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STATE TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY ADVISORY BOARD (STBIAB)

MEETING MINUTES

July 9, 2024

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

Absent: Wayne Parsons,

Others: Violet Horvath, Pacific Disabilities Center; Nicole Gustie, Queens Medical Center; Jessica Wilson, Queens Medical Center; Steph Edwards, Kauai BIG; James LaBrie, community member

DOH Staff: Michele Tong, Neurotrauma Program

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

II. Approval of Minutes from May 14, 2024

Board member Karen Klemme 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 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. Pacific Disabilities Center – *Violet Horvath*

Although shown at the May STBIAB meeting, 2 stroke PSAs created with Hawaii Stroke Coalition, (HSC) were reshared for new persons in attendance. Hawaii Disabilities and Healthcare Coalition, (HDHC), event is confirmed for 10/5/24 at Maui Arts and Cultural Center. The ½ day event offers the disability community the opportunity to hear and share stories and thoughts on the future of health care. PDC’s website revamp <https://pdc.jabsom.hawaii.edu> includes an events calendar, issues of the monthly Neurotrauma Newsletter, and resources.

B. Brain Injury Association of Hawaii – *Violet Horvath*

Recent strategic planning meeting saw the addition of 3 new board members and the exit of 2 board members. Upcoming activities include applying for a HECO grant and work on the 3rd annual fundraising luncheon. Monies raised from the luncheon will be used for education and community outreach such as the bike rodeos and the conference held this past March.

C. Neurotrauma news across our State – Brief neurotrauma related share from each attendee

TBI Survivor – *Rita Manriquez*

Life as a survivor is very stressful. Rita is looking for a new residence to rent. Barriers to finding a suitable place include skyrocketing rents, living on a fixed income and not feeling safe when leaving the house.

TBI Survivor – *Bill Rodrigues*

Reminder to everyone on the importance of wearing a helmet. On a recent trip to Chinatown, Bill was rearended by a moped driver going 30mph and not wearing a helmet. The moped driver was taken to the hospital in critical condition.

Community member – *James LaBrie*

Current chairperson of SAAC, associated with State Council on Developmental Disabilities and works in the criminal justice system on behalf of foster kids.

Kauai BIG – *Steph Edwards*

First STBIAB meeting, will attend future meetings as able. Nurse in Kauai's Wilcox ICU working with patients in brain injury recovery. Met with Scotty Sagum and learned about the support group Think BIG that has not met since before the pandemic. The new brain injury support group, Kauai BIG will be meeting at Kauai's DHO the 3rd Monday of each month with the first meeting on 7/15/24, 10am – 12noon. For questions or additional information please email: kauaibig@gmail.com

Kona Brain Injury Support Group – *Karen Klemme*

The 30th anniversary of Kona Brain Injury Support Group was a success. Everyone enjoyed seeing the group's co-founder who flew in from Texas, honoring Emme Tomimbang, listening to music and eating lots of good food. The monthly meetings will continue as announced.

Occupational Therapist – *Kristen Keech*

Running Medbridge courses continuously and receiving good feedback from clinicians. Completed doctoral work on a model of care for brain injured

individuals in the acute care hospital setting. Submitted the manuscript of her doctoral work and although there is no set date, it has been accepted for publication.

Queens Medical Center (QMC) – Nicole Gustie

Looking for volunteers to work education tables at this weekend's Prince Lot Hula Festival and 8/3/24 AHA walk. In work with Jessica Wilson, been doing outreach to the surfers and a presentation is being planned for this Fall at the Kapolei Recreation Center.

Queens Medical Center (QMC) – Jessica Wilson

Working with Dr. Stacy Brown from Queens on surfer's myelopathy and SCI. To further her connections to the SCI community, suggestion was made to contact Paralyzed Veterans of America www.PVA.org and American Spinal Injury Association.

Kapiolani Medical Center (QMC) – Lisa Dau

National Night Out events coming up are an opportunity to bring resources to our military families. Focus of outreach will be safety in the home and gun safety. At the upcoming KIPC meeting there will be a gun safety presentation on the BE SMART program. A safety concern that warrants additional attention is serious injuries on the rise due to the use of e-bikes.

D. DOH Update – Neurotrauma Program - Michele Tong

Continuing work on the NTP Strategic Plan. Also continuing to collaborate with QMC, KMCWC and BIHi to do injury prevention and awareness events at YMCA Nuuanu, Keoneula Elementary, Pali Hongwanji, and Ko'Olina resort.

VI. Announcements

None

VII. Next State Traumatic Brain Injury Advisory Board Meeting

Date: September 10, 2024

Time: 1:30 pm to 4:00 pm

Location: Diamond Head Health Center and Zoom

VIII. 2024 STBIAB Meeting Dates

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

Meeting Adjourned at 3:12pm