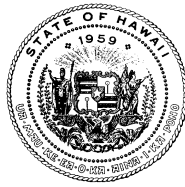


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**STATE TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY ADVISORY BOARD (STBIAB)**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**July 8, 2025**

Present: Bill Rodrigues, Kristen Keech, Lisa Dau, Stephanie Edwards, Wayne Parsons

Absent: Rita Manriquez, Karen Klemme

Others: Violet Horvath, Pacific Disabilities Center; Nicole Gustie, Queens Medical Center; Cameron Rogers, Maui Memorial; Troy Furutani, UH HCAMP; BJ Wade, BIHi

DOH Staff: Michele Tong, Neurotrauma Program, Donovan Casison

**I. Call to Order** - Meeting called to order at 1:53 pm by STBIAB Chairperson, Bill Rodrigues

**II. Approval of Minutes from January 14, 2025** - Board member Lisa Dau motioned to accept the minutes with correction in spelling of Bill Rodrigues last name in the "Neurotrauma news across the state" section. Chair Bill Rodrigues seconded the motion. The four board members present at the time of voting all voted in favor of the minutes being accepted. No additional edits, questions, or discussion. Voting to accept the minutes: Ayes 4 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**

Provided assistance to NTP at exhibitor table for May and June events. Continuing to assist team in Indonesia to increase visibility and respect for individuals with disabilities. Upcoming outreach will include LMPSC and Kauai health fair. At LMPSC, NTP stroke packet will be shared. For Kauai, Violet is managing a table with information from several partner organizations.

### **B. Neurotrauma news across our State**

#### **Brain Injury Association of Hawaii – BJ Wade**

Presentations for May and June on Brain Care and Cognitive Rehab were well received by the group. Members enjoyed a water day at Kroc Center in June. Everyone is looking forward to the summer picnics for the July and August meetings. On 7/21/25, BIHi will be traveling to celebrate and support Kauai BIG at their one-year anniversary meeting/party. 9/20/25 is BIHi's resource fair in Hilo.

#### **Kona Brain Injury Support Group - Karen Klemme**

Presentations for June and July increased members understanding of how mental health changes when someone survives a TBI and use of visualization to deal with challenges.

#### **Queens Medical Center (QMC) Stroke – Nicole Gustie**

Continuing stroke outreach with multiple events. Highlight of the past quarter was receipt of a \$604 check from Honouliuli students for Hawaii Stroke Coalition (HSC). Students fundraised to be able to give back to HSC who has been putting on interactive stroke learning sessions for the school. Material from 2024 stroke campaign, was given airtime once again for 2025 Stroke Awareness Month.

KHON2 Living 808 interviewed HSC and EMS reps on stroke also for 2025 Stroke Awareness Month. AHA walk is 8/9/25. HSC usually hosts an exhibit table. This year HSC will be doing a stroke activity. No details just yet on what the activity will be. HSC is at the table for the discussion of how Plavix settlement moneys of \$700,000 shall be used/disbursed. If anyone is interested in two different Parkinson's studies using gene markers and smell, please reach out to Nicole Gustie for more information.

Kapiolani Medical Center (KMCWC) – Lisa Dau

Car Seat Checks are scheduled through August for Oahu and Kauai. There are openings for the Car Seat Technician training happening on Oahu, July 23-26, 2025. Contact Lisa Dau for this or future trainings/certifications/car seat checks.

University of Hawaii (UH) BrainSpace– Troy Furutani

Update of BrainSpace concussion training videos is progressing as planned. All BrainSpace scripts and screenplays are written. Filming of persons being interviewed has started and a team is working on animatronics for characters that will be in the videos. Additional HCAMP activities to raise awareness of concussion and injury prevention include:

April 2026 New larger scale clinic before spring football season, with coaches as the target audience. These clinics tie in with the Junior Prep Sports, (JPS) workshops and provide the coaches certification for the latest safe tackling techniques.

July 2025 Exhibitor at Family & Sports Expo at Neil Blaisdell. Star Advertiser, alongside UH athletics.

August 2025 JPS workshops to certify coaches on safe tackling. Youth leagues are the target audience. Coaches will learn different tackling techniques and drills that can be implemented at the youth level to reduce head impact exposures. The training will also include education on concussion, heat, emergency planning, and strength and conditioning.

TBI Survivor – *Bill Rodrigues*

No update

Window Falls – *Wayne Parsons*

The head of a five-year-old child is heavier than their body, making them prone to falling over and falling out of windows. While the window safety bill made it through appropriations in the House and the Senate, behind the scenes actors, (private and federal), are resisting implementation of building codes requiring safer windows be installed in all military housing. Working with Lisa Dau of KIPC has been helpful to connect with Safe kids International to gain momentum for window safety in Japan. There is an absence of data on window falls. People are being brought in for care from a fall but documentation on the cause or source of the fall is often missing. Lisa will request window falls data from Dan Galanis of DOH EMISPB.

Occupational Therapist – *Kristen Keech*

Working on numerous projects. Creating content for eight Medbridge courses on stroke and brain injury. HPU has an OT, PT, and physician assistant program. Students can be a great source of labor for events and projects. Volunteering gives students an opportunity to give back to their community while furthering their training and connecting them to the population they will hopefully serve one day.

Student Capstone projects can create resources like written information and educational content that can be reused or reproduced.

Kauai BIG – Stephanie Edwards

On 7/21/25, Kauai BIG will be celebrating one year of gathering, sharing, and growing.

Maui Memorial – Cameron Rogers

Cameron and the stroke coordinator at Maui Memorial have been discussing support groups for stroke and TBI survivors. Gathering information and views on whether the groups should be together or separate. Kauai BIG and BIHi both mentioned having stroke and TBI survivors attend their meetings with no issues or complaints.

VI. DOH Update – Neurotrauma Program - Michele Tong

Welcoming Stephanie as STBIAB's newest board member serving in an At-Large position. Welcoming Cameron Rogers to her first STBIAB meeting. Cameron hails from Maui Memorial as their injury prevention and outreach coordinator with a background working as a nurse educator and trauma nurse.

Review "Partner Agency" document with members providing additional potential partners. Lisa and Violet will contribute additional partners and their activities after this meeting.

Introduced a draft of a Medical Passport, a tool created to help survivors better communicate with medical staff, understand their health, and complete activities to follow up on their appointment. Discussion included willingness, ability, and time of caregivers, survivors, and medical staff to complete the passport and follow up activities. As doctors' offices furnish patients with an appointment summary, there

was a question as to the need for the passport. One member noted that the appointment summaries often lack meaningful content that allow for understanding of one's health and a patient's responsibilities for follow up activities. Everyone agreed the real need is for assistance to complete the passport prior and during the appointment, and assistance after to complete any follow up activities (filling prescriptions, scheduling other doctors/therapists, etc.). Neurotrauma Program will revise the passport based on this discussion. Support group leaders are willing to introduce the passport to support group members to gain insight on use of the passport at an actual appointment. At some point there will be a need to address practical implementation of a medical passport.

A quick update was provided of the remaining strategic plan goals and objectives.

**VII. Announcements - None**

**VIII. Next State Traumatic Brain Injury Advisory Board Meeting**

Date: September 9, 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 3:40pm