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

**DATE: November 9, 2021**

Present: Rita Manriquez, William Rodrigues, Wayne Parsons, Lisa Dau,  
Brendalee Ana  
Absent: Dorothy Aliilua  
Excused: Karen Klemme  
Others: Dr. Violet Horvath, Pacific Disabilities Center (PDC); Jessica  
Pomales, Pacific Disabilities Center (PDC); Dr. Allison  
Tsuchida, UH-College of Education-Hawaii Concussion  
Awareness Management Program (UH COE-HCAMP); Lydia  
Hardie-Hemmings, Hawaii Disability Rights Center (HDRC);  
Danae Jones, Queens Medical Center (QMC); Christina “TJ”  
Donayri, QMC  
DOH Staff: Michele Tong, Neurotrauma Program (NTP)

I. **Call to Order** – Meeting was called to order at 1:41 pm by Chair William  
Rodrigues. Quorum present.

**II. Approval of Minutes from the September 14, 2021 meeting** – Board Member Rita Manriquez motioned to accept the minutes as written. Board Member Lisa Dau seconded the motion. All Board Members present voted in favor of minutes being accepted as written. No questions or discussions.

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

**IV. New Business:**

A. What's your holiday deal?

Attendees were asked to share their best holiday memory. Questions were asked as an opportunity to get to know board and community members on a personal level.

**V. Old Business:**

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

Since the last meeting, 92 new students started the curriculum; 87 are half-way completed (middle school level). No new at-home students. Currently in contact with afterschool and youth care providers. Evaluative data remained the same, no major changes. Module 2 is updated; numbers increased since then. Nearly 2% increase in post-test scores. Rolled-out educator's course; enrolled three new educators; received positive reviews.

Other updates: attended the AHA Lokahi conference as a virtual vendor; shared curriculum information with attendees. Made vocabulary changes to the upper elementary curriculum. Still in contact with Coach Bowden of the Big Island.

B. Brain Injury Association of Hawaii (BIA-HI) update:

No update

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

KMCWC conducted a falls prevention presentation last night for families at Catholic Charities. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual National Injury Prevention day is on November 18<sup>th</sup>. Event to create public education and awareness on injury prevention. Safety kits and educational materials will be provided. Safety kits will also be distributed to the Central Union preschool. Next KIPC meeting may be cancelled or postponed to December 17<sup>th</sup>.

D. Rehab Hospital of the Pacific (RHOP) update:

Announcement of board member Stephanie Yee's resignation. Possible new representative from RHOP to replace vacant position.

E. TBI News from around the State:

*Oahu –*

- Danae Jones – requesting assistance in connecting with stroke individuals; seeking expertise in educating within the community; will provide NTP with specifications.
- TJ Donayri – continuing with helmet education in the community; actively conducting “Matter of Balance” courses.
- Dr. Violet Horvath – presenting the last “Identifying and Preventing NT injury” class at St. Francis; was asked to do it again next year. If interested, please contact for link. Currently working on NT

newsletter. Please let Dr. Horvath know of any NT injury events to be added to the newsletter.

- Lydia Harding-Hemmings – waiting on Dr. Tanaka’s response regarding the screening of inmates. Working on a variety of videos on how to self-advocate.
- Brendalee – Work is still in progress with TBI team on pilot program.

*Kauai –*

- Rita Manriquez – shared personal experience about a recent car accident that caused TBI injury.

*Hawaii -*

- Karen Klemme (reported by DOH staff Michele Tong) - announcement of special guest speakers for the monthly BIG support group meetings: November 2021, speech therapist; December, Dr. Holly Schonberger, holistic chiropractor; January 2022, Dr. Jan Cole, oxygen therapy; February, Dr. Violet Horvath, self-advocacy

F. DOH update:

Strategic Plan Committee update -

**Public and provider education committee:** DOH staff Chelsea Ko will be taking over as group facilitator. Researching whether providers such as the Institute for Human Services (IHS) and Adult Mental Health (AMHD) are screening individuals for TBI during the intake process.

**Survivor committee:** Considering a partnership with Aloha United Way (AUW) to connect helpline callers immediately with statewide resources.

AUW operates 7 days a week by certified/trained staffs. Callers can communicate via email, text, or phone. On average calls are answered within 1.5 minutes.

**Data committee:** Upcoming meeting with BRFSS in December.

**VI. Announcements:**

none

**VII. Next STBIAB Meeting:**

Date: January 11, 2022

Time: 1:30 pm – 4:00 pm

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

**VIII. 2022 Meeting Date**

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

Meeting Adjourned at 3:00pm