

STATE COUNCIL ON MENTAL HEALTH

Behavioral Health Administration
 Department of Health, State of Hawaii
 Queen Medical Center: Conference Center
 May 12, 2009
 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Members Present: **Buffenstein, M.D., Alan; Cabatbat, Arthur; Cattaneo, Liesje; Durant, Mike; Hack, Randolph; Hansen, Donna; Kaneaiakala, Alva; Killiona, Ku'ulei; Miyoshi, Sandra; Morelli, Ph.D., Paula; Sandal, Candace; Tsark, Amy; Watters, Maile; Wilcox, Noelani; Young, Carol.**

Members Absent:

Members Excused: **Shiraki, Ph.D., Steven**

Guests Present: **Barrientos, Mauricio; Causey, Kerry; Gonzalez, Peter; Harris, Jonathan (JT); Ishii, Akiko; Zaran, Sarah.**

Staff Present: **Clarke, Judith; Crockett, Judy; Haitsuka, Stacy; Hill, Michelle; Michels, Stanton, M.D.; Nazareno, Jocelyn; Pak, Sandra; Sturgis, Anne.**

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	RECOMMENDATIONS/ACTIONS/ CONCLUSIONS	PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DATE DUE
1. Call To Order	The meeting was called to order at 10:45 a.m. Quorum was established.		N. Wilcox	
2. Review of Minutes	Minutes for April 14, 2009 were approved by Council.			
3. Community Input	<p>Mr. Peter Gonzalez apologized for his actions at the last SCMH meeting. He announced his resignation from and Council and thanked the Council for their support.</p> <p>Chair summarized the letter from Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center regarding the decimation of mental health services on the Waianae Coast.</p> <p>Council members agreed that the letter be forwarded to the Oahu Service Area Board for review and comment.</p>	<p><u>Action:</u> M. Durant to take the letter to the next Oahu Service Area Board meeting for discussion and action.</p>	M. Durant	Next Oahu SAB meeting

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4. Island Reports	<p><u>Hawaii Island</u> Ms. Kilionia stated that she did not attend the last SCMH meeting since the location of the meeting was different from that indicated on the agenda.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is a general mood of depression among consumers due to uncertainty about benefits they will have in the future, and among staff as to whether they will have jobs. • Hilo Clubhouse is no longer able to provide hot meals for their consumers as the owner's insurance company decided it was unsafe. <p><u>Kaua'i Island</u> Ms. Sandal reported on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kaua'i SAB is experiencing difficulty acquiring the Transformation Grant funds for the Educational Forum on Psychiatric Advance Directives scheduled for May 27, 2009. • A request was made to AMHD to release the funds. <p><u>Lana'i Island</u> Mr. Cabatbat reported that a new psychiatrist will be providing services on Lanai beginning on July 1, 2009.</p> <p><u>Maui Island</u> Ms. Hansen reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • She received the information on the homeless shelters on Maui from Ms. Miyoshi and will forward the information to the Maui SAB. • The Salvation Army is the only shelter that accepts persons with mental illness, but it only takes males. • The information supports Maui's need for a homeless shelter for persons with mental illness and substance abuse. <p><u>Oahu Island</u> No report.</p> <p><u>Issues/Needs in More than One Service Area</u> Chair asked if there were any issues or problems that presently exist in more than one county.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Kilionia noted that on Hawaii Island there is an increase in suicide, hospitalization and emergency room treatment. She noted that this seems 	<p><u>Action:</u> Staff to ensure correct information is provided for VCC locations including rooms and addresses.</p> <p><u>Action:</u> Office of Planning staff to follow-up.</p> <p><u>Action:</u> K. Kilionia and D. Hansen to provide data on: 1) suicide and emergency room use and 2) issue on Health benefits.</p>	<p>J. Crockett</p> <p>J. Clarke</p> <p>K. Kilionia, D. Hansen and other SCMH members.</p>	<p>5-12-09</p> <p>6-9-09</p>

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	<p>to be happening statewide.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Hansen indicated her agreement with Ms. Kilonia and reported that health benefits are an issue on Maui because consumers are unclear on where to go for their health plans. 			
<p>5. Presentation University of Hawaii: Master in Social Work</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Morelli thanked the Council for supporting the UH School of Social Work's efforts and announced that their contract with AMHD will terminate on June 30, 2009 after 19 years. During this period, training was provided to 190 students who specialized in working with the severe and persistently mentally ill individuals. Ms. Causey state that each year, Master of Social Work students volunteer 450 to 600 hours interning at agencies, which in hard times, fortifies the mental health system and strengthens communities. A series of four-part clinical supervision workshops were recently performed on Oahu and through synchronized live technology were also provided to the Big Island. These efforts utilized existing resources, enhanced the quality of care to consumers, and contributed to a sustainable system of care. Ms. Sarah Zaren provided information on development and implementation of a statewide Trauma-Informed system of Care. Themes from information provided from trauma focus groups were: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consumers feel that there is a misplaced focus on data collection rather than establishment of rapport. Staff who are good listeners, show respect, and have patience with the recovery process. Consumers want to be asked about their trauma history but in a sensitive manner. Plans for development of a Trauma-Informed System of Care include: establishment of an advisory board to determine the course of action, and development of training and training materials. Postcards were provided for linkage to the AMHD website for Trauma-Informed Care. Mr. Mauricio Barriento provided information on his work with the Expanded Adult Residential Care Home (E-ARCH) Project. He noted the 	<p>For information only.</p> <p><u>Action:</u> Postcards to be mailed to SCMH members.</p>	<p>J. Crockett</p>	<p>6-9-09</p>

