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**STATE TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY ADVISORY BOARD (STBIAB)**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**July 11, 2023**

Present: Dorothy Ali'ilua, Lisa Dau, Rita Manriquez, Bill Rodrigues, Kristen Keech,  
Karen Klemme

Absent: Wayne Parsons, Dr. Gina Bien

Others: Dr. Violet Horvath, Pacific Disabilities Center; TJ Donayri, QMC;  
Nicole Gustie, QMC; Dr. John Solomon, UHM-College of Education;  
Howard Lesser, HDRC

DOH Staff: Michele Tong, Neurotrauma Program

**I. Call to Order** Meeting called to order at 1:34pm by Bill Rodrigues.

**II. Approval of Minutes from May 9, 2023, meeting**

Board Member Kristen Keech motioned to accept the minutes as written. Board Member Karen Klemme seconded the motion. All Board Members present voted in favor of the minutes being accepted as written, no edits. No questions or discussion.

Voting to accept the minutes: Ayes 6 Nays 0 Abstentions 0

**III. Review of Agenda**

Agenda accepted as written. No questions or discussions.

**IV. New Business**

None

**V. Old Business**

A. Project Head, Neck, Spine

Dr. John Solomon

New students enrolled: 114 (April) 4 (June)

Number of students who completed at least half-way: 98 (April) 2 (June)

Number of students who completed the entire course: 0 (April) 21 (June)

Number of home-schooled students added: 0 (April) 0 (June)

**Student Average Scores – April 2023**

<b>GRADE LEVEL</b>	<b>PRE-TEST</b>	<b>POST TEST</b>	<b>DIFFERENCE</b>
<b>LOWER ELEMENTARY</b>	90%	93.3%	3.3%
<b>UPPER ELEMENTARY</b>	85%	100%	15%
<b>MIDDLE &amp; HIGH SCHOOL</b>	65.2%	77.5%	12.3%

**Student Average Scores – June 2023**

<b>GRADE LEVEL</b>	<b>PRE-TEST</b>	<b>POST TEST</b>	<b>DIFFERENCE</b>
<b>LOWER ELEMENTARY</b>	90%	93.3%	3.3%
<b>UPPER ELEMENTARY</b>	85%	100%	15%
<b>MIDDLE &amp; HIGH SCHOOL</b>	65.2%	77.5%	12.3%

New educators enrolled: 9 (April) 0 (June)

Number of educators who completed the entire course: 7 (April) 0 (June)

### **Educator Average Scores – April 2023**

<b>GRADE LEVEL</b>	<b>PRE-TEST</b>	<b>POST TEST</b>	<b>DIFFERENCE</b>
<b>ELEMENTARY</b>	76.2%	83.8%	7.6%
<b>SECONDARY</b>	73%	87.5%	14.5%

### **Educator Average Scores – June 2023**

<b>GRADE LEVEL</b>	<b>PRE-TEST</b>	<b>POST TEST</b>	<b>DIFFERENCE</b>
<b>ELEMENTARY</b>	76.2%	83.8%	7.6%
<b>SECONDARY</b>	73%	87.5%	14.5%

The DOE Spring course will start at the end of February and run through May 2023. March 2023 Dr. Solomon promoted HNS at Waimea High School Health Fair on Kauai.

B. Brain Injury Association of Hawaii (BIHi)

Dorothy Ali'ilua Brain Injury Oahu Support Group (BIOSG) held meetings at Catholic Charities Hawai'i (CCH) campus on 3/25/23 and 5/27/23. Members attending in March received hands-on technical assistance on use of cell phones and computers. May attendees were invited to participate in a study on the effects of learning on older adults. BIOSG gained a new member from Guam.

For March being brain injury awareness month, BIHi was recognized with a certificate by Honolulu City Council. BIHi also sponsored a bike rodeo in a collaboration with DOH NTP, QMC, KMCWC, and HBL which was held at the

Leeward YMCA. Capping off the awareness month, BJ Wade and Dr. Yamamoto of BIHi were interviewed on Hawaii News Now, Sunrise.

