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**STATE TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY ADVISORY BOARD (STBIAB)**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**September 6, 2022**

Present: Rita Manriquez, Bill Rodrigues, Dorothy Ali'ilua, Karen Klemme, Kristen Keech, Dr. Gina Bien

Absent:

Excused: Lisa Dau, Wayne Parsons

Others: Dr. Violet Horvath, Pacific Disabilities Center (PDC); Dr. John Solomon, UHM-College of Education (UHM-COE); Nicole Gustie, Queen's Medical Center (QMC); TJ Donayri, QMC; Howard Lesser, Hawaii Disability Rights Center

DOH Staff: Michele Tong, Neurotrauma Program

- I. **Call to Order** – Meeting was called to order at 1:38 pm by Chair Bill Rodrigues. Quorum present.
- II. **Approval of Minutes from the July 12, 2022 meeting** – Board Member Karen Klemme motioned to accept the minutes as written. Board Member Rita Manriquez seconded the motion. All Board Members present accepted minutes as written. 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:

*(Report by Dr. John Solomon)*

Two students are half-way completed with the HNS curriculum; one student finished. Two home-schooled high school students on O’ahu recently joined. No additional change on data from previous months. HNS attended the Hawai’i Afterschool alliance conference last week. . HNS shared curriculum information and connected with the parks and recreation centers. About 200-250 participants attended. DOE class for professional development was approved and will start on September 9, 2022. Class is completely filled with 30 teachers participating.

B. Brain Injury Association of Hawaii (BIAH):

*(Report by Dorothy Ali’ilua)*

BIAH is reviewing the BIA bylaws for guidance into writing their own bylaws. The first in-person support group was held at Makiki Park on August 10, 2022. Four BIAH members, five survivors, and two caregivers attended. BIAH is searching for a permanent meeting place as Makiki Park is not ideal. Next meeting is September 19, 2022 at 10:00 am at Pearlridge Mall- Downtown, food court area. The BIAH August newsletter contain articles on TBI and the PTSD law enforcement training bill recently passed. BIAH welcomed new board member, Dr. Violet Horvath of PDC. BIAH will hold a fundraiser on October 1, 2022 at the Pacific Club featuring guest

speaker Emme Tomimbang. Event will have a wine pull, live auction, and specialty cakes and desserts. Tickets are \$120 per person or \$1,200 for table of 8. Contact BJ Wade for ticket information.

C. Kapiolani Medical Center for Women and Children (KMCWC) Update:  
None.

D. TBI News from around the State:

***(Kaua'i)***

- Rita Manriquez - shared a recent TBI life experience. Ms. Manriquez suggested a public service announcement to educate and spread awareness on TBI.

***(Hawai'i)***

- Karen Klemme – The next Kona Brain Injury Support group meeting is September 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm. Featured speaker is Roxanne Cedor, DPT. Cedor will speak about her mobile physical therapy practice and talk about core strengthening balance strategies. October 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am is “ The Power of Patients” presentation. November 9<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm, a local psychologist will speak about feelings; topic TBA. Zoom meetings are recorded and posted to the groups’ Facebook page. Board member Karen Klemme and Kathrine Steem, UH speech pathologist, discussed the support groups’ activities, challenges, and the lack of cognitive rehabilitation.

***(O'ahu)***

- Dr. Violet Horvath – Attended a meeting last Friday with the JABSOM Communication Sciences and Disorders staff. Newly hired speech language pathologist is interested in working with people with

TBI. The Hawaii Disabilities Healthcare coalition will meet in September and October, then quarterly. Meeting is open to the public. Dr. Horvath was recently asked to create a video on victims (with disabilities) of crime and on TBI survivors for the Attorney General's office.

- Kristen Keech – QMC is still implementing the sleep/wake bundle to help individuals having acute injury regulate day and night. Staff will learn how to interact with survivors during the acute phase. Data is being collected and will be shared at a later time. Ms. Keech submitted a proposal, and it was accepted. Proposal focused on developing an evidence-based care model on how to better serve individuals in a coma, unresponsive wakefulness, or minimal conscious state using available resources to translate knowledge into practice.
- Nicole Gustie – The Hawaii Stroke Coalition will participate in a 2-day Senior Lifestyle Fair in mid-October at Pearlridge Mall. Currently looking for volunteers. Space is still available for vendor tables.
- TJ Donayri – Continuing with 'Matter of Balance' classes.
- Howard Lesser – Requested to be informed regarding proposed legislative items.

E. DOH Update:

DOH staff Michele Tong conducted a PowerPoint presentation on the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline to educate and spread awareness.

VI. **Announcements:**

None.

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

Date: November 15, 2022

Time: 1:30 – 4:00 pm

Location: Kinau Hale  
1250 Punchbowl Street  
1<sup>st</sup> Floor Boardroom  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

OR

**Zoom – Meeting ID: 575890360**

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

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VIII. **2022 STBIAB Meeting Dates**

November 15

Meeting Adjourned at 2:18 pm.