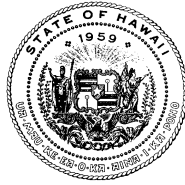


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STATE TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY ADVISORY BOARD (STBIAB)

MEETING MINUTES

September 9, 2025

Present: Bill Rodrigues, Kristen Keech, Cameron Rogers, Stephanie Edwards,
Wayne Parsons

Absent: Rita Manriquez, Lisa Dau, Karen Klemme

Others: Violet Horvath, Pacific Disabilities Center; Ryan Tamashiro, Pacific
Disabilities Center; Troy Furutani, UH HCAMP; Jamie Higa, UH HCAMP;
Naghum (Nia) Alfulaij, UH Pacific Biosciences; Amanda Luning, HI FASD
Action Group

DOH Staff: Michele Tong, Neurotrauma Program, Donovan Casison

I. Call to Order - Meeting called to order at 2:09 pm by STBIAB chair Bill Rodrigues.

- Quorum was established and introductions of first-time visitors included Jamie, Amanda, and Nia. Jamie is a dual-licensed clinical and school psychologist with a background in concussion rehabilitation, who recently joined the team at UH HCAMP. Amanda is the executive director of Hawai'i Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Action Group, Nia is an assistant professor at UH Manoa, Pacific Biosciences Research

Center and works with Amanda.

- Changes in the board were also noted. Cameron Rogers of Maui Memorial Hospital is attending her first STBIAB as an official board member. Due to a move out of state, this will be Kristen Keech's last STBIAB as an official board member.
- Due to issues with the Zoom audio, while all agenda items were covered, discussion was brief, and the entire meeting time was 28 minutes.

II. Statement from Public and Written Testimonies Submitted - No public or written testimonies submitted

III. Approval of Minutes from July 8, 2025 - Board member, Stephanie Edwards, motioned to accept the minutes with no changes or edits. Board member, Bill Rodrigues, seconded the motion. All board members present at the time of voting voted in favor of the minutes being accepted with no further discussion, questions, or edits. Voting to accept the minutes: Ayes 5 Nays 0 Abstentions 0

IV. Old Business

A. Update Neurotrauma Strategic Plan Fiscal Year 2025-2030

- Activities and work on the neurotrauma strategic plan have been on the goals and objectives in its entirety, with small wins and slow progress. Neurotrauma Program recently met with Maria Crowley and Becky Wolfkeil of National Association for State Head Injury Administrators aka NASHIA, of which NTP is a member. Discussion with NASHIA surrounded focusing on one goal/objective/activity and engaging in work that would result in meaningful outcomes for the neurotrauma community.
- NTP is considering contracting with NASHIA to facilitate progress on the strategic plan. However, funding such a contract may be challenging.

Funding for the Neurotrauma Special Fund has steadily decreased over the years and the available funds are being prioritized for the Hawaii Neurotrauma Registry (HNTR) contract slated to start in FY2027.

- Last STBIAB, the first draft of a “medical passport” was shared. While it contained valuable information and a way to facilitate communication with health providers, the general consensus was the passport would be difficult to implement due to the need for coordination between survivor, caregiver, and numerous health provider staff. Until such issues can be addressed creation of a passport will only be done in a passive manner.
- The board discussed the partner agency sheet listing the mission and vision of different agencies that provide neurotrauma related services. By identifying the needs and purpose of an agency we will be able to see if our goals align and if there are opportunities for collaboration, while avoiding a duplication of efforts and siloed operations. Request was made for board members to be part of a work group to research each of the different agencies. The work group will start with SCI providers for which we have the fewest number of partner agencies listed. Work group members will be extended an invitation to discuss what we would like to see from partner agencies, what we have to offer partner agencies, our goals, and creation of an action plan. Kristen suggested adding United Spinal Cord Injury-Hawaii Chapter to the agency partner listing. USCI is a non-profit working on accessibility and development of resources for people living with SCI.
- With Hawaii currently benefitting from AHA’s Mission Lifeline, there will be a separate workgroup for stroke. Violet will reach out to Chasen Fukuda

to assist with identifying leaders from each of the stroke organizations and discuss arranging a stakeholder meeting.

B. University of Hawaii College of Education – BrainSpace contract - Jamie provided an update on the Brain Space project, which is expanding to include modules for youth, parents, coaches, athletes, and officials. The project is in post-production after recent filming, with a target completion date of late October – November 2025.

V. New Business - No items for New Business

VI. Open Forum - Neurotrauma news and announcements from across the state.

- The meeting discussed updates on various support groups and events. The BIHi Hilo resource fair was postponed due to medical emergencies of key organizers, highlighting the need for better collaboration among community organizations. Cameron reported Maui Health recently did a helmet giveaway in Kula and have upcoming outreach and fall prevention events on Lanai and Maui. Also, she and co-worker Casi may start a support group for stroke and brain injury survivors. Kauai BIG continues to meet consistently and Stephanie reported being able to obtain symphony tickets for members to have the opportunity to socialize outside of the support group. Violet has a number of events coming up including the HMSA Akamai Living Senior Fair in Hilo and the Lanai City Health Fair.
- Public comment on issues not on the agenda for consideration at the next meeting. No comments made or items suggested for next STBIAB meeting.

VII. Next State Traumatic Brain Injury Advisory Board Meeting

- Date: November 4, 2025
- Time: 1:30 pm to 4:00 pm
- Location: Diamond Head Health Center and Zoom

2025 STBIAB Meeting Dates

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

Meeting Adjourned at 2:37pm

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