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	<p>following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Out of fifty-one attempted placements, thirty were successful and twenty consumers are still in placement. ▪ Keys to success: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Team member collaboration throughout the placement process. ▪ Through appropriate placements instead of inpatient residency, thousands of dollars has been saved. • Ms. Akiko Ishii reported on a survey of depression among Japanese immigrants and their knowledge of the mental health system. Recommended actions based on the findings of the survey suggest that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ More materials in the Japanese language are needed on mental health – to explain that depression is treatable. ▪ Provide information on how to access mental health services through their private insurance. 			
6. Conflict of interest	No report.			
7. Membership for the SCMH	<p>There was discussion on the letter to the Membership Committee from the Chair of the SCMH. Some areas of discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The purpose of the letter was to have the entire Council vote on candidates who submitted applications, and look at a more structured process than is currently occurring. • The Council did not decide that the entire Council review membership applications when there is an existing Membership Committee. • The Council needs to be aware of the various constituencies that are to be represented and a protocol for membership consideration needs to be established. • Positions on the Council need to be filled in a timely manner, and if a person is not being considered, then the applicant should be notified explaining the reasons for non-qualification. • The membership committee should not be interviewing or asking certain questions of prospective members. <p>Before the vote was taken on the motion, Ms. Cattaneo asked for clarifications on the activities of the Membership Committee.</p>	<p><u>Action:</u> K. Kilonia motioned that the Membership Committee continue to perform its job of recommending SCMH members. Seconded by A. Kaneaiakala.</p> <p><u>Action:</u> The motion was restated that the Membership Committee be allowed to do their work.</p>		

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	<p>Ms. Kilionia responded that the membership committee seeks people as well as review the applications, with the steps that we make as well as checking with them if they have any criminal background and any unpaid taxes, and if so, that will them out of consideration, so there is a thorough background check.</p> <p>Further discussion ensued where Council members clarified the role of the membership committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Governor’s Office performs all background checks. • The Council does not appoint its members; rather recommendations are made to the Governor’s Office of those persons that the Council favors for membership. <p>Ms. Cattaneo asked if the Membership Committee provides all the names of the applicants and the attendant checking information to the State Council as a whole.</p> <p>Ms. Kilionia replied that the committee recommends only those who have passed the intake interview and then the rest of the applications to the Council are presented.</p> <p>Council members then asked the following questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the intake interview and how do we know if it is fair? • What is the operational timeline for the Membership Committee? <p>Ms. Crockett responded:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Membership Committee should normally have all their recommendations into the Council by December 31st, so they can then be sent up to the Governor and Legislature in a timely manner. However, that did not happen this year; no applications were submitted. • The Membership Committee lacks guidelines for membership review. • Members should only review the applications and make a recommendation to the Council. • The Council’s recommendation is then included in the memos that the Office of Planning sends to the Deputy Director and the Director of Health to the Office, Boards and Commissions. • The Boards and Commissions Office performs the background checks. 	<p><u>Recommendation:</u> Establish a protocol for SCMH recommendation of members to the Council.</p>	<p>SCMH members and staff.</p>	<p>Within two months.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicant references are checked in the Office of Planning. • The Membership Committee has never had a mandate or advisory action to interview prospective members. <p>Vice-Chair then asked for a vote on the motion on the table: Those in favor of retention of the Membership Committee’s functions or a “yes” vote were: Ms. Kaneaiakala, Dr. Morelli, Ms. Tsark, Ms. Hansen, Ms. Kilion, Mr. Cabatbat.</p> <p>Those not in favor of retention of the Membership Committee’s functions or “no” vote were: Ms. Young, Ms. Sandal, Ms. Wilcox, Mr. Durant, Ms. Miyoshi, Ms. Watters, Ms. Cattaneo, Mr. Hack.</p>	<p><u>Conclusion:</u> Motion failed at a vote of eight (8) to six (6).</p>	SCMH members	
8. Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m. due to loss of quorum.			
Handouts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • University of Hawaii School of Social Work Pulama I Ke Ola & Ho’omohala Project 	<p><u>Action:</u> Mail out to members</p>	J. Crockett	6-9-09
Mail outs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter from Chair to SCMHS Membership • Letter from Chair to SCMHS Membership Committee • SCMHS Membership List from Office, Boards and Commissions • Four SCMHS Applications • SCMHS May Agenda, April Minutes and Attendance Log • Video Teleconferencing Guidelines • Outline for State Council Committee Re-Organization • Letter from Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center • Molokai Report • For Your Information (FYI): Treatment Programs Help Veterans for the Return Home • Children’s Mental Health Matters: Notice for Planned Events • Maui SAB – May Agenda and February Minutes • Hawaii SAB – May Agenda • Oahu SAB – March Agenda and Minutes • Kauai SAB – April Agenda and March Minutes 		Staff	5-1-09