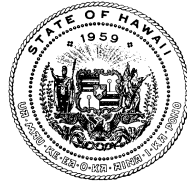


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STATE TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY ADVISORY BOARD (STBIAB)

MEETING MINUTES

November 19, 2024

Present: Rita Manriquez, Bill Rodrigues, Kristen Keech, Karen Klemme, Lisa Dau, Wayne Parsons
Absent: Dorothy Ali'ilua,
Others: Violet Horvath, Pacific Disabilities Center; Nicole Gustie, Queens Medical Center; Stephanie Edwards, Kauai BIG; BJ Wade, Brain Injury Association of Hawaii
DOH Staff: Michele Tong, Neurotrauma Program

I. Call to Order - Meeting called to order at 1:35 pm by STBIAB Chairperson, Bill Rodrigues

II. Approval of Minutes from September 10, 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.

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

No learning moment presentation for this meeting. Sponsored by BIHi, Violet attended annual 2024 NASHIA conference in Oregon and a disabilities health fair on Maui. Attendance at NASHIA included Violet doing a poster presentation on TBI individuals' involvement with law enforcement. The Maui fair was not well attended but allowed Violet time to network with other providers. Medical gaslighting and Basics of advocacy presentations were done for Tutu's House and Kona BI respectively. Violet continues planning efforts for a 2025 event sponsored by Hawaii Disability Health Coalition (HDHC). Everyone is encouraged to send Violet information on resources and upcoming events to be added to the monthly PDC resource listing.

B. TBI news across our State

Brain Injury Association of Hawaii – BJ Wade

September and October BIOSG meetings included presentations from Brain Health Hawaii and a speech therapist. October was busy with BIHi volunteering at Aliamanu's National Night Out and hosting the annual Pacific Club fundraiser which raised \$10,000 to support BIHi's activities. Additionally, for the Boys and Girls Club of Hawaii, in Waianae, BIHi provided funding to have HBL staff run the bike rodeo on October 15 and volunteered at the skate event on October 22. In 2025, 2 Pilot Clubs will be gifting 100 multi-sport helmets to BIHi for helmet giveaway events. The helmets are slated to be shipped to QMC in anticipation of partnering for brain injury prevention/awareness events.

Queens Medical Center (QMC Trauma) – Michele Tong for TJ Donayri

From September to November, QMC – Trauma, has done or will be doing numerous events. Community outreach has included helmet giveaways paired with safety tips for injury prevention. October helmet distribution events included Child and Youth Day, MTA Keiki Fair, and Boys and Girls Club Waianae. QMC Trauma’s other activities have consisted of teaching medical students and emergency preparedness workers “Stop The Bleed” protocol, car seat checks at a Kaua’i charter school, and a Motor Vehicle Crash presentation from a trauma care perspective for Grand Rounds.

Queens Medical Center (QMC Stroke) –Nicole Gustie

From May 2024 – August 2024 QMC Stroke and Hawaii Stroke Coalition conducted a stroke campaign that included media and community outreach. Outreach included being able to identify the signs and symptoms of stroke and knowing the best action to take when a stroke is suspected is calling 9 -1-1. The campaign involved 21 events that resulted in more than 2,209 unique in-person interactions. The media portion of the HSC Stroke Campaign 2024 reached five million (5,000,000) via tv appearances and targeted social media. An impressive 77.49% of viewers watched to completion, the “pre-roll” (video played prior to requested content) stroke awareness video.

Kauai BIG – Stephanie Edwards

November was Kauai BIG’s 5th support group meeting. Attendance from September’s meeting doubled in October, then doubled again in November. In person attendance in November consisted of 5 TBI survivors and 2 accompanying persons. Meetings start with a breathing exercise and ends with art therapy.

November's presentation was on sound healing. December's presentation will be a TBI survivor who is certified in different healing modalities.

