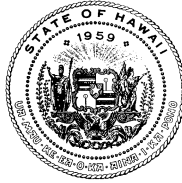


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## STATE TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY ADVISORY BOARD (STBIAB) MEETING MINUTES May 9, 2023

Present: Rita Manriquez, Bill Rodrigues, Dorothy Ali'ilua, Karen Klemme, Wayne Parsons, Kristen Keech

Absent: Lisa Dau, Dr. Gina Bien

Excused: None

Others: Dr. John Solomon, UHM-College of Education (UHM-COE); BJ Wade, Brain Injury Association of Hawaii; Nicole Gustie, Queens Medical Center; Violet Horvath, Pacific Disabilities Center

DOH Staff: Liana Falaniko, CRMS; Michele Tong, Neurotrauma Program

- I. **Call to Order** – Meeting was called to order at 1:32 pm by Chair Bill Rodrigues. Quorum present.
- II. **Approval of Minutes from the March 7, 2023 meeting** – Board Member, Karen Klemme, motioned to accept the minutes as written. Board Member, Kristen Keech, seconded the motion. All Board Members present accepted minutes as written no edits, questions, or discussion.

III. **Review of Agenda** – Agenda accepted as written. No edits, questions, or discussion.

IV. **New Business:**

A. None

V. **Old Business:**

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

Dr. John Solomon: One Hundred and Fourteen (114) new students enrolled.

Ninety-Eight (98) students completed at least half of the HNS curriculum and zero (0) finished the complete course. There were no new home school enrollments.

Evaluative data on middle and high school pre-test score is 65.2% and post-test is 77.5%, difference of 12.3%. Upper elementary pre-test score is 85% and post-test is 100%, difference of 15%. Lower elementary scores pre-test score is 90% and post-test is 93.3%, difference of 3.3%.

Demographics on the Educators Course showed nine (9) new educators taking the course. In the Fall, sixty-two (62) teachers finished the professional development course.

The Spring course is set to start at the end of February and run through May 2023. Dr. Solomon participated in Kauai's Waimea High School Health Fair on March 25 to promote the HNS program. DOE's Spring PDE course will conclude May 2023.

B. Brain Injury Association of Hawaii (BIHi):

BJ Wade: BIHi continues to facilitate Brain Injury Oahu Support Group (BIOSG) monthly meetings at Catholic Charities Hawai'i (CCH) the last Saturday of the month.

BIHi contributions to the community were recognized with a ceremony and certificate by City Councilmembers at the State Capitol.

In recognition of Brain Injury Awareness month, BIHi funded a bike rodeo at YMCA Healthy Kids event held on April 1. Hawaii Bicycling League (HBL) taught participants how to bike safely with a bike course and HBL bicycles set up in a protected section of the YMCA parking lot.

On April 2<sup>nd</sup>, BJ and Dr. Yamamoto appeared on Hawaii News Now, Sunrise, to promote brain injury awareness and injury prevention.

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

No report

D. Legislative Activity

With the close of the legislative session, this agenda item will be removed until January 2024.

E. TBI News from around the State:

Karen Klemme: There has been a change in the speaker scheduled for Kona Brain Injury Support Group's July meeting. The new speaker will be a physical therapist who will be answering questions support group members about movement affected by brain injury.

Rita Manriquez: No update to share

Kristen Keech: Recently returned from Kansas where she did a presentation on Disorders of Consciousness. Also did a poster presentation in New Mexico on restoration of sleep for TBI survivors. The caregiver resource booklet Kristen created is receiving positive feedback from recipients and is awaiting Queens approval for sharing with a wider audience.

Nicole Gustie: In recognition of May being Stroke Awareness Month, the Hawaii Stroke Coalition (HSC) will be hosting events at Wai Kai and local farmer's markets throughout May. HSC volunteers will be conducting blood pressure checks and educating the public on the signs and symptoms of stroke. The public will receive tips and techniques for stroke prevention.

Wayne Parsons: After two years of working on this, Wayne is putting together a presentation on the enforcement of military codes to increase window safety in military housing units. Evan, who died due to a window fall, came from a military family whose persistent efforts moved legislation until it reached Washington D.C. Resistance to legislation was felt from lobbyist representing corporations. Work continues on moving window falls/safety legislation from being embedded in military codes to being applied to private building codes.

Violet Horvath: Pacific Disabilities Center would like to put together a video showcasing stroke care in Hawaii. Dr. Matt Koenig and Matt Wells have been contacted for participation. June 9, 2023, Violet will be doing a presentation for Saint Francis on the *Basics of Advocacy*. This presentation is especially relevant as more is being revealed on medical gaslighting, where doctors ignore symptoms being reported by patients.

F. DOH Update:

- Participated in DOE's Drivers Excellence event on March 25, 2023, with community partners. Provided safety tips to reduce distracted driving and engaged attendees in brain injury simulation activities.
- NTP hosted a vendor table at YMCA Healthy Kids event on April 1, 2023, with resources and activities. Bike and multi-sport helmets purchased through NTP were distributed to adults and children. All bike rodeo participants were

required to wear a helmet. A brain injury prevention resource table set up and staffed by Kalihi YMCA was well received for the Healthy Kids event at that location.

VI. **Announcements:**

None.

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

Date: July 11, 2023

Time: 1:30 pm – 4:00 pm

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

OR

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VIII. **2023 STBIAB Meeting Dates**

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

Meeting Adjourned at 2:49 pm.