BIHi annual fundraiser is scheduled for 10/7/23 at Pacific Club. Tables are up for sale and numerous opportunities to donate to support BIHi. March 2024 BIHi is also planning a half day brain injury information and resource conference at the Ala Moana Hotel. Preparing for 150-200 attendees.

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

Lisa Dau From April 2023 – June 2023 a total of 127 car seat checks were conducted. Working with Injury Prevention Coalition, Lisa and her team certified 22 new car seat technicians on Oahu and 9 (police officers) on Kauai. Upcoming events include a variety of injury prevention for all ages and car seat checks for children with special needs.

D. Pacific Disabilities Center (PDC)

Violet Horvath New study out looking at the connection between chronic asthma and persons having a heart attack or stroke. Groups looked at in the study included those with acute chronic asthma, moderate asthma and no asthma. Additional research needs to be done, but initial findings indicate persons with acute chronic asthma have greater inflammation and greater amounts of plaque in their arteries which would increase the propensity for heart attack and stroke.

E. TBI News from around the State

Karen Klemme Kona Brain Injury Support Group

Upcoming speakers:

8/9/23 -Jack Gillem, Indian Clubbing for exercise

9/13/23 - Jason Keifer MD. Brain Health Hawaii

10/11/23 - Amy Kemp OTR, Topic to be decided

11/8/23 - Dr. Violet Horvath, Medical Gaslighting

12/13/23 - Amp Kemp OTR, Self Advocacy

Michele Tong for Hui Malama Po'o

Hui Malama Po'o is being supported by AILH to complete the necessary paperwork to have support group meetings back at RHOP. Although they are not formally meeting, members of Hui Malama Po'o made Easter gifts and were allowed to distribute them to RHOP patients. Members also participated in the Best Buddies walk and have gotten together to frequent local craft fairs.

TJ Donayri Queens Medical Center (QMC) – Trauma Department

Prepping for National Injury Prevention Day, 11/18/2023. Numerous events being done in collaboration with KMCWC for injury prevention including car seat checks and helmet giveaways. For senior falls prevention, conducting Matter of Balance classes with Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center.

Nicole Gustie Queens Medical Center (QMC) – Stroke Department

HSC will be hosting a booth at the AHA Heart Walk coming up in August. Partnering with Matt W and Violet H for upcoming stroke education. In collaboration with DOH Chronic Disease, there will be a statewide stroke campaign that will run August to November.

Rita Manriquez Brain injury survivor

Experiencing discrimination from her landlord who raised the rent which triggered a new HUD inspection. The home and Rita passed the inspection, but she is unable to absorb the rent increase. Friends are helping Rita to find a new home. Howard of HDRC will follow up with Rita.

Howard Lesser Hawaii Disability Rights Center (HDRC)

Howard has been working with American Samoa, Guam and Saipan to address advocacy for Asians, Pacific Islanders and indigenous peoples. A presentation of their work was just done at a conference in Arizona.

F. DOH Update Neurotrauma Program (NTP)

Update by Michele Tong In March, Rollerskate Oahu distributed free helmets, provided courtesy of NTP, to the helmetless in their rollerskate class in recognition of Brain Injury Awareness month. NTP also participated in Driver Excellence event at Aloha Stadium. It was an excellent opportunity to educate high school students and their parents on driving safety. Head injury information was also extended to teens at Student Leadership Council held at Hawaii Convention Center. For stroke Awareness month, NTP joined HSC at Wai Kai with blood pressure checks, sharing information and resources. Attendees were very receptive even when they were initially hesitant to talk to us. Also did a stroke presentation for Leeward Community Church. The group was older and totally engaged and indicated they would like to have the presentation done for younger members in their congregation.

**VI. Announcements**

None

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

Date: September 19, 2023

Time: 1:30 pm to 4:00 pm

Location: Kinau Hale and Zoom

**VIII. 2023 STBIAB Meeting Dates**

January 10, March 7, May 9, July 11, ~~September 12,~~

September 19, November 14

Meeting Adjourned at 2:50pm