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**STATE TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY ADVISORY BOARD (STBIAB)**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**November 15, 2022**

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

Absent: None

Excused: Kristen Keech, 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); Howard Lesser, Hawaii Disability Rights Center (HDRC); Leonardo Mourao, (PDC Intern); Phimdao Pramannee, (PDC Intern)

DOH Staff: Michele Tong, Neurotrauma Program

- I. **Call to Order** – Meeting was called to order at 1:33 pm by Chair Bill Rodrigues. Quorum present.
- II. **Approval of Minutes from the September 6, 2022 meeting** – Typographical error to the 4<sup>th</sup> sentence under Old Business, HNS Update section on page two (2). Board Member Karen Klemme motioned to remove extra period at end of sentence. Board Member Karen Klemme motioned to accept the minutes as

amended. Board Member Dorothy Ali'ilua seconded the motion. All Board Members present accepted minutes as amended. 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)*

- Enrollment is up by one hundred thirty-four (134) new students. Out of one hundred thirty-four (134), one hundred twenty (120) students completed at least half of the curriculum. HNS also enrolled three (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 twelve-point three percent (12.3%). While an improvement, this is still under the eighty percent (80%) benchmark. No new enrollment from the lower and upper elementary level and no change in data. From the educators' course, ten (10) new schools plus one (1) new administrator registered for the online course. Total of twenty-three (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 ten-point four percent (10.4%) and seven-point three percent (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 thirty (30) students and will run through December. Registered for HAHPERD conference on October 22<sup>nd</sup>.

B. Brain Injury Association of Hawaii (BIAH): *(Report by Dorothy Ali'ilua)*

- BIAH support group meeting was held on October 8<sup>th</sup> at Pearlridge Mall. After the meeting, attendees expressed interest on the next meeting date, zoom, social media, and being able to communicate with doctors. BIAH members can access counseling from the 'I hear you, see you' program. Received positive feedback from a member who used counseling services. BIAH held fundraiser on October 1<sup>st</sup>. The event was a success and featured on the evening news. Money raised will go towards BIAH activities. Will discuss hosting a brain injury (BI) symposium, building a BIAH website, and updating BIAH brochures. Please contact Ms. Ali'ilua for BIAH information or questions.

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

*(Report by Lisa Dau)*

- Parts of the Hawaii law on child restraint have been updated. Children under two (2) years old must be rear-facing to protect head, neck, and spine. Children between two (2) and four (4) years old must still be in child rear or forward-facing seat. Children four (4) to ten (10) years old must be in a car or booster seat, unless taller than 4'9. Changes to the law took nearly five (5) years and was based on recommendations from the American Academy of Pediatrics. Ticket fines did increase, especially for violators that received subsequent fines. Another

change was to a portion in a previous law that exempted drivers who transported more children in a vehicle than there were seatbelt restraints. The new law provides no exemptions. No change to the school bus and seatbelt law unless the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) creates stricter guidelines.

- This Friday, November 18th, is National Injury Prevention Day. Awareness about injury and violence prevention. Encouraged all to wear green on Friday. KMCWC will have a car seat event and giving away over 200 home safety kits. Partnered with Keiki Injury Prevention Coalition (KIP-C) on other car seat community events. Participated in a family event at the Honolulu Zoo with the Honolulu Fire Department. Passed out educational information on home safety. Next KIP-C meeting is December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00 am via Zoom.

D. TBI News from around the State:

- **(*Kaua'i*) - Rita Manriquez**: Shared personal story underlining closed head injuries. Head injury individuals endure life-long dealings and disability.
- **(*Hawai'i*) - Karen Klemme**: Kona Brain Injury support group held November zoom meeting with Dr. Debra Chavez, local psychologist and marriage family therapist. Conversation on when to see a therapist and how to interview a therapist to see if they're a good fit for you.
  - December – Dr. Kathleen Steen, speech pathologist; neuro fatigue
  - January 11<sup>th</sup> – BJ Wade, Brain Injury Association of Hawaii (BIAH); BIAH updates

- February 8<sup>th</sup> – Naturopathic physician; good and bad stress – affects to body and healing
  - March 8<sup>th</sup> – To be announced
  - Year 2023 marks 29 years of Kona Brain Injury support group.
- **(O’ahu)**
- Dr. Violet Horvath: November 18<sup>th</sup>, presentation on domestic violence and brain injuries at a virtual Canadian conference called *Diverse Voices of Family Violence*. December 7<sup>th</sup>, Hawaii Disability Rights Center (HDRC), presentation on brain injuries. December 8<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 – 6:30 pm at St. Francis Hospital, presentation on the basics of advocacy. Free entrance; please register in advance.
  - Nicole Gustie: Preparing for the Hawaii Coalition on Stroke Symposium on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. First session is from 8:30 am – 12:00 pm. Professional session offering CE credits, in-person or virtually. Cost is \$25.00. Community session is from 1:00-3:00 pm. It is free to the public and available only via Zoom. October 29<sup>th</sup> - Hawaii Neurological Society conference held at Aloha Tower. November 5<sup>th</sup> - Alzheimer’s Walk at Ala Moana Park. November 6<sup>th</sup> - Parkinson’s Disease Walk at Ala Moana Park. November 18<sup>th</sup> – Queens Medical Center to participate in Annual Turkey Trot at Moanalua High School.
  - Howard Lesser: Completed a training in Portland for people on SSI/SSDI and are interested in seeking employment. HDRC

program titled *Protection in Advocacy for Beneficiaries of Social Security*.

E. DOH Update - For National Injury Prevention month, Neurotrauma Program supported Lifeguard Appreciation Week. Banners and leis, funded by the Neurotrauma Special Funds, were shipped to each island. Governor Ige and Mayor Victorino signed a proclamation commemorating the event. Neurotrauma Program received a thank you letter from the Hawaii Drowning and Aquatic Injury Prevention Advisory Committee (DAIPAC) for supporting its efforts.

VI. **Announcements:** None.

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

Date: January 10, 2023

Time: 1:30 pm – 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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**VIII. 2023 STBIAB Meeting Dates**

January 10, March 7, May 9, July 11, September 12, November 14

Meeting Adjourned at 2:22 pm.