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NEUROTRAUMA ADVISORY BOARD (NTAB)

MEETING MINUTES

August 22, 2024

Present: BJ Wade, Molly Trihey, Scott Sagum, TJ Donayri, Stella Wong, Valerie Yamada, Bill Rodrigues, Matt Wells

Absent: Dr. Kent Yamamoto, Angie Enoka, Milton Takara

Others: Lauryn Reich, Executive Office on Aging; Kendall Zukeran, DOH Chronic Disease Management; Jessica Wilson, Queens Medical Center; Violet Horvath, Pacific Disabilities Center; Kiana Kaupiko, DOH Chronic Disease Management

DOH Staff: Michele Tong, Neurotrauma Program

I. Call to Order - Meeting called to order at 1:37pm by Scott Sagum

II. Approval of Minutes from June 27, 2024

Board member Matt Wells motioned to accept the minutes with no changes or edits. Board member Bill Rodrigues seconded the motion. All board members present voted in favor of the minutes being accepted as written. No questions. 1 member was not present at the time of voting.

Voting to accept the minutes: Ayes 7 Nays 0 Abstentions 0

III. Review of Agenda

Agenda accepted as written. No questions or discussions.

IV. New Business

A. Coverdell – Kendall Zukeran and Kiana Kaupiko

As the first Coverdell grant is ending, the team working on the grant is applying for a second grant to be able to continue advancing stroke care in Hawaii, continuing to focus on underserved communities. Presentation provided a look at the stroke care in Hawai'i, background on the Coverdell grant, and progress made with funding from the first grant. The team uses known stroke data to inform their work. One outstanding data point in Hawai'i's delivery of stroke care is our "door to needle" time, (proportion of ischemic stroke patients receiving IV therapy within 30 minutes of arrival to the facility). From 2015 to 2023 Hawai'i has consistently achieved a higher proportion of patients receiving stroke IV treatment within the 30-minute window than the rest of the nation. In 2023, nationally, 38.9% of patients were treated within the 30-minute window. In Hawai'i, 59.1% of patients were treated within the 30-minute window.

V. Old Business

A. Pacific Disabilities Center – Violet Horvath

Review of the American Stroke Association "Heart and Stroke Helper App" <https://www.stroke.org/en/life-after-stroke/preventing-another-stroke/heart-and-stroke-helper-app> . The free app allows users to track their diet, medication, feelings of well-being and physical activity. With enough information input to the app, the user can see their progress towards their health goals.

In other PDC news:

- With sponsorship of BIHi, Violet will be a poster presenter at the September 2024 NASHIA conference. She is presenting on law enforcement interactions with TBI survivors.
- 10/5/2024 Hawaii Disabilities and Healthcare Coalition (HDHC), founded by Violet, will be on Maui for an educational event to be held at the Maui Arts and Cultural Center (MACC)

VI. Brain Injury Association of Hawaii – BJ Wade

Remembering the fun and popularity from last Summer, July and August, BIOSG meetings were held at Keehi Lagoon for picnicking, games, and fellowship. September's meeting will be back at Catholic Charities and the planned speaker is from Brain Health Hawaii. BIHi recently participated in National Night Out at Hickam, bringing brain injury information to military families. Upcoming events for October include a bike rodeo at the Boys and Girls Club of Hawaii, in Waianae and the annual fundraiser at the Pacific Club.

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

Queens Medical Center (QMC) – TJ Donayri

Currently planning and scheduling Matter of Balance classes for 2025. Other work includes helmet education and safety events, addressing shark bites and e-bike safety. Due to the increasing number of accidents and deaths of e-bike riders, QMC, HBL and DOT have been working on a safety campaign. All 3 agencies have been interviewed from different local news outlets to inform the public of laws associated with e-bikes and safety protocols. If followed, laws and safety protocols will reduce injury and death for e-bike riders.

Queens Medical Center (QMC) –Nicole Gustie

World Stroke Day is 10/29/24. Continuing to work on education and awareness events for stroke and surfer’s myelopathy all over Oahu. With the wrap up of the statewide stroke campaign, will share outcomes and impact data as it becomes available.

SCI Survivor – Molly Trihey

No update, reminder to NTP staff to please share NSF budget activity for FY24.

Stroke Survivor – Scott Sagum

Can NSF be used to pay for Special Olympic athletes to travel from Kaua’i to O’ahu? (The NSF is used for costs specific to injury as a result of neurotrauma.) Scott attended the 2nd meeting of Kauai BIG support group and met a stroke survivor who used to work in law enforcement.

Executive Office on Aging – Lauryn Reich

EOA is looking at ways to improve brain health of people with Alzheimer’s to reduce their risk of stroke and/or TBI. They are also piloting a project to address housing issues experienced by kupuna.

Hui Malama Po’o - Val Yamada

Focus of the group at the moment is working with current members whose health and anxiety concerns since COVID, act as a barrier to them attending in person meetings. BIHi offered the assistance of professional psychologists, available at no-cost, through the “I See You – I Hear You” program offered through Honolulu Psychology Collective. <https://honolulupsychologycollective.com/inquiry-form> (For the box on the form asking about insurance, insert BIHi.)

TBI Survivor – Bill Rodriguez

No update, offered to accompany Violet to Maui for the 10/5/24 HDHC educational event on Maui, if assistance was needed.

Catholic Charities Hawaii – Stella Wong

CCH's new door-to-door program helping CCH service recipients get to, understand, and follow up on their appointments is going well. A feature in the Midweek periodical caused a wave of new clients to request support. CCH is looking to recruit additional volunteer drivers to be able to accommodate others who are requesting to use the service. Two main criteria to qualify for the service is being at least 60 years of age and a client of CCH. Due to the overwhelmingly positive response to the program, CCH is looking for ways to sustain the service once it is no longer funded by AARP.

As the number of individuals who qualify for kupuna status grows each year, so does their need for services and assistance. CCH is encouraging people to get educated on dementia to be able to help themselves and/or a loved one. To this end, CCH invites everyone to access

<https://www.catholiccharitieshawaii.org/caring-for-persons-living-with-dementia-webinars-and-presentations/> as is convenient for them.

Hawaii Pacific Health - Matt Wells

No update.

Kona Brain Injury Support Group - Michele for Karen Klemme

- August - Eye movement therapy
- September – reading after a TBI

- October – Medicare benefits
- November - Advocacy

VIII. DOH Update – Neurotrauma Program - Michele Tong

NTP Strategic Plan is awaiting administrative approval. Recent education and awareness events attended by NTP staff include a head injury prevention with HBL in Kaka’ako, stroke prevention with QMC at American Heart Walk, and head injury education for military families on National Night Out – Hickam with KMCWC.

IX. Announcements

None

X. Next Neurotrauma Advisory Board Meeting

Date: October 24, 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 3:18pm