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STATE TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY ADVISORY BOARD (STBIAB)
MEETING MINUTES
January 11, 2022

Present: Rita Manriquez, William Rodrigues, Wayne Parsons, Lisa Dau, Brendalee Ana, Karen Klemme
Absent: Dorothy Aliilua
Others: Dr. Violet Horvath, Pacific Disabilities Center (PDC); Jessica Pomales, PDC; Dr. Allison Tsuchida, UHM-College of Education (UHM-COE); Lydia Hardie Hemmings, Hawaii Disability Rights Center (HDRC); Kristin Keech, Queens Medical Center (QMC); Stephanie Yee, Rehabilitation Hospital of the Pacific (RHOP); Dr. Gina Bien, (RHOP)
DOH Staff: Michele Tong, Neurotrauma Program (NTP); Chelsea Ko, NTP

- I. **Call to Order** – Meeting was called to order at 1:37 pm by Chair William Rodrigues. Quorum present.
- II. **Approval of Minutes from the November 9, 2021 meeting** – Board Member Karen Klemme motioned to accept the minutes as written. Board Member Rita Manriquez seconded the motion. All Board Members present voted in favor of

minutes being accepted with correction of the name of the presenter for January 2022's Kona Injury Support Group. No questions or discussions.

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

IV. **New Business:**

A. None.

V. **Old Business:**

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

(Dr. Tsuchida reporting). One teacher is using the curriculum more than once. Seventy-six new students enrolled. Total of 86 students completed the curriculum since the last update. No new at-home students. HNS is actively reaching out to the home-school community and charter schools.

Evaluative data on Module 2 (Intro to the Brain) showed a slight increase in percentage numbers. Pre and post-test scores are reflective of a 13% increase in knowledge. Demographics on the Educator course includes two new teachers: total of five educators thus far (4 at high school and 1 at middle school level).

In other updates, HNS mailed brain balls to an elementary school on the Big Island. PE teacher is working to implement HNS curriculum with 650 students. DOE approved the HNS professional development course. New upper elementary students signed-up but only pre-test data is available.

B. Brain Injury Association of Hawaii Update:

No new update.

C. Kapiolani Medical Center for Women and Children (KMCW) Update:

(Lisa Dau reporting). Working with internal (KMCW) media/marketing to produce a year-long worth of marketing/media awareness for home safety and window safety. Will feature monthly social media feeds and PSAs.

D. TBI News from around the State:

(Oahu- Dr. Violet Horvath, PDC). Received an email from a Kauai student on an upcoming health fair in April. Health fair will both be in-person and a virtual event. If interested in participating, please contact Dr. Horvath.

The January Neurotrauma newsletter was released on January 3rd. For anyone interested in subscribing or providing feedback/suggestions, please reach out to Dr. Horvath.

Upcoming presentations: In February, will present on trauma and physical disabilities. Will speak to the Kona Brain Injury support group on self-advocacy. Presenting four sessions at St. Francis on preventing/identifying neurotrauma injuries and basics of self-advocacy. In March, will present at the Hawaii Summit on Homelessness, Violence, and Brain Injury.

(Oahu- Stephanie Yee, RHOP). Introduced Dr. Bien as the new representative from RHOP. Dr. Bien will replace Stephanie Yee on the STBIAB.

(Oahu – Lydia Hardie-Hemmings, HDRC). Currently working a video that encourages people with SSI or SSDI benefits to join/re-join the workforce. Joining the workforce does not mean losing benefits. Waiting on SSA approval. Once video is finalized will share with the board on a future meeting date.

(*Hawaii – Karen Klemme, Kona Brain Injury Support Group*). Speaker Dr. Robert Code from Canada will talk about oxygen therapy at tomorrow’s meeting. In February, Dr. Violet Horvath will speak on self-advocacy; in March, Dr. Holly Schonberger will speak as a brain injury survivor; in April, speaker (TBA) to talk about living a healthy lifestyle- exercise, good nutrition, and making good healthy choices.

(*Oahu – Kristen Keech, QMC*). A group of medical professionals did an evidence-based practice fellowship for a year on sleep hygiene after traumatic brain injury (TBI). Practice focused on the acute phase immediately after injury in a hospital setting. Group created a sleep-wake protocol for survivors of TBI that involved daily routine. Goal is to promote sleep hygiene and minimize further cognitive limitations or behaviors that might be associated with poor sleep on top of TBI. Program was rolled out in August. Will share data in a future meeting.

E. DOH Update – FY 21-23 Strategic Plan Update:

(*Data Subcommittee*). Still working on plans for the neurotrauma registry. Will present once finalized.

(*Provider and Public Education Subcommittee*). Reached out to hospitals to find out what information they provide to survivors upon discharge. Looking for other ways to help, such as including tips for survivors. Hoping to sponsor a presenter to continue educating on the topic of “working with survivors of brain injury.” Reached out to providers for other suggestions.

(*Survivor Subcommittee*). Discussing an upgrade to the Neurotrauma website to meet system expectations in data collection with United Aloha Way.

VI. Announcements:

A. Upcoming Iowa presentation:

(March 8th). Iowa’s Dept. of Health/Child Welfare Services and Brain Injury Association created a pilot program to assist head injured adults involved with child welfare system. Program addresses issues that are keeping participants from accomplishing requirements to retain or regain custody of the involved child(ren). The main goal of the project is to keep families together. Presentation will be conducted during the March 8th STBIAB meeting.

B. *(March 1st)*. Helmet Giveaway (in-person) at Leeward Community College *(partnership with QMC, KMWC, and UH-COE)*

VII. Next Meeting: State Traumatic Brain Injury Advisory Board Meeting

Date: March 8, 2022

Time: 1:30 – 4:00 pm

Location: Zoom

VIII. 2022 NTAB Meeting Dates

March 8, May 10, July 12, September 13, November 15 (?)

Meeting Adjourned at 2:45 pm.