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**NEUROTRAUMA ADVISORY BOARD (NTAB)**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**October 27, 2022**

Present: Rita Manriquez, Molly Trihey, Stella Wong, Dr. Eugene Lee, Scotty Sagum,  
Matt Wells, Angie Enoka

Absent: Milton Takara, Valerie Yamada, Leilani Nutt

Others: Dr. Violet Horvath, Pacific Disabilities Center; TJ Donayri, Queens Medical  
Center (QMC); Nicole Gustie, QMC; Dr. John Solomon, UHM-College of  
Education; Bill Rodrigues, State Traumatic Brain Injury Advisory Board  
Member

DOH Staff: Michele Tong, Neurotrauma Program

- I. **Call to Order** – Meeting was called to order at 1:34 pm by Chair Scotty Sagum.  
Quorum present.
- II. **Approval of Minutes from the August 25, 2022 meeting** – Board Member Stella  
Wong motioned to accept the minutes as written. Board Member Matt Wells  
seconded the motion. All Board Members present voted in favor of the minutes  
being accepted as written. No questions or discussions.
- III. **Review of Agenda** – Agenda accepted as written. No questions or discussions.

IV. **New Business:**

None.

V. **Old Business:**

A. RAPID Hawaii Update:

*Report by Michele Tong on behalf of Dr. Matt Koenig (QMC).* RAPID grant officially ended September 30, 2022. RAPID active sites are Wahiawa, Castle, Hilo Medical, Kona Community, and Kaua'i Veterans' Medical Hospital. Kuakini staff is trained and moving forward with installation. Data was shared on the number of successful and unsuccessful CTP scans, number of received mechanical thrombectomy, number who received tPA, number who avoided transfer, and the number of providers educated per site. In FY22, community events were organized in lieu of school stroke education. Stroke education in the schools was halted due to the pandemic. At the start of the stroke education contract, data revealed that 5,072 students participated, 1,186 stroke surveys returned, and 4,256 community members were reached.

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

*Report by Dr. John Solomon.* Enrollment is up by 134 new students. Out of 134, 120 students completed at least half of the curriculum. HNS also enrolled 3 at-home high school level students on O'ahu. Data on the middle and high school level showed individual module average scores remained the same. The difference between pre and post-test scores are 12.3%. While an improvement, this is still under the 80% benchmark. No new enrollment from the lower and upper elementary level and no change in data. From the

educators' course, 10 new schools plus one new administrator registered for the online course. Total of 23 new teachers. The educator course percentage of test scores stayed relatively the same. The difference in pre and post-test scores for secondary educators were 10.4% and 7.3% for elementary educators.

Attended the Hawai'i Afterschool Alliance Hawaii Community Conference on August 26<sup>th</sup>. Twenty-five (25) individuals attended, mostly PE and Health teachers. UHM-COE received approval from DOE for the Fall PDE3 course. Course started in September with 30 students and will run through December. Registered for HAHPERD conference on October 22<sup>nd</sup>.

#### C. Statewide Activities Update:

##### *Kaua'i*

- Chair Scotty Sagum continuing with Surfer's Myelopathy and Water Safety First Aid classes on Kauai. Completed classes with two schools.
- Board member Rita Manriquez shared a personal story underlining the importance of educating survivors to not share personal information online.

##### *O'ahu*

- Dr. Violet Horvath did a presentation earlier this month with KIP-C. Conference on child welfare, brain injury, and domestic violence. Same presentation will be conducted for an upcoming Canadian conference. Save the date- January 17, 2023 from 9:00-2:00 pm HST. Free virtual webinar on disability and healthcare.
- Catholic Charities Hawaii (CCH) fell victim to a text/email scam. Board member Stella Wong said messages were sent to people

notifying them they have won free inflation money. Ms. Wong stated CCH did not send out the message and there is no inflation money to be given. A scam alert was sent via mass media. Ms. Wong will send informational link to Neurotrauma Program to forward to the advisory board and members.

- QMC project coordinator Nicole Gustie arranged for Hawaii Stroke Coalition (HSC) to sponsor a table at the Senior lifestyle and Ohana Fair on October 22 and 23 at Pearlridge Mall. Ms. Gustie coordinated volunteers from various community organizations to staff the event table. Attendees were taught symptoms of stroke using the FAST acronym and provided tips for health and wellness. About 150-200 people visited the HSC table. Board member Matt Wells also attended, representing Hawaii Pacific Health. Some vendors were no shows due to Pearlridge changing the event date at the last minute.

Other Events:

- HSC working on symposium scheduled for December 3<sup>rd</sup>.  
Local and mainland speakers to talk about pediatric stroke and advances in stroke rehabilitation and medication.
- Hawaii Neurological Society will have professional educational conference this Saturday (October 29) at Aloha Tower from 10:00 am-3:00 pm.
- Hawaii Epilepsy Foundation will also be hosting a free conference this weekend at Aloha Tower.
- Alzheimer's Walk at Ala Moana Park on Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>
- Parkinson's Disease Walk at Ala Moana Park on Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>

D. DOH Update:

Neurotrauma Program is continuing with stroke presentation, most recently with CCH-several weeks ago. A pre and post test was conducted to show improvement. DOH Michele Tong participated in the Ohana Health Fair with QMC. Currently working on UH BrainSpace project memorandum of agreement.

VI. **Announcements:**

None.

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

Date: December 15, 2022

Time: 1:30 pm – 4:00 pm

Location: Kinau Hale

1250 Punchbowl Street

1<sup>st</sup> Floor Boardroom

Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

VIII. **2023 NTAB Meeting Dates**

February 23, April 27, June 22, August 24, October 26, December 14

Meeting Adjourned at 2:38 pm.