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NEUROTRAUMA ADVISORY BOARD (NTAB) MEETING MINUTES

October 26, 2023

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

Absent: Milton Takara, Leilani Nutt

Others: Dr. John Solomon, UHM-College of Education; Bill Rodrigues, survivor

DOH Staff: Michele Tong, Neurotrauma Program

I. Call to Order Meeting called to order at 1:35pm by Stella Wong.

II. Approval of Minutes from August 24, 2023

Board member Molly Trihey motioned to accept the minutes with no changes or edits. Board member Rita Manriquez seconded the motion. All board members present voted in favor of the minutes being accepted as written. No questions or discussion. Voting to accept the minutes: Ayes 9 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*

Total Number of Elementary Educators	19
Average Pretest Scores	76.2%
Average Posttest Scores	83.8%
Percent difference	7.6%

Total Number of Secondary Educators	52
Average Pretest Scores	73%
Average Posttest Scores	87.5%
Percent difference	14.5%

Total Number of Educators	Number
Started	71
Finished	62

Student Demographics	2017-2019 N	2019-2020 N	2020-2021 N	2021-2022 N	2022-2023 N	Total N
Total number of students Started	732	329	456	379	266	2162
Number of students at least half-way	530	300	256	415	231	1732
Number of students who finished	39	671	240	363	33	1346

Student Scores	Total #students	Average Pretest Scores	Average Posttest Scores	Percent Difference
Middle & High School	2138	65.2%	77.5%	12.3%
Upper Elementary	3	85%	100%	15%
Lower Elementary	21	90%	93.3%	3.3%

Although the contract with DOH NTP has concluded, UH will continue to update the curriculum as needed and work with DOE to ensure the curriculum is accessible to educators and students. Suggestion was made for HCAMP to think about legislation that would mandate DOE include HNS curriculum for all students.

B. Pacific Disabilities Center (PDC) - *Violet Horvath*

No report or presentation

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

Brain Injury Oahu Support Group (BIOSG) gathered 9/30/23 at Catholic Charities.

New members attended and reported a meaningful and useful experience.

Established members were able to offer peer support. October 7, 2023 BIHi, held

their annual fundraiser. It was attended by Governor Josh Green who recognized

the importance of supporting people with brain injuries. October 10, 2023 BIHi,

Hawaii Bicycling League, Leeward Pilot's and DOH NTP held a rodeo and helmet

event at Waianae YMCA. October 12, 2023 BIHi, volunteered at National Night

Out, bringing brain injury education to military families at Aliamanu.

D. Statewide Activities Update

Hui Malama Po'o - *Val Yamada*

Rehabilitation Hospital of the Pacific continues to support brain injury survivors

through an offering of activities and support groups.

Kaua'i – *Scott Sagum*

11/15/23 Think BIG will reconvene for first support group meeting since before the

pandemic. Stephanie Armstrong R.N. from Wilcox will facilitate.

Hawaii Pacific Health (HPH) - *Matt Wells*

New certification regulations require Matt dedicate 100% of his position to trauma.

Although positioned to be the 2024 Chairperson for Hawaii Stroke Coalition

(HSC), Matt will now be participating in HSC as a private citizen. Outreach activities include the upcoming Senior Health Fair at Pearlridge and recording of a “Health Matters” radio spot with Dr. Matt Koenig of QMC. In support of other trauma related organizations, HPH hosted KIPC and QMC to train 40 new car seat technicians.

Catholic Charities Hawaii (CCH) – *Stella Wong*

CCH successfully completed accreditation site visits for their 40+ programs. To help Hawaii families find/remain housed CCH is once again taking applications for rent relief. Those impacted by the Maui wildfires and COVID 19 pandemic are encouraged to apply. For those who are interested in classes aimed at having better balance to prevent falls, contact Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center at <https://www.catholiccharitieshawaii.org/lanakila-multi-purpose-senior-center/> or call (808) 847-1322

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

Along with partners QMC and KMCWC, participated in Hawaii Children and Youth Day, educating on head injury. With community partners further head injury education was shared at Waianae YMCA bike rodeo and Aliamanu National Night Out. In support of the HSC and DOH “BEFAST” stroke campaign, NTP will distribute posters and magnets statewide to all DDD offices. On 10/25/23 NTP hosted the webinar “Family Preservation through Policy, Training and Identification”. From the 91 people registered, 57 attended. All registrants received a link to view the webinar at their convenience. In collaboration with DHS Family First Hawaii, on 11/9/23, NTP will be hosting the webinar “The Impact of Brain Injury in Parenting and Child Welfare” which builds on the work covered in the 10/25/23 webinar.

VI. Announcements

None

VII. Next Neurotrauma Advisory Board Meeting

Date: December 14, 2023

Time: 1:30 pm to 4:00 pm

Location: Diamond Head Health Center and Zoom

VIII. 2024 NTAB Meeting Dates

February 22, April 25, June 27, August 22, October 24, December 12

Meeting Adjourned at 3:22pm