

STATE COUNCIL ON MENTAL HEALTH (SCMH)
Behavioral Health Administration
Department of Health, State of Hawaii

Kinau Hale Conference Room, 1st Floor
January 9, 2018
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Members Present: **Ahu, Shannessy; Boyer, Kathryn; Crum, Louise; Dang, Psy.D., Cynthia; Daraban, Charlie; Jackson, Arwyn; Martinez, Kau; Ries, Psy.D., MSEd., Richard; Rocchio, LCSW, CSAC, Christopher; Rowe, Caprena; Simms, Sandra; Vorsino, Psy.D., Marie**

Members Absent: **Kahahane, Ciara; Nagao, Lani**

Members Excused: **Koyanagi, M.D., Chad; Shimabukuro, Ph.D., Scott**

Guests Present:

Staff Present: **Clarke, Judith; Cooper, Rei; Hiraga-Nuccio, Madeleine; Keane, Greg; Nazareno, Jocelyn; Tom, Trina**

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	RECOMMENDATIONS/ ACTIONS/CONCLUSIONS	PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DATE DUE
1. Call To Order	Dr. Marie Vorsino, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:13 a.m. Quorum was established at 9:27 a.m.		M. Vorsino, Psy.D., Chair	
2. Review of Minutes	The draft minutes for November 14, 2017 and December 12, 2017 were reviewed. No revisions were noted. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Ries moved to approve the November 14, 2017 minutes. Ms. Daraban seconded. • Dr. Ries moved to approve the December 12, 2017 minutes. Ms. Ahu seconded. 	<u>Action:</u> With no objections, motions to approve the November 14 th and the December 12 th minutes carried unanimously.		
3. Community Input	None.			

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4. Meetings with Legislators	<p>Letters to invite legislators to attend the January State Council meeting were mailed to their offices in November. The legislators invited were: Senator Roselyn Baker, Representative John Mizuno, and Representative Della Au Belatti.</p> <p>Due to these legislators' busy schedules, they were unable to attend the State Council meeting. Representative Belatti stated that she would send her Chief of Staff, Robert Choy, to attend a future meeting. Representative Belatti also stated that she is willing to join Representative Mizuno in a meeting with State Council representatives to discuss topics that are important to the Council, and topics that they could collaborate on.</p> <p>Chair Vorsino suggested that Mr. Rocchio, Ms. Rowe and her meet with Representatives Mizuno and Belatti in their office.</p>	<p><u>Action:</u> Staff will remind Council members to send in any questions that they may have for legislators.</p>	M. Vorsino, Psy.D., Chair	
5. Legislative Permitted Interaction Group Update	<p>The Legislative Permitted Interaction Group (PIG) is planning to connect with legislators to offer insight regarding proposed legislation on mental health issues. They plan to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Meet in January to draft a plan for assessing proposed legislation, determine the approval process for Council testimony, and determine which bills the Council should offer testimony on. 2. Set-up meetings with Senator Baker, Representatives Mizuno and Belatti to understand their mental health priorities, and introduce the Council as a resource for them. 3. Set-up a meeting with Representative Scott Nishimoto to advocate for Senate Bills 202 (Relating to Service Area Boards) and 203 (Relating to State Council on Mental Health) as these bills are still "alive." <p>Dr. Ries will be the point person for the Council to partner with other organizations in providing testimony on mental health-related bills. Ms. Simms will coordinate the scheduling of meetings with the legislators, and Ms. Jackson will coordinate a meeting with Representative Nishimoto.</p>	<p><u>Action:</u> Council members to email staff a list of organizations they wish to partner with, and the points of contact.</p>	Legislative Permitted Interaction Group	

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6. Review Changes to the State Council's By-Laws	The changes to the State Council By-Laws were discussed. Dr. Ries moved to approve the changes and Ms. Jackson seconded.	<u>Action:</u> Changes to the By-Laws were approved, and motion passed unanimously.	M. Vorsino, Psy.D., Chair	
7. Island Reports	<p>Oahu – No Report</p> <p>Maui – No Report</p> <p>Kauai – No Report</p> <p>Hawaii Island – No Report</p>	For information, only.		
8. Consideration of Additional Topics to the FY2018 Strategic Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Addiction <p>Ms. Rowe raised the issue that Maui's addiction services and co-occurring program closed last year due to a lack of funding. She commented that the need for such programs in rural areas is very important, and she asked the Council to advocate to restore the program on Maui and on the other neighbor islands as well.</p> <p>Council members recommended the following actions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Get clarification from Medicaid and Medicare regarding medical coverages for co-occurring services. 2. Invite the Department of Human Services (DHS)/Dr. Koyanagi to attend a Council meeting to explain the services. 3. Write a letter to DHS identifying the problem and request a response. <p>Dr. Vorsino motioned that she would write a letter to the DHS, the Department of Health, and the Hawaii Advisory Commission on Drug Abuse and Controlled Substances (HACDACS), for them to send representatives to the State Council meeting to discuss the issue of a lack of addiction and co-occurring services on the neighbor islands. Ms. Simms seconded the motion.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Homelessness – Deferred until the next meeting. 	<p><u>Action:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion passed unanimously. • Dr. Vorsino to draft a letter and share it with Ms. Rowe prior to mailing it out. 	M. Vorsino, Psy.D., Chair	

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9. Discussion on State Council Meeting Venue Due to Audio Difficulties	<p>Council members who are attending the State Council meeting via video-conferencing shared that the audio reception was clear. They stated that if members at Kinau Hale remembered to speak-up during meetings, they would be able to hear okay.</p> <p>The use of Zoom is not feasible as an alternative due to Sunshine Law. Members would need to be open to public participation in their homes, or wherever they would use the equipment.</p>	<p><u>Recommendation:</u> Keep on the agenda for future meetings as a way to check-in on the audio status.</p>	C. Rocchio, 1 st Vice Chair	
10. Announcements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • January 15-19, 2018 is No Name-Calling Week. Council members are asked to send in their selfie posts to Dr. Vorsino if they want to participate. • Council members are encouraged to send in their Bios, for the State Council Website, to Ms. Clarke as soon as possible. 	For information, only.		
11. Future Agenda Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partnering with the Media on mental health issues. To improve communications on mental health services. • Invite speakers to discuss Human Trafficking 	For information, only.		
12. Adjournment	The State Council meeting adjourned at 10:57 a.m.			
Electronic Mail Outs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Council on Mental Health Agenda for January 9, 2018 • State Council Draft Minutes, December 12, 2017 • State Council Draft Minutes, November 14, 2017 • State Council Attendance Log'18 • By-Laws of the State Council on Mental Health 	For information, only.		
Next Meeting	The next scheduled meeting of the State Council on Mental Health is Tuesday, February 13, 2018, 9:00 to 11:30 a.m.	For information, only.		