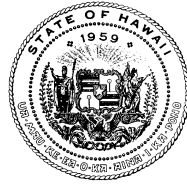


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NEUROTRAUMA ADVISORY BOARD (NTAB)

MEETING MINUTES

February 22, 2024

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

Absent: Leilani Nutt, Matt Wells,

Others: Dr. John Solomon, UHM-College of Education; Bill Rodrigues, survivor;
Karen Klemme, survivor; Tani Kalei Kagesa, Executive Office on Aging;
Ricky Hyunh, Pacific Disabilities Center; Nicole Gustie, Queens Medical
Center

DOH Staff: Michele Tong, Neurotrauma Program

I. Call to Order - Meeting called to order at 1:33pm by Stella Wong

II. Approval of Minutes from December 14, 2023

Board member BJ Wade motioned to accept the minutes with no changes or edits.

Board member Stella Wong 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

A. DOH Neurotrauma Program Strategic Plan

DOH Neurotrauma Program (NTP) would like to extend the current Strategic Plan FY21-23 to FY25-30. Reviewed stakeholder input to update the NTP Strategic Plan, received since last NTAB and STBIAB.

For Goal 1's objective on good decision making and healthy habits, discussed ThinkFirst curriculum (thinkfirst.org). ThinkFirst is a National Injury Prevention Foundation whose curriculum was utilized collaboratively by DOH Neurotrauma and Rehabilitation Hospital of the Pacific (RHOP) in the 1990's.

For Goal 2's objective of updating information for care homes, no one was able to clarify the idea or need behind this objective and it will be deleted. Hospital social workers should be kept in mind as we look for ways to do outreach on the neighbor islands.

Discussion regarding Goal 3 focused on how families can receive adequate training to meet the intense care needs of family members when they are released to go home. RHOP hosts multiple hands-on training sessions for their families, other facilities review with the patient and care giver, the patient's discharge plan. Another objective under Goal 3 involves survivors and care givers obtaining support to understand what was discussed at a medical appointment and any follow up activities that need to be performed. Catholic Charities Hawaii (CCH), recently initiated a service to have their residents escorted to medical appointments. Stella will provide updates on the service at future NTAB meetings. The suggestion for both objectives was to find a way to empower individuals to advocate for themselves to get the information they need. The last item for Goal 3 involved paid gym membership and travel arrangements for survivors who had a

prescription from their doctor. cursory research revealed that each insurance company differs on conditions and coverage for gym fees and travel expenses. If NTAB members contribute gym and travel policies for their insurance company, NTP will put together a comprehensive list for public reference.

NTP is working with University of Hawaii on Goal 4 to update the Hawaii Neurotrauma Registry to be more effective and provide the needed data to determine needs and gaps in service for Hawaii's neurotrauma survivors.

V. Old Business

None

VI. Statewide Activities Update

Queens Medical Center (QMC) - *Nicole Gustie*

PDC and QMC collaboration on stroke prevention videos is moving into the final phase of being reviewed and creating a media plan. QMC will be a vendor at the upcoming BIHi conference and at a stroke event being held at Kamakana Ali'i.

TBI Survivor – *Rita Manriquez*

Relayed her experience with receiving a letter for jury duty and educating the office worker on why she could not serve on a jury.

TBI Survivor – *Bill Rodriguez*

Remembering Emme Tomimbang, broadcast journalist, stroke survivor and advocate who passed away February 20, 2024.

Stroke Survivor – *Scott Sagum*

March 2024 Think BIG support group will start meeting again.

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

In support of Hawaii's brain injury support groups, BIHi is covering the cost of Think Big's Zoom account. Brain Injury Oahu Support Group (BIOSG) continues

to welcome new members each month. March 2, 2024 BIHi is hosting a brain injury conference at Ala Moana Hotel. Everyone is invited to attend and encouraged to spread the word.

Kona Brain Injury Support Group - *Karen Klemme*

- March 13 - Dr. Ileana Sanchez; Hyperbaric oxygen therapy (Meeting at her office)
- April 10 - Staff from local VA; Post Traumatic Stress Disorder
- May - EMDR (eye movement desensitization training) 30 year anniversary of Kona BI Support Group
- June – Medical gas lighting

Pacific Disabilities Center – *Ricky Hyunh*

Appreciate learning from everyone, was employed at one time with Hawaii State Health Insurance Assistance as a Medicare advocate.

Hui Malama Po’o - *Val Yamada*

Stroke club is meeting at RHOP, 1st Thursday of each month.

UH College of Education, HCAMP – *John Solomon*

Requests additional information on adaptive bicycling program run by Hawaii Bicycling League at UH.

Catholic Charities Hawaii - *Stella Wong*

Deadline is looming for people to access rent relief. In addition to launching the medical visit escort service, CCH is running a benefits enrollment program and hosting pre-recorded caregiving webinars for anyone assisting someone with dementia.

Queens Medical Center - *TJ Donayri*

Trauma resource brochure is being revamped. Once done it will be shared with patients and caregivers. Working on safety education with HBL for e-bikes, RSVP and Tutu's House on falls prevention. In April, QMC plans to introduce Trauma Survivors Network which will provide resources and support to the public.

VII. DOH Neurotrauma Program Update

NTP will be in attendance and is donating bags, brains and pens for the March 2 BIHi brain injury conference. March 16 NTP will be a vendor at Operation Driver Excellence being held at Aloha Stadium.

VIII. Announcements

None

IX. Next Neurotrauma Advisory Board Meeting

Date: April 25, 2024

Time: 1:30 pm to 4:00 pm

Location: Diamond Head Health Center and Zoom

I. 2024 NTAB Meeting Dates

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

Meeting Adjourned at 3:22pm