TBI Survivor – *Bill Rodriguez*

No update

TBI Survivor – *Rita Manriquez*

Self-care is so important and yet can be so hard for a person with a TBI. In Rita's network, 1 person was hospitalized and requested Rita provide a service to a mutual acquaintance. With everything going on in her life right now, Rita performed an act of self-care by contacting a third person in the network to fulfill the service request.

Hawaii Pacific Health - *Michele Tong for Matt Wells*

Debut of Matt's first professional publication, "*Workplace violence in trauma centers; an American Trauma Society Position Statement*". According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, as of 2018, healthcare workers were 5 times more likely to experience workplace violence than general population workers. Actions that can be taken to stem the tide of violence include enacting legislation to increase penalties against perpetrators and enforcing regulations to build a workplace culture of non-violence. <https://tsaco.bmj.com/content/9/1/e001580>

Kona Brain Injury Support Group - *Karen Klemme*

- September – reading after a TBI
- October – Medicare benefits
- November – Advocacy
- December – Neck care after a TBI

Kapiolani Medical Center (QMC) – *Michele Tong for Lisa Dau*

Numerous safety events across Oahu and Kauai, doing car seat checks, helmet giveaways, and injury prevention awareness. With numerous partners, KMCWC participated in health fairs, National Night Out, Child and Youth Day, and HFD Family Day. In addition to outreach activities, presentations and trainings for car seat safety and certifying technicians were completed in August and September.

Wayne Parsons Law Office – *Wayne Parsons*

Continuing work to change building codes for increased window safety. Current military building code mandates all base housing install child safe windows. While some of the bases have or are working to comply, other bases are working on ways to evade the mandate. The current standard for window safety was created by a construction company and does not fully address everything that needs to be in place to secure a child from window falls. In a recent win for window safety, the National Association for Window Safety is in the process of updating the standard by which window safety will be measured. Once the new standard is in place Parsons Law Office along with other window safety advocates will circulate the information to child related organizations nationwide.

Occupational Therapist – *Kristen Keech*

Current work involves creating a training for caregivers to provide proper care when their loved one is discharged home. To inform this work, Kristen is requesting input from caregivers who have or are caring for someone with a severe TBI. Input will be provided by completing a survey regarding their experience. Board members in attendance expressed interest in the survey. Kristen will create a flyer regarding the survey and make it available to board members to distribute.

BJ congratulated Kristen on being the recipient of the 2024 Impact Award given by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy. Kristen's was recognized for "enhancing care and access to resources for survivors of brain injury and their families". and being "Passionate about providing individualized and client-centered care". Congratulations, Kristen! We are lucky to have you on our board.

VI. DOH Update – Neurotrauma Program - Michele Tong

NTP activities in September and October were helmet and brain injury awareness events with our local partners, Rollerskate Oahu, QMC, KMCWC, Kauai BIG, BIHi, and HBL. The 2 largest events were Children and Youth Day at Frank Fasi Park and the bike/skate rodeos at Boys and Girls Club, Waianae.

NSF budget for FY 24:

Beginning Cash Balance:	\$645,148.38
Revenue:	\$435,073.58
Expenditures:	\$146,137.00 (Payroll/Operational)
Ending Cash Balance:	\$934,084.96

NTP Strategic Plan FY 25-30 has been signed and executed by DOH Director, Dr. Kenneth Fink and DDD Chief, Mary Brogan. NTAB members discussed scheduling options to work on NTP Strategic Plan FY 25-30 (monthly meetings versus special meetings). NTAB decided NTP would reach out to members via email to work on the strategic plan and call special meetings if/when necessary. STBIAB will follow NTAB's lead on emails and special meetings to work on the Strategic Plan.

VII. Announcements

None

VIII. Next State Traumatic Brain Injury Advisory Board Meeting

Date: January 14, 2025

Time: 1:30 pm to 4:00 pm

Location: Diamond Head Health Center and Zoom

I. 2025 STBIAB Meeting Dates

January 14, March 11, May 13, July 8, September 9, November 4

Meeting Adjourned at 3:01pm