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SENATE PASSES MUCH NEEDED TBI & PTSD LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING BILL

Often those experiencing a brain injury or who suffer from a post-traumatic stress disorder interact with law enforcement under stressful situations. A crisis response tool has long been needed to de-escalate confrontations and ensure those who have experienced a brain injury get the compassionate and appropriate assistance they need.

On Tuesday, August 16, 2022 President Biden signed H.R. 2992, the "Traumatic Brain Injury and Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Law Enforcement Training Act" or the "TBI and PTSD Law Enforcement Training Act", (Public Law 117-170). The bill requires the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) to consult with relevant agencies to establish crisis intervention training tools for first responders to address individuals with traumatic brain injuries, acquired brain injuries, and post-traumatic stress disorder.

The BJA must ensure that at least one police department designated as a Law Enforcement Mental Health Learning Site utilizes the tools and that such tools are part of the Police-Mental Health Collaboration Toolkit. The bill authorizes funding to train first responders; crisis intervention teams; mental health courts; and other programs that help law enforcement to assist individuals experiencing TBI, PTSD or acquired brain injury (ABI).

This important piece of legislation is designed to positively affect those who have experienced a brain injury when interacting with first responders.

DIRECTOR OF THE PACIFIC DISABILITIES CENTER JOINS BIAH BOARD



Violet E. Horvath, Ph.D., MSW, MFA is a welcome addition to the BIAH Board. Her experience and knowledge will help guide BIAH as it moves forward. Dr. Horvath is Director of Pacific Disabilities Center at the John A. Burns School of Medicine, University of Hawaii at Manoa. She is a planning committee member for the annual Hawaii Summit for the Institute on Violence, Abuse and Trauma, leads the Accessibility Subcommittee, and is on their Ho'omaluhia Advisory Board. She regularly gives presentations as part of the St. Francis Caregiver and Wellness class series, to interested groups, and at conferences on topics such as preventing and identifying strokes, spinal cord injuries, and brain injuries, on the basics of advocacy, domestic violence and brain injuries, and homeless, violence, and brain injuries.

She recently co-founded the Hawaii Disabilities and Healthcare Coalition along with the Pacific Basin Telehealth Resource Center and Aloha Independent Living Hawaii. In her spare time, to date, she has volunteered for 82 professional golf tournaments since 1999, including PGA, LPGA, and USGA events in Hawaii and in several other states. Dr. Horvath has a Ph.D. in social welfare, master's degrees in social work and theater, and bachelor's degrees in psychology and theater. She is a field instructor in social work for the University of Hawaii and Hawaii Pacific University. She previously held positions at the Thompson School of Social Work and Public Health at the University of Hawaii, Honolulu Community College, and the Brown School of Social Work and Public Health at Washington University in St. Louis. Dr. Horvath is on the combined research / human studies committee for the Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center and is a member of the Disability and Communication Access Board.



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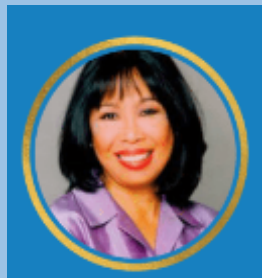
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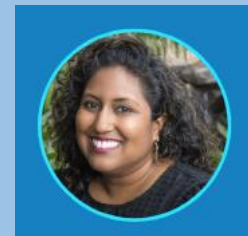
Pacific Club, 1451 Queen Emma Street, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813



Rose



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Leena

Featuring Presentations
by

Emme Tomimbang Burns & Rose Evelyn Friedheim, PsyD
"Surviving and Thriving After Experiencing a Brain Injury"

and

Leena Mohapatra, PhD *"Neuropsychological Assessments"*

KAPAMag Fashion Show Promoting Brain Safety
Wine Pull

Live Specialty Desserts and Cakes Auction

_____ \$1,200 BIAH Warrior Table of 8 (\$640 tax deductible per table)

_____ \$ 120 Individual Seating (\$50 tax deductible per set)

\$_____ Tax Deductible Donation

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## BRAIN INJURY ASSOCIATION OF HAWAII EXECUTIVES MEET WITH FUNDRAISER GUEST SPEAKER EMME TOMIMBANG BURNS



BIAH President Dorothy Aliilua, Board Advisor Karen Klemme, and Executive Director Billie "BJ" Wade met EMME TOMIMBANG BURNS at Mariposa Restaurant on August 18, 2022 to discuss BIAH and the BIAH Fundraiser held on Saturday, October 1, 2022 from 11 to 3 at the Pacific Club

BIAH President Dorothy Aliilua & Executive Director Billie "BJ" Wade



BJ, BIAH Board Advisor Karen Klemme, Fundraiser Guest Speaker Emme Tomimbang Burns  
Business Consultant Sherry Goya and Dorothy



# I SEE YOU ~ I HEAR YOU PROGRAM



## I SEE YOU ~ I HEAR YOU PROGRAM WITH THE **HONOLULU PSYCHOLOGY COLLECTIVE** CLINICIANS

BIAH has affiliated with the Honolulu Psychology Collective (HPC), which is a community of mental health professionals co-founded by Allana Coffee, Ph.D. and Jerry Coffee, LCSW.

The Collective of licensed and pre-licensed therapists and clinical social workers have agreed to provide periodic 30 minute mental health sessions at no cost to BIAH members.

### **To schedule an appointment call**

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***One of the fastest paths to being a BIAH Warrior is to maintain a positive Mental Health***

## MISSION OF THE BRAIN INJURY ASSOCIATION OF HAWAII

The mission of this nonprofit organization is to improve the quality of life of persons with a brain injury and the families of such persons in Hawaii and other areas of the Pacific Basin. In this conjunction brain injury is defined as an acquired, non-generative brain injury whose causes include but are not limited to trauma, disease, surgery, hypoxia, and anoxia.

### ORGANIZATIONS AND MEMBERS WHO SUPPORT BRAIN INJURY ASSOCIATION OF HAWAII



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*A non profit service organization  
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PLEASE JOIN US AS A PERSON WHO HAS EXPERIENCED A BRAIN INJURY OR AS A FAMILY MEMBER, CAREGIVER OR  
CONCERNED PERSON IN THE COMMUNITY,

ON BEHALF OF ALL OF US IN THE BRAIN INJURY COMMUNITY, THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU



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