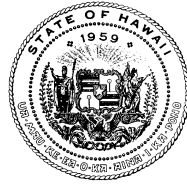


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## STATE TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY ADVISORY BOARD (STBIAB)

### MEETING MINUTES

March 12, 2024

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

Absent: Dr. Gina Bien

Others: BJ Wade, Brain Injury Association of Hawaii; TJ Donayri, Queens Medical Center; Nicole Gustie, Queens Medical Center;

DOH Staff: Michele Tong, Neurotrauma Program

**I. Call to Order** - Meeting called to order at 1:32pm by Bill Rodrigues.

### **II. Approval of Minutes from January 9, 2024, meeting**

Board Member Karen Klemme motioned to accept the minutes as written. Board Member Dorothy Ali'ilua 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 5 Nays 0 Abstentions 0 ; Board member Kristen was not present at the time of voting.

### **III. Review of Agenda**

Agenda accepted as written. No questions or discussions.

#### IV. New Business

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, suggestions made were to reach out to individual schools versus the DOE to introduce a curriculum.

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. However, suggestions on this objective included identifying care giver classes and having Elderly Services to go into homes to assess and train care givers.

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. Suggestions made included defining the discharge procedures for each hospital and determining the activities of case managers, social workers and navigators in the discharge process. 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. While patients are given summaries of their appointments and can access the information on line, barriers exist that prevent comprehension and patient follow up. The suggestion for both objectives was to find a way to empower individuals to advocate for themselves to get the information they need.

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**

### Brain Injury Association of Hawaii (BIHi) – Dorothy Ali'ilua and BJ Wade

March is brain injury awareness month. On March 2, 2024 BIHi hosted a brain injury conference at Ala Moana Hotel. Including vendors, there were about 150 attendees. Survey ratings from conference attendees on the quality of the conference have ranged from excellent to good. BIHi would like to build up a presence on the neighbor islands and do the next conference on one of the neighbor islands. BIHi's is planning it's 3<sup>rd</sup> annual fundraising luncheon that will take place October 2024. Brain Injury Oahu Support Group (BIOSG) continues to welcome new members each month. BIHi is in talks with Hawaii Bicycling League with hopes to introduce BIOSG members to adaptive cycling.

### 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 gaslighting

Added Kona Brain Injury Support Group to the Next Door app and it immediately got 600 hits.

Queens Medical Center - Nicole Gustie

May is stroke awareness month. Plans in the works to relaunch the 2023 stroke campaign. Currently issuing a request for media proposals to debut the stroke videos QMC and PDC have been working on.

Survivor - Rita Manriquez

Voiced concern that BIHi did not facilitate conference attendance from the neighbor islands and noted that she was the welcoming speaker at the last Brain Injury Association of Hawaii conference more than 10 years ago.

## **VII. DOH Neurotrauma Program Update**

At the 4/25/24 NTAB meeting, the national injury prevention foundation ThinkFirst! <https://www.thinkfirst.org/> will be doing a presentation to which STBIAB will be invited to attend. Goal 1 of the Neurotrauma Strategic Plan FY25-30 is about taking a curriculum to DOE about healthy lifestyle choices. ThinkFirst! has a set curriculum and many years ago, NTP and RHOP took it into some of Hawaii's classrooms. NTP volunteered at March 2 BIHi brain injury conference and donated bags, brains and pens for attendees. March 16 NTP will be a vendor at Operation Driver Excellence being held at Aloha Stadium.

## **VIII. Announcements**

None

## **IX. Next State Traumatic Brain Injury Advisory Board Meeting**

Date: May 14, 2024

Time: 1:30 pm to 4:00 pm

Location: Kinau Hale and Zoom

## **X. 2023 STBIAB Meeting Dates**

January 9, March 12, May 14, July 9, September 10, November 12

Meeting Adjourned at 2:50pm