registry; talked with Aloha United Way to learn about 211 resource site

Data Subcommittee:

- Looking at different options for registry
- Random survey to all of Hawaii; added question to the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System survey to capture the prevalence of TBI and spinal cord injury; survey indicated 3% had stroke in the past; should receive results in 2022

D. Statewide Activities Update:

(Kauai)- Chair S. Sagum was asked by Kauai Fire Department to conduct a surfer's myelopathy class. 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.

(Hawaii) – Ms. Klemme announced upcoming meetings/speakers for the Kona Brain Injury support group: Nov. 10th – speech pathologists; Dec. 8th – survivor of two concussions who is now a chiropractor; Jan. 2022 – physician presentation on research project on oxygen; Feb. 9th – Dr. Violet Horvath speaking on self-advocacy. Kona BI will celebrate 28 years in 2022.

E. DOH Update:

No new update

Announcements:

None

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

Date: December 16, 2021

Time: 1:30 – 4:00 pm

Location: TBD

VII. **2022 NTAB Meeting Dates**

February 24, April 28, June 23, August 25, October 27, December 15

Meeting Adjourned at 2:40pm