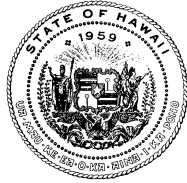


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NEUROTRAUMA ADVISORY BOARD (NTAB)

MEETING MINUTES

August 24, 2023

Present: Rita Manriquez, Molly Trihey, Valerie Yamada, BJ Wade, Matt Wells,
Stella Wong, Scott Sagum, Kent Yamamoto

Absent: Angie Enoka, Milton Takara, Leilani Nutt

Others: Dr. John Solomon, UHM-College of Education; Nicole Gustie, Queens
Medical Center; Violet Horvath, Pacific Disabilities Center; Karen Klemme,
STBIAB member; Howard Lesser, Hawaii Disability Rights Center

DOH Staff: Michele Tong, Neurotrauma Program

I. Call to Order Meeting called to order at 1:36pm by Stella Wong.

II. Approval of Minutes from July 6, 2023

Board member Stella Wong motioned to accept the minutes with edit of the word “gas lighting” to become “gaslighting”. Board member Kent Yamamoto seconded the motion. All board members present voted in favor of the minutes being accepted as written, with edit of the word “gas lighting” to become “gaslighting”. No other questions or discussion.

Voting to accept the minutes: Ayes 8 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 (HNS) - Dr. John Solomon

Next NTAB will deliver final report for HNS project. With the end of the STATE contract, HCAMP is working to sustain the work and reach of HNS. Visits to boost interest in HNS were made in July and August to Maui and Hilo, respectively. As in past years, HNS did outreach at DOE events prior to the start of the school year.

B. Pacific Disabilities Center (PDC) - Violet Horvath

While pediatric stroke is relatively rare, in 2022, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia noted it as the 6th leading cause of death in children. The 3 top risk factors for pediatric stroke are heart disease, blood vessel abnormalities and blood clotting disorders. Difficulty in diagnosing pediatric stroke is often due to a lack of symptoms or symptoms mimicking other conditions. Surgical options and preventive measures are available to help those affected.

C. Brain Injury Association of Hawaii (BIHi) – BJ Wade

Brain Injury Oahu Support Group (BIOSG) gathered 7/29/23 at Old Archery Park for a picnic, fellowship and yoga. The 8/26/23 meeting will be in the same community location and in September meetings will resume at Catholic Charities. BIHi sponsored a bike rodeo in a collaboration with DOH NTP, and HBL which was held 7/27/23 at the Kalihi YMCA. BIHi annual fundraiser is scheduled for 10/7/23 at Pacific Club. Tables are up for sale and donations for the wine pull and silent auction are being accepted until October 2. BIHi is continuing to plan for a

half day brain injury information and resource conference at the Ala Moana Hotel for March 2024. The conference will be open to the community at no charge but attendees must register prior to the event as capacity will be limited to 200 people.

D. Statewide Activities Update

Kona Brain Injury Support Group - Karen Klemme

Upcoming speakers:

- 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. Implementing strategies for memory.

Hui Malama Po'o - Val Yamada

Stroke Club support group meetings have resumed at RHOP. Meetings are being held in the main dining room the 1st Thursday of each month at 10am- 11am.

Healing Through Art has also resumed meeting twice a week on the RHOP patio.

Please contact RHOP for any additional details of these meetings.

Kauai – Scott Sagum

Have taught a couple classes on water safety, concussions, and surfer's myelopathy.

Recently met Stephanie Armstrong a stroke nurse at KVMH. Scott will connect fellow board member Matt W to Stephanie that she might be introduced to Hawai'i Stroke Coalition.

Hawaii Pacific Health (HPH) - Matt Wells

Every hospital across the State is filled to capacity. There does not seem to be a specific cause. The majority of cases filling the hospitals are not due to COVID.

Note on COVID; some people test positive for COVID 10-12 weeks after being infected. However, when this happens, the person is not infectious and therefore not a risk to others.

Queens Medical Center (QMC) - Nicole Gustie

The weekend of October 13-14, HSC will be hosting a table at Pearlridge to educate the community on stroke symptoms and prevention. A sign up sheet to volunteer for the event will be emailed to everyone by Neurotrauma Program. DOH Chronic Disease launched a multi venue/ multimedia stroke campaign that will run through November. The campaign employs the BEFAST acronym to familiarize people with the signs and symptoms of stroke.

Hawaii Disability Rights Center (HDRC) – Howard Lesser

With the tragedy of the Maui wildfires in August, HDRC has partnered with American Red Cross and the DDD to create the Maui Disability Task Force. The task force will collaborate to identify and address the needs of persons with I/DD who have been affected by devastation caused by the wildfires.

E. DOH Update Neurotrauma Program (NTP) – Michele Tong

NTAB membership for Rita Manriquez and Molly Trihey's is renewed. NTAB also welcomes new members BJ Wade, Executive Director of BIHi and Dr. Kent Yamamoto, physiatrist and director of the brain injury program at RHOP. July and August events in which NTP has participated include Kalihi bike rodeo, Schofield National Night Out and American Heart Walk. Hawaii neurotrauma news includes the Brain and Behavior Lab at UH Manoa researching brain function and utilizing optically pumped magnetometry to improve recovery of patients with neurological damage. In other news, Richinanna DeGuzman who was shot in the head continues to recover. Although still in a coma, the rehabilitation facility conducts physical therapy sessions with her to maximize functioning as her condition continues to improve.

VI. Announcements

None

VII. Next Neurotrauma Advisory Board Meeting

Date: October 26, 2023

Time: 1:30 pm to 4:00 pm

Location: Kinau Hale and Zoom

VIII. 2023 NTAB Meeting Dates

February 23, April 27, ~~June 22~~, July 6, August 24, October 26, December 14

Meeting Adjourned at 2:50pm