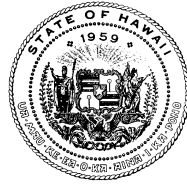


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NEUROTRAUMA ADVISORY BOARD (NTAB)

MEETING MINUTES

June 27, 2024

Present: Molly Trihey, Valerie Yamada, Scott Sagum, Dr. Kent Yamamoto, Angie Enoka, BJ Wade, Bill Rodrigues, Matt Wells, TJ Donayri, Milton Takara, Stella Wong

Absent: n/a

Others: Violet Horvath, Pacific Disabilities Center; Alberto Perez, Pacific Disabilities Center; Kiana Kaupiko, Chronic Disease Management, Stephanie Edwards, Wilcox Medical Center; Ipo, aide to Milton

DOH Staff: Michele Tong, Neurotrauma Program

I. Call to Order - Meeting called to order at 1:31pm by Stella Wong

II. Approval of Minutes from April 25, 2024

Board member Matt Wells motioned to accept the minutes with no changes or edits. Board member Molly Trihey seconded the motion. All board members present voted in favor of the minutes being accepted as written. No questions. 3 members were not present at the time of voting.

Voting to accept the minutes: Ayes 8 Nays 0 Abstentions 0

III. Review of Agenda

Agenda accepted as written. No questions or discussions.

IV. New Business

A. None

V. Old Business

A. Pacific Disabilities Center – *Violet Horvath*

Played two 30-second stroke video PSAs that were created in partnership with the Hawaii Stroke Coalition. The PSAs can be found on the PDC YouTube Channel, located at <https://www.youtube.com/@PacificDisabilitiesCenter>. The PSAs are part of the stroke awareness campaign that will run through August. To make the information accessible to all, PDC is working to get a transcript of the videos and match it with the frames. There is no ETA available for this task. A third video not shown during the meeting is almost 30 minutes in length. It provides a detailed look at strokes, stroke symptoms, Hawaii's system of care and when to call 9-1-1.

In other PDC news:

- County-by-county resource manuals are being updated. In the meantime, the current manuals will be added to the website.
- Looking for funding to bring information and resources to the neighbor islands.
- Revamp of the website <https://pdc.jabsom.hawaii.edu> includes an events calendar, issues of the monthly Neurotrauma Newsletter, and resources.

B. Brain Injury Association of Hawaii – *BJ Wade*

BIOSG presentations by AILH on housing and FBI on scams. Outreach at YMCA Healthy Kids Day (helmets and brain injury prevention). Attended Emme Tomimbang's (TBI survivor and BIHi supporter) celebration of life.

Sienna Byrne a TBI survivor (sponsored by BIHi) won 3rd runner up at Miss Hawaii pageant. Since the March 2 brain injury conference, 3 attendees have notified BIHi that the information provided via the conference “saved them”. Because of what he learned at the conference; one person called 911 immediately when he recognized he was exhibiting stroke symptoms. He credits the knowledge of symptoms and how to respond for “saving his life.”

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

Queens Medical Center (QMC) – TJ Donayri

Matter of Balance programming welcomes 3 new master coaches and 6-7 new coaches. HBL, QMC and DOT are doing a media appearance to raise awareness of the increased use and dangers posed by e-bikes. QMC is also preparing for their ACS level 1 trauma verification survey that will recertify them as an ACS 1 trauma unit for maintaining ACS standards of quality care.

Queens Medical Center (QMC) – Michele for Nicole Gustie

Completed EMS Explorer Program with Farrington High School introducing students to the world of EMS, adding to their career path options. Looking for volunteers to work the QMC stroke table at Prince Lot Hula Festival on Saturday, 7/20/24.

TBI Survivor – Milton Takara

Would like to find a way to relieve some of the stress he feels constantly.

Guest – Ipo (aide to Milton)

Learns a lot from attending these meetings with Milton

DOH Chronic Disease – Kiana Kaupiko

Current Coverdell grant includes stroke activities to better native Hawaiian health. Submitting application for new phase of Coverdell by the end of August. New proposal will look at factors involving stroke risk, hypertension, conditions post discharge.

TBI Survivor – Angie Enoka

No update.

SCI Survivor – Molly Trihey

Experiencing difficulty locating a physiatrist who specializes in treating SCI patients. Although she was given a referral to a physiatrist at RHOP, the office to which she was referred declined taking her on as a patient. RHOP physiatrists self-determine whom they will/will not serve. In the neurotrauma resource manuals, PDC will add physiatrists to the listing of neurologists. In her capacity as board member, Molly requested a budget update for the Neurotrauma Special Fund.

TBI Survivor – Bill Rodriguez

Attended last BIOSG, and see how it makes people happy to attend, share their experience, relax together.

Kauai BIG – Steph Edwards

First NTAB 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. A 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

Stroke Survivor – Scott Sagum

Another surf shop on Kauai asked for training on surfer's myelopathy.

Hui Malama Po'o - Val Yamada

Working on meeting room access and a schedule for Stroke Club meetings.

Hawaii Pacific Health - Matt Wells

Duties have officially transferred to trauma care as the sole focus. Any efforts in the stroke realm are from personal commitment to the community.

Rehabilitation Hospital of the Pacific – Dr. Kent Yamamoto

Finding and hiring quality candidates to maintain adequate staffing remains a challenge.

Pacific Disabilities Center (graduate student program) – Alberto Perez

Appreciates being allowed to attend/learn.

Kona Brain Injury Support Group - Michele for Karen Klemme

- June - Medical gas lighting
- July - Dizziness after a TBI
- August - Eye movement therapy
- September – reading after a TBI
- October – Medicare benefits
- November - Advocacy

Catholic Charities Hawaii – Stella Wong

With grant monies from AARP CCH has been able to run a door-to-door program to assist recipients of CCH services with appointments. Besides transporting someone safely, the CCH representative will help the service recipient to understand the information presented and assist with follow up activities (medications, referrals, exercises, informing care givers, next appointment, etc.), to whatever extent help is needed. CCH is looking to increase the number of available drivers for this program to be able to assist others.

In other works, CCH has created videos to help anyone caring for a person experiencing dementia. <https://www.catholiccharitieshawaii.org/caring-for-persons-living-with-dementia-webinars-and-presentations/> The videos provide insight on care for the individual with dementia and care for the care giver.

On Kauai CCH has provided assistance to victims of the recent flooding. On Maui \$7million has been provided to families affected by COVID and the wildfires. Assistance to Kauai, Maui and the Big Island was provided through emergency shelter, rent relief, case management, and residential stabilization efforts.

D. DOH Update – Neurotrauma Program - Michele Tong

NTP Strategic Plan is in the final stages of being written up and approved. Would like to present and start work on the plan’s goals and objectives by next NTAB meeting in August. Collaborations with NTP partners on community events continues. Upcoming events include National Night Out where organizations have an opportunity to connect with Hawaii’s military families.

VI. Announcements

None

VII. Next Neurotrauma Advisory Board Meeting

Date: August 22, 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 3:40pm